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Amy Hewitt, PhD has an extensive background and work history in the field of intellectual and developmental disabilities and has worked in various positions over the past 30+ years to improve community inclusion and quality of life for children and adults with disabilities and their families. At the University of Minnesota she is the Director of the Institute on Community Integration and a Professor in Organizational Leadership and Policy Development. She directs several federal and state research, evaluation and demonstration projects in the area of community long term services and supports for children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities, including autism. She currently has research projects that focus on community living, autism, outcome measurement, direct support workforce development, person centered planning/thinking and positive behavior support. She has authored and co-authored numerous journal articles, curriculum, technical reports, and she co-authored a book entitled, *Staff Recruitment, Retention and Training* and a recently published book called, *Community for All: Community Living and Participation for Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities*. Dr. Hewitt is on the editorial board of *Inclusion* and an associate editor of *Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities* both journals of the AAIDD. She is a Past President of the American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (AAIDD) and the current President of the Board of Directors for the Association of University Centers on Disabilities. Dr. Hewitt earned a BS in political science and psychology at Indiana University; a Masters degree in social work at Indiana University; and a PhD in social work at the University of Minnesota.