

NORTH DAKOTA OLNSTEAD COMMISSION

WHO WE ARE

11

Voting Members

8

Non-Voting Members

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Commission Coordinator

WHAT WE'RE ABOUT

Mission: Move North Dakota toward greater integration and inclusion for people with disabilities.

Vision: People with disabilities can live, learn, work, travel and enjoy life in the most integrated setting possible.

Values: People with disabilities have the same basic human rights, options, and control over choices in their lives as any other citizen.

Objective: Implement the Olmstead decision by providing appropriate community-based services to individuals with disabilities.

WHAT WE'RE COMMITTED TO



Community Services & Supports

Services and support for people with disabilities must be provided in the least restrictive setting.



Housing

Homes should be affordable, accessible, and integrated in the community where people with and without disabilities reside.



Transportation

Community transportation must be accessible, reliable, efficient, and available to people with and without disabilities.



Employment

Access to competitive, integrated employment opportunities, based on an individual's interests.



Education

People with disabilities are entitled to education in the same setting as their peers, to the fullest extent possible.



Healthcare

People with disabilities have the right to participate in their healthcare.

HOW WE DO IT

Partnerships

- State Agencies
- Stakeholders
- Non-Profits
- Service Providers
- Citizen Participation



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WHAT WE'RE PROUD OF

EDUCATION

The Olmstead Commission provided seven educational trainings on the topics of Olmstead, client rights, and voting rights. Audiences included individuals with disabilities, providers, and professionals.

120
PEOPLE
TRAINED

AWARENESS

The Olmstead Commission hosted educational booths at the ND Association of Community Providers Conference, Northern Plains Conference on Aging, and the ND Brain Injury Conference.

350
PEOPLE
REACHED

INNOVATION

As part of a collaborative, the Olmstead Commission engaged in 11 outreach visits exploring the use of assistive technology to support the workforce serving people with disabilities.

11
OUTREACH
VISITS

WHAT WE'RE WORKING ON



Olmstead Plan

In 2024, the North Dakota Olmstead Commission announced the release of its first comprehensive update to the state plan since 2002. This plan creates a roadmap to better serving individuals with all types of disabilities in North Dakota.



Collaboration

Participating in workgroups to move services and support forward in ND.



Workforce & Technology Project

Exploring the use of assistive technology to supplement services provided in the community.



Newsletter

Publishing newsletters to create awareness.



Website

Creating content and resources to educate the public.

HOW WE STAY CONNECTED

Monthly Check-Ins

Commission co-chairs check-in with the Olmstead Coordinator monthly.

Quarterly Meetings

Olmstead Commission meets 4 times per year for education, policy & systems review, and discussion of services in North Dakota.

Public Comment

Members of the public are encouraged to attend quarterly meetings. The Commission welcomes feedback through public comment, email, or phone calls.

Surveys

Satisfaction surveys are requested after group and public presentations.