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**Film challenges IQ testing, limits placed**

**on people with intellectual disabilities**

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 <Location> – [INTELLIGENT LIVES](https://intelligentlives.org/), a documentary by award-winning filmmaker Dan Habib, has its <state or region> premiere at the <location> on <date>.

 INTELLIGENT LIVES stars three pioneering young American adults with intellectual disabilities – Micah, Naieer, and Naomie – who challenge perceptions of intelligence as they navigate high school, college, and the workforce. Academy Award-winning actor and narrator [Chris Cooper](https://intelligentlives.org/team) contextualizes the lives of these central characters through the emotional story of his son Jesse, as the film unpacks the shameful and ongoing track record of intelligence testing in the U.S.

 “People with intellectual disabilities are the most segregated of all Americans,” says Habib. “Only 17 percent of students with intellectual disabilities are included in regular education. Just 40 percent will graduate from high school. And of the 6.5 million Americans with intellectual disability, barely 15 percent are employed.”

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 INTELLIGENT LIVES is a catalyst to transform the label of intellectual disability from a life sentence of isolation into a life of possibility for the most systematically segregated people in America.

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[Dan Habib](http://www.danhabibfilms.com) is the creator of the award-winning documentary films Including Samuel, Who Cares About Kelsey?, Mr. Connolly Has ALS, and many other films. Habib is a filmmaker at the University of New Hampshire Institute on Disability. He uses his films to lead discussions about the challenges and benefits of inclusive education and disability rights at film festivals, schools, and conferences across the country and internationally. Including Samuel, about Habib's son who has cerebral palsy, was broadcast nationally on public television stations in fall 2009 and was nominated for an Emmy in 2010. The film was featured on NPR's "All Things Considered," "Good Morning America," and the Washington Post. It has been translated into 17 languages and is used as a teaching tool worldwide. Who Cares About Kelsey? was broadcast nationally on public television in fall 2013. It has been featured in Education Week and has been screened at more than 300 events in every state and internationally. Mr. Connolly Has ALS was nominated for an International Documentary Association "Best Short" Award in 2017 and was broadcast nationally in 2018.