

# Nebraska Olmstead Plan Advisory Committee Meeting

A photograph of the Nebraska State Capitol building in Lincoln, Nebraska. The building is a grand, classical-style structure with a prominent central tower topped by a statue. The facade is made of light-colored stone. In front of the building is a wide set of steps leading up to the entrance. Two flagpoles stand on either side of the steps, one with the American flag and the other with the Nebraska state flag. The sky is a clear, bright blue with a few wispy clouds. The overall scene is well-lit, suggesting a sunny day.

Prepared for the Olmstead  
Advisory Meeting  
March 19, 2021

# Today's Discussion

---

- Welcome
- Overview of the Year One Progress Report
- Olmstead Workgroups
  - Education and Employment
  - Housing
  - Data
- Discuss Identification and Engagement of Persons with Disabilities for each work group

NEBRASKA

Good Life. Great Mission.

DEPT. OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

*Helping People Live Better Lives.*

# Nebraska's Vision for Community Integration

---

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

NEBRASKA

Good Life. Great Mission.

DEPT. OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

*Helping People Live Better Lives.*



# Overview of the Year One Progress Report

---

- Written and submitted by Technical Assistance Collaborative (TAC)
- Summarizes status of progress made on plan strategies and measures during the first 6 months of implementation
- Year One of the plan: July 1, 2020-June 30, 2021
- Highlights achievements, challenges, and recommendations from TAC for each of the 7 goals
- DHHS determined need to establish workgroups to continue work of implementation

# Overall Goals of Workgroups

---

**Ensure the completion of strategies identified for Year One of the plan or identify revisions needed to current strategies.**

**Ensure the plan moves Nebraska forward in meeting the overall vision of the Olmstead Plan and each applicable goal.**

NEBRASKA

Good Life. Great Mission.

DEPT. OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

*Helping People Live Better Lives.*

# Education and Employment Workgroup

---

Focus Areas: Special Education, Post High School Transitions, Increased Access to Competitive Employment

- Encompasses strategies identified in Goals #4 and 7
- First workgroup meeting was held March 2, 2021
- Next meeting with identify priorities of the workgroup for the next 3 months
- Meetings are the first Tuesday of each month at 9:00 am

NEBRASKA

Good Life. Great Mission.

DEPT. OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

*Helping People Live Better Lives.*

# Housing Workgroup Discussion

---

## Focus Areas: Community-Based and Accessible Housing

- Encompasses strategies identified in Goal #1, 2, and 3
- Workgroup currently established includes representatives from DBH, CFS, DDD, Nebraska Investment Finance Authority (NIFA), Omaha and Scottsbluff housing authorities, and Assistive Technology Partnership (ATP)-will focus on production
- Olmstead Housing Workgroup will focus on reducing homelessness for youth, barrier removal, modifications, and supportive services
- Kick-off for Olmstead Housing workgroup tentatively scheduled for March 24, 2021 at 3:00 pm

**NEBRASKA**

Good Life. Great Mission.

DEPT. OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

*Helping People Live Better Lives.*

# Data Workgroup

---

## Focus Areas: Data Collection and Sharing

- Encompasses Strategies identified in Goals #2, 3, and 6
- Kick-off meeting for DHHS representatives was March 11, 2021
- April meeting scheduled on Wednesday, April 7, 2021 at 11:00 am
- Will identify representatives from other state agencies
- Will meet at a minimum monthly

NEBRASKA

Good Life. Great Mission.

DEPT. OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

*Helping People Live Better Lives.*



# People with Disabilities Inclusion on Workgroups

---

## Discuss Strategies/Ideas:

- Asking for volunteers
- Opportunity to apply on the website
- Request Advocacy groups to seek volunteers
- We need your input!

NEBRASKA

Good Life. Great Mission.

DEPT. OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

*Helping People Live Better Lives.*

# Nebraska Olmstead Plan

---

## Next Steps:

- Invite or seek volunteers for the workgroups
- Workgroups to identify priorities for work over the next 3 months
- Next Advisory Committee meeting May 18, 2021 at 10:00 am (CT)

NEBRASKA

Good Life. Great Mission.

DEPT. OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

*Helping People Live Better Lives.*

# Public Comment

---

[DHHS.NEOlmstead@nebraska.gov](mailto:DHHS.NEOlmstead@nebraska.gov)

**Nebraska Olmstead Website:**

[dhhs.ne.gov/Olmstead](https://dhhs.ne.gov/Olmstead)

**NEBRASKA**

Good Life. Great Mission.

DEPT. OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

*Helping People Live Better Lives.*

# Olmstead Plan Implementation

**Heather Leschinsky**

**Olmstead Administrator**

**Department of Health and Human Services**

[DHHS.NEOlmstead@nebraska.gov](mailto:DHHS.NEOlmstead@nebraska.gov)

**Nebraska Olmstead Website:**

[dhhs.ne.gov/Olmstead](http://dhhs.ne.gov/Olmstead)



@NEDHHS



NebraskaDHHS



@NEDHHS

[dhhs.ne.gov](http://dhhs.ne.gov)

**NEBRASKA**

Good Life. Great Mission.

DEPT. OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

*Helping People Live Better Lives.*