



MURIEL BOWSER
MAYOR

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Dear District Residents, Community Members, and Stakeholders:

I am pleased to present the 2017-2020 *Olmstead* Community Integration Plan for Washington, DC. In 1999, the Supreme Court issued the *Olmstead v L.C.* decision which requires states to ensure that persons with disabilities receive services in the most integrated setting appropriate to their needs. Pursuant to this ruling and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), state and local governments must demonstrate that they have a plan for moving people with disabilities out of nursing homes, hospitals, and other institutional settings. In addition, the plan must ensure that people with disabilities have the ability to make an informed, self-determined choice about how they wish to transition back into the community.

The District's 2017 Plan was developed by members of the *Olmstead Working Group*, convened by Mayor Muriel Bowser in 2016, and it is the result of robust engagement among District agencies, community partners, and residents. The 2017 Plan addresses nine (9) priority areas: Person-Centered Culture; Community Engagement, Outreach and Training; Employment; Housing; Intake, Enrollment and Discharge Processes; Medicaid Waiver Management and Systems Issues; Quality of Institutional and Community-Based Services, Providers and Workforce; Supporting Children and Youth; and Wellness and Quality of Life. For each priority area, there are measureable benchmarks for which agencies are held accountable on both a quarterly and an annual basis. The Plan is designed to lead the District into 2020 with a cross-agency system focusing more on providing the cohesive support and agency collaboration needed to assist individuals in transition in making meaningful decisions about how they wish to live, participate, and contribute to their community of choice.

The District's No Wrong Door Initiative has piloted a set of person-centered trainings built around including consumers as decision-makers in their own long-term planning processes. We are the first state in the nation to expand our person-centered training across agencies and to all long term care support services learners. As a result, in the first year of the training program alone, we trained over 200 staff from five core agencies in person-centered culture and practices. These staff are now equipped to share their knowledge with others in the community, and to serve as a catalyst for change in long-term care culture.

As the District continues to blaze the trail for collaborative, cross-agency long term planning, , we encourage feedback from residents, families and community stakeholders. The *Olmstead Working Group* will continue to convene quarterly meetings open to the public, and residents may also submit feedback to the DC Office of Disability Rights, in-person, by phone at 202-724-5055 or by email at olmstead@dc.gov. We look forward to working together to ensure that our city remains *One Community for All*.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Muriel Bowser".

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