

Second Olmstead Townhall

Proposed District Olmstead Plan 2025-2027 Overview
Improving Community Integration of Disability Services



Quick Recap - What is an Olmstead Plan?

- Title II of the ADA requires the District government to provide services in the most integrated setting appropriate to people with disabilities.
- The District's Olmstead plan is a responsibility and opportunity to improve services across many agencies for people with disabilities to live and work in the community.



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Quick Recap - Why do we need an Olmstead Plan?

- The Olmstead Plan helps demonstrate the District is complying with the integration mandate under Title II of the ADA.
- ODR is required to create and maintain an Olmstead Plan under District law. D.C. Code § 2-1431.04(8).



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Drafting the 2025-2027 Olmstead Plan

- Phase One – Focused on gathering input on community concerns to address and identifying existing District government programs to address these concerns.
- Phase Two – Focused on gathering input on community solutions where existing programs cannot readily address community concerns.
- Phase Three – Refining and finalizing the 2025-2027 District Olmstead Plan





What Have We Done – Gathered Public Input

- Extensive public input from the first Olmstead Townhall in February and focus meetings in March and April which ODR listened to and compiled concerns across housing, healthcare, employment, and transportation to address with the new plan.
- We recorded all responses and we have summarized them on the following slides organized by priority.
- Today's meeting is focused on solutions, but we welcome additional concerns as well.





What Have We Done – Compiled Housing Concerns

- For housing and community living:
 - ensuring an adequate supply of affordable, accessible housing for people with disabilities through inclusionary zoning, single family rehabilitation projects, and affordable, accessible public housing units
 - Improving transitions from nursing facilities, jails and prisons, and psychiatric facilities for people with disabilities to the community, tracking voucher program usage, discharges from St. Elizabeths and psychiatric residential treatment facilities.
 - Increasing access to technological solutions through safe at home projects, remote library and personal care services to increase transitions and ensure people with disabilities remain in the community while maximizing privacy and independence.





What Have We Done – Compiled Healthcare Concerns

- For healthcare:
 - Improve high quality services and supports for people with disabilities to ensure they can transition to and remain in the community through tracking service plans are made quickly and up to standards, use of community-based mental health services, various community-based long-term care services, and nutrition assistance.
 - Implementing service plans quickly while complying with high quality standards, to improve access to community-based long-term care services.



What Have We Done – Compiled Employment Concerns

- For employment:
 - Improving classroom inclusion and employment opportunities for students with disabilities.
 - Improving and enhancing seamless transitions for students age 16-22.
 - Reviewing and realigning employment services to better support people with disabilities.
 - Increasing hiring, retention, and promotion of people with disabilities.
 - Increasing the number of people with I/DD and mental health disabilities who obtain and maintain employment.





What Have We Done – Compiled Transportation Concerns

- For transportation:
 - Improving transportation services for students and adults with disabilities.
 - Improving access to the public right of way for people with disabilities by tracking sidewalk repairs, curb ramps and APS installed, TransportDC rides, and wheelchair accessible taxis.



What Have We Done – Consulted Existing Plans and Data

- Current and previous District Olmstead Plans and data
- FY23-24 Performance Oversight Responses from relevant agencies
- DD Council Advocacy and Public Policy Agenda
- DACL State Plan 2023-2027
- DC Age-Friendly's Plan
- WIOA State Plan
- DDS State As a Model Employer Goals
- OSSE Strategic Plan



What is in this First Draft 2025-2027 Olmstead Plan?

This document will serve as the first draft of the 2025-2027 Plan that will be revised. Specifically, it:

- Maintains the guiding principles from the current plan, while adding transportation as a priority.
- Identifies existing programs and services in goals to address community concerns across 24 partner agencies with metrics to help track goal progress.
- Uses publicly reported data from District agencies to set a service baseline along with concrete, specific, and measurable goals that all reporting agencies have had to the opportunity to review.





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What is Phase Two?

- Phase Two is focused on identifying solutions to community concerns where existing District government programs and services cannot readily address them.
- The goal is to identify modifications to existing programs or ideas for new programs that may be helpful to addressing concerns, centering community solutions from this townhall.
- ODR will compile this input and discuss with partner agencies to identify additional goals, strategies, and metrics to include in the second draft of the new Olmstead Plan.





Topics for Additional Input

Where concerns could not be readily addressed with an existing program, we wanted additional input on:

- Providing information on how to find and obtain affordable, accessible housing
- Ensuring competitive provider rates for high-quality long-term care supports
- Improving housing supports for returning citizens with disabilities
- Improving access to long-term care supports for people with disabilities who want to work



Topics for Additional Input (cont'd)

- Expanding employment of people with disabilities in District government
- Identifying reasonable timeframes for sidewalk repairs, curb ramp and APS installation
- Ensuring bus shelters are fully accessible
- Ensuring curb space for people with disabilities among competing priorities
- Improving availability of information to the public about transportation options
- Ensuring snow removal in the public right of way for accessibility



A Look Ahead – Important Upcoming Dates

- First Draft Release (est. June 2024)
- First Public Notice and Comment (est. July 2024)

Phase Two

- Second Townhall (June 18, 2024 – today!)
- ODR discussions with partner agencies (July 2024)
- ODR drafts Second Draft (August 2024)





A Look Ahead – Important Upcoming Dates

Olmstead 25th Anniversary Conference (September 17, 2024)

Phase Three

- Third Olmstead Townhall (October 1, 2024) THEARC
- Second Public Notice and Comment (October 2024)

Final 2025-2027 Olmstead Plan released (December 30, 2024)





Questions

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