

The Olmstead Commission's goal is to move North Dakota towards greater integration and inclusion for individuals with disabilities.

DISABILITY PRIDE DAY



Join us to celebrate the 35th Anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)!

July 25th 10-3PM

ND Capitol Lawn, Bismarck

No registration is needed for this free event!
Bring your friends and family!

NEXT OLMSTEAD MEETING:

Wednesday, August 13th
1-3pm at Job Service ND
1601 Century Ave.
in Bismarck

Discussion Topic:
Goal #7- Employment

MEET THE NEW OLMSTEAD COORDINATOR

I'm Stephanie Bouche, and I'm excited to introduce myself as the new Olmstead Commission Coordinator. My passion has always been helping individuals reach their full potential. For the past 12 years, I had the privilege of doing that as a teacher—working closely with students and families to support their growth and success.

Over time, my focus expanded beyond the classroom. Through meaningful experiences with students with disabilities, I developed a deeper commitment to advancing equity and inclusion in all areas of life. I've seen firsthand how physical, social, and systemic barriers can limit access and opportunity. That's why I'm dedicated to advocating for communities where everyone, regardless of ability, has the support they need to thrive.

I look forward to staying connected through this newsletter and sharing updates on how we're working together to build a more inclusive future.



OPPORTUNITIES FOR ENGAGEMENT

ND Department of Health and Human Services seeks public comment on an amendment to the Medicaid 1915(c) Children with Medically Fragile Needs Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Waiver changing the age limit to 21. It currently provides services to children between the ages of 3 to 18 who are medically fragile. The goal of this waiver is to assist families in keeping their child home instead of having to place them in a nursing home or hospital to receive needed care.

Submit comments by July 27.

The ND Olmstead Commission invites you to apply to be a member of the Olmstead Commission Advisory Council, to increase the voice and involvement of individuals with lived experience in Olmstead Commission work. The Advisory Council will meet quarterly, between Olmstead Commission meetings. To apply, go to **olmstead.nd.gov**. Individuals who need accommodations to participate can contact Stephanie Bouche at olmstead@nd.gov; at (701) 328-7823, or toll free at 800-472-2670, 711 (TTY).

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