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
People with disabilities are living, learning, working, and enjoying life in the most integrated setting.
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
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.
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 will identify priorities of the workgroup for the next 3 months
- Meetings are the first Tuesday of each month at 9:00 am
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
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
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!
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)
Public Comment

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