

NORTH DAKOTA OLMSTEAD COMMISSION

WHO WE ARE

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Voting Members

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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 DO



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 healthcare needs, including choice of providers and services received.

HOW WE DO IT

Partnership:

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



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WHAT WE'RE PROUD OF

EDUCATION

Developed, coordinated, and provided a one-day, hybrid conference partnering with state agencies to provide education on services and programs offered in ND, including services in Behavioral Health, Aging Services & Developmental Disabilities.

INCLUSION

The Olmstead Commission created an Advisory Council that includes individuals with lived experience to provide input and feedback on the services North Dakota provides to individuals with disabilities.

AWARENESS

Provided presentations to community organizations and agencies. Increased participation in area conferences by providing display and handout materials. Partnered with UND's BEARS research group to conduct survey on direct support recruitment and retention.

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PROGRAMS
HIGHLIGHTED

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VOLUNTEER
MEMBERS

OVER
100
PEOPLE
REACHED

WHAT WE'RE WORKING ON



Collaboration

Participation in several workgroups to move services and support forward in ND.



Newsletter

Newsletters will be published at least quarterly.



Olmstead Plan

Updating North Dakota's Olmstead Plan to better serve individuals across all disability types.



Olmstead Commission Website

Created guidelines for an inquiry process, along with a fillable form available online. Ongoing information and resources are being added



Workforce & Technology Project

Exploring the use of Assistive Technology to supplement services provided in the community and combat the workforce shortage.



Disability Rights

Partnering with CILS to survey polling site accessibility. Ensuring integrated, competitive employment options.

HOW WE STAY CONNECTED

Monthly Check-Ins

Commission co-chairs check in with Coordinator at least once a month.

Quarterly Meetings

Olmstead Commission meets 4 times per year for education, policy & system's 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.