**North Dakota Olmstead Commission**

To make the promise of Olmstead a reality in North Dakota:

**Vision Statement**: *North Dakotans with disabilities are living, learning, working, and enjoying life in the most inclusive setting possible.*

**Mission Statement:** *To promote self-determination for North Dakotans with disabilities, ensuring efficient and effective use of resources to provide opportunities in the least restrictive and most integrated community settings*.

**Purpose** of the Olmstead Commission

1. Provide Education
   1. Educate Olmstead Commission members
   2. Formulate Commission responses to Olmstead matters and disseminate to public
2. Create Awareness
   1. Interface with advocate entities
   2. Interface with State entities
   3. Interface with private provider entities
   4. Provide testimony to legislature on barriers and inequalities
3. Maintain a public presence
   1. Analyze/synthesize information on Olmstead matters in front of policymaking bodies
   2. Disseminate information on Olmstead matters in front of policymaking bodies to promote an informed public and Olmstead Commission
   3. Educate policymakers continuously and intentionally
   4. Take a stance on Olmstead Commission issues such as service inequalities and barriers to integration
   5. Provide position statements on choices with adverse impacts on HCBS
4. Collect public input, analyze and incorporate into work of the Olmstead Commission
   1. Annual surveys
   2. Issue-specific surveys
   3. Annual workplans
   4. Annual reports
   5. Periodic Olmstead Plan revisions
5. Receive and Respond to Directed Inquiries
   1. Individual inquiry process
6. Conduct research into Olmstead Commission issues such as service inequalities and barriers to integration
   1. Gather information
   2. Engage and educate members
   3. Discuss implementation of alternative solutions and goals for North Dakota
7. Promote Inclusion and participation of persons with lived experience in creation of policies and services that impact them.
   1. Ask individuals with lived experience to lead OC workgroups, be appointed to the OC, etc.
   2. Encourage other decision-making bodies to increase inclusion