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**Olmstead Commission Announces New Plan**

(Bismarck, ND) The North Dakota Olmstead Commission announces the release of its first comprehensive update to the state plan since 2002.

The landmark *Olmstead v. L.C.* Supreme Court decision on June 22, 1999, affirmed that unjustified segregation of individuals with disabilities constitutes discrimination under Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

In alignment with the Olmstead Decision, North Dakota committed in 2001 to fostering community integration and inclusion for individuals with disabilities, striving to create an environment where people can live, learn, work, and thrive in the least restrictive setting possible. The Olmstead Commission remains steadfast in advancing these core principles.

After extensive public meetings and collaborative input from Commission members and stakeholders, the Olmstead Commission has adopted a dynamic new state plan. This updated plan underscores the fundamental belief that individuals with disabilities possess the same inherent rights, choices, and autonomy over their lives as any other citizen. It reinforces North Dakota's ongoing commitment to delivering a comprehensive system of services and community-based supports across the state.

For more information about the Olmstead Commission and its initiatives, please visit [www.olmstead.nd.gov](http://www.olmstead.nd.gov).

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