

Teaching Notes for *Mid-life Economic Well-being of Parent-Caregivers*  
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**Slide 1**

This presentation focuses on the differences in economic well-being of parents of children with developmental disabilities as compared with parents of non-disabled children.

**Slide 2**

Discussion Question:

Consider that 60 percent of individuals with disabilities live with their families and most of the formal service system's financial resources support other services. What kind of policy needs does this present? What action should be taken to advocate for families? What is our role as social workers in this area?

**Slide 3**

Discussion Question:

Are there needs you think should be added to this list?

**Slide 4**

Discussion Question:

What areas does the other research not cover?

**Slide 6**

Discussion Question:

Before we begin this presentation what would you predict for these research questions?

**Slide 8**

Discussion Question:

Would you include any other economic indicators? Would you take any of these indicators out?

**Slide 10, 11, & 12**

Discussion Question:

What do you notice?

**Slide 13**

Discussion Question:

What does the this bar graph tell us?

**Slide 15**

Discussion Question:

What are other areas of advocacy? How would we go about advocating for these issues?

Group Activity:

Have the class divide into groups of 4 students and decided how they would go about advocating for these issues. Who would they talk to? What would they focus on?