

## Spotlight on Gerry H. Hendershot

Known also as "Gerry H" (as opposed to Jerry Bickenbach, who was spotlighted earlier), Gerry Hendershot is an independent consultant on disability and health statistics. He also serves as Senior Research Advisor to the National Organization on Disability. His recent research projects have included: characteristics of disabled parents of adolescents, prevalence of assistive technology use in metropolitan areas, back-coding OASIS to the ICF, accessibility of overseas offices of the World Bank, accessibility of interview surveys to respondents with disabilities, and estimating the prevalence of MR/DD from the National Health Interview Survey. From 1992 to 2001, he was active in ICF testing and revision. Hendershot was on the staff of the National Health Interview Survey from 1985 through 2000, where he served as Chief of the Illness and Disability Statistics Branch, Chief of the Survey Planning and Development Branch, and Special Assistant for Data Analysis and Dissemination. From 1976 to 1985 he held positions with the National Survey of Family Growth and the Office of Population Affairs. Earlier in his career he was on the sociology faculties of Brown University, Vanderbilt University, the University of the Philippines, and the College of Wooster. Hendershot earned degrees in sociology (specializing in demography) from the University of Michigan (BA), and the University of Chicago (MA, PHD). He is the author of many statistical reports on disability and health. Among his recent publications are:

Seltser R, DiCowden M, Hendershot G. Terrorism and the International Classification of Functioning, Disability, and Health: a speculative case study based on the terrorist attacks on New York and Washington; Disability and Rehabilitation. 2003 June; 25(11-12): 635-643.

Hendershot GE. Mobility limitations and complementary and alternative medicine: are people with disabilities more likely to pray? Am J Public Health. 2003 Jul; 93(7):1079-80.

For a complete list of his many publications, go to [www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/entrez/query.fcgi](http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/entrez/query.fcgi) and enter "Hendershot G")

In collaboration with the National Organization on Disability's Religion and Disability Program, he is developing an interfaith model for exhibiting art by persons with disabilities in congregations. On a more personal note, Gerry and wife Doris have one daughter, Tabby. Since she married ten years ago, he was known to tell confidants "I really want to be a grandfather". He got his wish a little over a year ago with the arrival of Thomas Hendershot Foti. The photo shows Gerry at the first birthday party of Thomas Hendershot Foti. Gerry says, "For the information of the ICF public, Tom and I were reading the section on Activities and Participation, Chapter 1, 'Learning and applying knowledge.' We had just finished d145, 'Learning to write,' and Tom was eagerly turning the page so we could continue with d150, 'Learning to calculate.' His ICF Quotient is above normal for his age, but he still has difficulty distinguishing between Activity and

Participation." Dr. Hendershot is at 4437 Wells Parkway, University Park MD 20782  
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