

People with intellectual disabilities have been executed in Georgia, and are at risk of being executed again owing to our state's extremely high standard of proof.

INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY and the DEATH PENALTY



Georgia Catholics
Against the Death Penalty



THE DEFINITION

Intellectual disability is a disability characterized by significant limitations in both **intellectual functioning** and in **adaptive behavior**, which covers many everyday social and practical skills. This disability originates

before the age of 22.

It is **not** mental illness, schizophrenia or bipolar depression. It is **not** Autism, PTSD, ADD or ADHD.



IN GEORGIA

"Beyond a reasonable doubt" standard of proof is most difficult to prove in the nation.

"Preponderance of the evidence" would ensure that people with intellectual disabilities are not executed.

In 2002, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in **Atkins v. Virginia** that the execution of individuals with intellectual disabilities was a violation of the Eighth Amendment's protection against cruel and unusual punishment.

For more information on intellectual disability and the death penalty, visit www.gacadp.org/id.