

Nebraska Olmstead Planning

The background of the slide features a low-angle shot of the Nebraska State Capitol building, showcasing its iconic dome and classical architectural details. The sky is a vibrant blue with scattered white clouds, and a large, dense flock of birds is captured in flight, filling the right side and top of the frame.

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Today's Discussion

- Welcome and Roll Call
- Discussion of COVID-19 pandemic and Impact on Plan
- High Level Overview of Progress
- Next Steps
 - TAC report timelines
- Public Comment

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Nebraska's Visions for Community Integration

**People with disabilities are living, learning,
working, and enjoying life in the most
integrated setting**

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COVID-19 Pandemic and Impact on Plan

- Staff resources had to be reallocated to address issues resulting from the pandemic
- Ridership (transportation) decreased significantly impacting rural providers
- School closing impacted NDE and specifically special education
- DHHS division wide data strategy related to Olmstead had to be put on hold due to the resources needed in Public Health to respond to the pandemic.
- Despite the pandemic, work continues on the strategies outlined in the plan

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Nebraska Olmstead Goal 1

Nebraskans with Disabilities Will Have Access to Individualized Community-based Services and Supports that Meet their Needs and Preferences

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Goal 1 Highlights

- ▶ 11 Strategies outlined to address
- ▶ Accomplishments:
 - 11 new Services Coordinators hired for the DD waivers
 - 100 waiver offers extended with 73 accepted as of 12/10/2020
 - iServe Nebraska-integrated eligibility with vision of being “no wrong door”
 - State Opioid Response (SOR) federal grant funds 3 outreach workers

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Nebraska's Olmstead Goal 2

Nebraskans with Disabilities Will Have Access to Safe, Decent, Affordable, Accessible Housing in the Communities in Which They Choose to Live

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Goal 2 Accomplishments

- ▶ 10 Strategies outlined in the plan to address
- ▶ Accomplishments:
 - Housing Administrator position filled
 - DBH State General Funds increasing to \$800,000 for State Fiscal Year 20 to address housing
 - Cross-Division work group with DHHS, OCA, DED, NIFA, PHAs, NDE-ATP, and Veteran's Housing
 - DPH is engaging with local health departments as they prepare to being their community health assessments to discuss inclusion of data related to housing needs in the next assessment

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Nebraska's Olmstead Goal 3

Nebraskans with Disabilities Will Receive Services in the Settings Most Appropriate to Meet their Needs and Preferences

3 Subcategories

- 1. Strategies to Divert Admissions to and facilitate transitions from Institutional Care*
- 2. Strategies to Divert Admissions to Segregated Settings*
- 3. Strategies to Reduce Justice Involvement and Homelessness*

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Goal 3 Accomplishments

- ▶ 21 Strategies to address all 3 sub-sections of the goal
- ▶ Accomplishments:
 - Lincoln Regional Center strategic planning to address discharge planning
 - Gains Learning Collaborative-Enhanced Competency strategies
 - CFS activated Health Families America and Family Centered Treatment
 - CFS sub-award to St. Monica's for Native American women with SUD

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Nebraska's Olmstead Goal 4

Nebraskans with Disabilities Will Have Increased Access to Education and Choice in Competitive, Integrated Employment Opportunities

2 Subcategories

- 1. Strategies to Support Integrated Education*
- 2. Strategies to Support Competitive, Integrated Employment*

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Goal 4 Accomplishments and Challenges

- ▶ 21 Strategies to address the 2 subsections of the goal
- ▶ Accomplishments:
 - NDE Early Childhood Liaison to address the preschool to prison pipeline
 - NDE IEP increase for children 3-5 from 81.18% to 81.98%
 - Increase of 21% for persons served by Vocational Rehabilitation
 - Vocational Rehabilitation order of selection discontinued and waitlist reduced

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Nebraska's Olmstead Goal 5

Nebraskans with Disabilities Will Have Access to Affordable and Accessible Transportation Statewide

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Goal 5 Accomplishments and Challenges

- ▶ 11 Strategies to address goal
- ▶ Accomplishments:
 - NDOT technology purchased “one-click” purchasing software, website for visually impaired
 - NDOT and Mobility Management team prioritized coordination and service expansion in the Northeast Region of the state
 - Received \$27.1 million in CARES Act funding

Nebraska's Olmstead Goal 6

Individuals with Disabilities will Receive Services and Supports that Reflect Data Driven Decision-making, Improvement in the Quality of Services, and Enhance Accountability Across Systems

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Goal 6 Accomplishments and Challenges

- ▶ 15 Strategies to Address Goal
- ▶ Accomplishments:
 - Trainings to Mental Health providers focused on working with children with low cognitive disorders
 - Person Centered Planning training kicked-off
 - CFS collaboration for gap analysis, assessments, and strategies

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Nebraska's Olmstead Goal 7

Nebraskans with Disabilities Will Receive Services and Supports from a High Quality Workforce

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Goal 7 Accomplishments

- ▶ 5 Strategies to address goal
- ▶ Accomplishments:
 - CFS increased the numbers of BSW and MSW graduates. 16 CFS team members completing BSW
 - Vocational Rehabilitation implementing Career Pathways Advancement Project with the healthcare sector identified

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Nebraska Olmstead Plan

Next Steps and Timelines

- ▶ TAC report due to DHHS 12/15/2020
- ▶ TAC report due to the Legislature 12/15/2021
- ▶ Creation of a DHHS Olmstead email address
- ▶ Project Manager organizing workgroups to begin meeting in 2021
- ▶ Proposal to hold Steering Group meetings quarterly in 2021
- ▶ Schedule regular Advisory Committee meetings in 2021

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Public Comment

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