

# District Olmstead Plan 2025-2027

## Proposed District Olmstead Plan First Draft Overview Improving Community Integration of Disability Services



# 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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# 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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# Priority Areas

The District of Columbia's proposed 2025-2027 Olmstead Plan has four main priority areas:

1. Housing
2. Healthcare
3. Employment
4. Transportation

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# Housing Priority

The guiding principles for the Olmstead housing priority are based on enhancing opportunities for community inclusive living, so (1) District residents can live in the neighborhoods and/or communities of their choosing; and (2) Districts residents can transition into community-based housing that meets their needs.

# Housing Goals

- 1.1 Increase access to and opportunities for affordable, fully accessible, community integrated housing for people with disabilities.
- 1.2 Improve transitions from institutions to community-based housing
- 1.3 Increase inclusion and independence of people with disabilities through integrating advanced technology solutions for assistive technology and remote supports

# Housing Goals

## **1.1 Increase access to and opportunities for affordable, fully accessible, community integrated housing for people with disabilities.**

- Increase and preserve the number of affordable housing units that are available to rent or purchase.
- Increase number of people with mental health disabilities provided a voucher or placed in the community
- Increase number of individuals transitioning out of nursing facilities into home and community-based settings
- Increase re-entry services to connect returning citizens with a disability to community housing

# Housing Goals

## **1.2 Improve transitions from institutions to community-based housing**

- Decrease timeframe for discharge from a nursing facility and for EPD Waiver enrollment
- Increase DACL transition capacity and quality through training

# Housing Goals

## **1.3 Increase inclusion and independence of people with disabilities through integrating advanced technology solutions for assistive technology and remote supports**

- Increase the number of Safe At Home adaptations performed
- Increase awareness of and participation in Library by Mail services, through targeted outreach and an increase in District residents with disabilities who are active users
- Increase access for people supported by DDS to assistive technology and remote supports

# Healthcare Priority

The vision for the Healthcare priority is that (1) District residents are supported in transition from institutional settings or facilities to home and community-based settings; and (2) Quality, person-centered, home and community-based services are necessary and therefore provided for District residents with disabilities to live and remain in the community.

# Healthcare Goals

## **2.1 Provide high-quality direct services and supports leading to the full inclusion of people with disabilities in the District.**

- Increase the number of ISPs completed before their required date and shorten the turn around time for completing ISPs
- Increase the percentage of healthcare management plans that meet published standards
- Increase access to community-based mental health for youth
- Increase DC Medicaid LTCSS provider capacity and the quality of LTCSS services
- Expand the review of annual training for facility staff related to managing mental health and substance use disorder needs.

# Employment Priority

The guiding principle for the Olmstead employment priority is to increase access for District residents with disabilities to integrated and competitive supported employment based on a person-centered planning and informed choice model that meet their individual preferences, interests, needs, and strengths.

# Employment Goals

- 3.1 Improve classroom inclusion and employment opportunities for students with disabilities.
- 3.2 Improve and enhance seamless transitions for students with disabilities into post-secondary education, training, and employment
- 3.3 Review and realign (if necessary) structures across the workforce development system to better support people with disabilities
- 3.4 Increase hiring, retention, and promotion of people with disabilities
- 3.5 Increase number of people with I/DD and mental health disabilities (Severe Mental Illness (SMI) or Serious emotional disturbance (SED)) who obtain and maintain employment through better coordination of supported employment services with DDA and DBH

# Employment Goals

## **3.1 Improve classroom inclusion and employment opportunities for students with disabilities.**

- Improve classroom inclusion of students with disabilities

## **3.2 Improve and enhance seamless transitions for students with disabilities into post-secondary education, training, and employment**

- Improve employment opportunities for transition-age youth with disabilities
- Increase timely submission and decrease processing time of DC RSA applications

## **3.3 Review and realign (if necessary) structures across the workforce development system to better support people with disabilities**

- Ensure DC RSA staff comply with existing regulations, policies, and procedures
- Expand career discovery and exploration opportunities provided by DC RSA

# Employment Goals

## **3.4 Increase hiring, retention, and promotion of people with disabilities**

- Increase timely submission and decrease processing time of DC RSA applications
- Improve employment rate for returning citizens with disabilities
- Increase job stability for people with disabilities who receive DC RSA and DDA services

## **3.5 Increase number of people with I/DD and mental health disabilities (Severe Mental Illness (SMI) or Serious emotional disturbance (SED)) who obtain and maintain employment through better coordination of supported employment services with DDA and DBH**

- Increase percentage of people with mental health disabilities who remain employed for 90+ days

# Transportation Priority

The vision of the Olmstead Plan's Transportation priority is that District residents with disabilities have access to the services, programs, and activities of the District by ensuring a safe and fully accessible Public Right-Of-Way (PROW) and timely, efficient, and fully accessible modes of private and public transportation.

# Transportation Goals

- 4.1 Improve access to the Public Right Of Way for people with disabilities.
- 4.2 Make significant improvements to transportation services provided to students with disabilities.
- 4.3 Make significant improvements to the daily transportation services offered to adults with disabilities.

# Transportation Goals

## **4.1 Improve access to the Public Right Of Way for people with disabilities**

- Ensure newly constructed and renovated buildings connect to the Public-Right-Of-Way with accessible entrances
- Address barriers to sidewalks
- Ensure transit stops are safe and fully accessible for people with disabilities

# Transportation Goals

## **4.2 Make significant improvements to transportation services provided to students with disabilities.**

- Ensure buses arrive at school within 20 minutes of scheduled morning drop off time.

## **4.3 Make significant improvements to the daily transportation services offered to adults with disabilities.**

- Increase access to TransportDC services
- Increase access to wheelchair accessible taxicab services through the right mix of incentives
- Reduce commute times for people with disabilities by expanding and enforcing bus lane restrictions

# Feedback

- What resonates with you from the current draft of the Olmstead Plan?
- What if anything do you feel is needs to be added to the Olmstead Plan?
- What if anything do you feel should be changed?
- Additional thoughts?

Please share written feedback via email at [odr@dc.gov](mailto:odr@dc.gov)

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# Questions

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