

ND OLMSTEAD COMMISSION

The **Olmstead Commission's goal** is to move ND forward towards greater integration & inclusion for persons with disabilities with respect to community services and supports, employment, education, healthcare, housing, and transportation. For more information, go to <https://www.olmstead.nd.gov/>

Additional Federal Funding for Home and Community Based Services

The North Dakota Legislature, in the recent special session, has given approval for DHS to spend an additional \$31.6 million dollars on home and community based services from federal ARPA funding.

The department has proposed to spend this money on [increasing capacity of the HCBS system](#), [supporting transitions from the Life Skills Transition Center](#), and [piloting services to address gaps](#).

NOVEMBER

The **next meeting of the Olmstead Commission** is scheduled for Wednesday, January 19th, from 1:30—3:00 p.m., in the Dakota room at Job Service ND, 1601 Century Ave in Bismarck.

There will be a virtual option for participation.

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

What's Happening Elsewhere re Olmstead?

In Minnesota, the Olmstead Implementation Office created the Olmstead Leadership Forum, a stakeholder input group with the public and representatives of Minnesota's agencies gathering to discuss work to modify the Plan to improve progress.

North Carolina has released a draft Olmstead [Plan](#), after an 18-month stakeholder input and drafting process led by the Olmstead Plan Stakeholder Advisory and the Technical Assistance Collaborative (TAC), the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services.

North Dakota Olmstead Commissioners

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