

# First 2025-2027 Olmstead Townhall

# What Does ODR Do?

- Offer technical guidance for District agencies, employees, and constituents
- Provide trainings for District agencies and its grantees
- Oversee and coordinate the District's compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and other related disability-rights laws
  - ADA Coordinator Certification
  - Reporting requirements
- Work with agencies' designated ADA Coordinators on ADA matters
- Policy and budget recommendations to improve District access for people with disabilities
- Coordinate and Olmstead planning and implementation (community integration)

# What is Olmstead?

- The Supreme Court held in the case *Olmstead v. L.C.*, 527 U.S. 581 (1999) that Title II of the ADA prohibits the unjustified segregation of individuals with disabilities
- The integration mandate of the ADA requires the District government to provide services in the most integrated setting appropriate to people with disabilities. 28 C.F.R. § 35.130(d).
- The most integrated setting appropriate is usually the community.

# Why Create/Renew an Olmstead Plan?

- The District's Olmstead plan is both a responsibility and an opportunity to establish a vision by and for people with disabilities to live and work in the community in the District.
- The Olmstead plan helps coordinate and improve services for people with disabilities across many agencies.
- The Olmstead plan also helps the District maintain a range of facilities and create an orderly plan to transition individuals who are unnecessarily institutionalized into the least restrictive setting on a reasonable timeframe.

# Role and Expectations for Olmstead Townhall/Taskforce

- Each agency included in the Olmstead Plan should provide programs, services, or activities to people with disabilities, and many are represented by points of contact here today.
- As members of the District's community, we need your help to ensure the existing and future programs that help people with disabilities to live and work in the community are accurately represented and tracked in this plan.
- We need you at the remaining two Olmstead Townhall meetings, and on the Olmstead Taskforce.

# Meeting Schedule

- Olmstead Plan Development (2024)
  - Olmstead Taskforce Townhall (February 26, 2024)
  - Olmstead Taskforce Townhall (June 18, 2024)
  - Olmstead Taskforce Townhall (October 1, 2024)
- Agency work group and cluster meetings
- Final 2025-2027 Olmstead Plan released (December 30, 2024)
- Olmstead Plan Implementation (2025-2027)

# What is an Olmstead Plan?

- Reflects a baseline analysis of services provided,
- Contains concrete and specific goals to expand community supports,
- Has specific and reasonable timeframes and measurable goals to measure success, and
- Must do more than provide vague assurances of future integrated options or describe the entity's general history of increased funding for community services and decreased institutional populations.

# Updates to Priority Areas and Guiding Principles

- The plan should include priorities: Housing, Healthcare, Employment (includes training), and Transportation
- The plan should include goals under each priority to persons with disabilities in, for example:
  - Nursing Facilities, Pediatric Skilled Nursing Facilities (PRTFs), Psychiatric Facilities (St. Elizabeth's), Segregated Day Habilitation Programs, Employment Readiness Programs, CDF, CTF, and Juvenile Detention Facilities, District residents in placements outside the District
- The Olmstead Plan should align District programs, resources, and supports for each priority.



# Updates to Priority Areas - Housing

# Updates to Priority Areas - Healthcare

# Updates to Priority Areas - Employment

# Updates to Priority Areas - Transportation

# Meeting Schedule

- Olmstead Plan Development (2024)
  - Olmstead Taskforce Townhall (February 26, 2024)
  - Olmstead Work Group Meeting (June 10, 2024)
  - Olmstead Taskforce Townhall (June 18, 2024)
  - Olmstead Taskforce Townhall (October 1, 2024)
  - Olmstead Work Group Meeting (December 9, 2024)
- Monthly Cluster Meetings for agency points of contact
- Final 2025-2027 Olmstead Plan released (December 30, 2024)
- Olmstead Plan Implementation (2025-2027)

# Questions

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