



NC Collaborative for Children, Youth and Families
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Upcoming Legislative Meetings:

Committee	Date and Time	Location, Video and Audio
Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services	September 22, 2020, 10:00 a.m.	643 LOB, audio , video
Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Education	October 6, 2020, 10:00 a.m.	643 LOB, audio , video
2021-22 Long Session Begins	January 13, 2021, noon	

Opportunity for Feedback on System Strengths, Gaps, Challenges and Ideas

In 1999, the US Supreme Court found in *Olmstead v. L.C.* that unjustified segregation of persons with disabilities constitutes discrimination in violation of title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act. Since that time, States have been working to address the adequacy of community-based systems to divert individuals from institutionalized settings.

NC DHHS has convened a stakeholder group to review and make recommended changes to the NC Olmstead Plan. They also retained the Technical Assistance Collaborative (TAC) to manage the feedback process. Previously TAC held listening sessions. They have now created [a survey](#) and are asking for feedback from stakeholders who were not able to participate in the listening sessions. They will accept survey responses through September 22nd.

Federal Guidance on Value-Based Care (VBC) includes Stakeholder Engagement

The federal Center for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) published [a guidance](#) this week on value-based care in Medicaid. CMS has already used value-based models in Medicare and is now promoting the expanded use of it in Medicaid systems. Value-based care balances the quality/effectiveness of care—measured through

performance—and the cost of care. One area that CMS focused on in the guidance is stakeholder engagement as states develop value-based care goals. The guidance states, “Stakeholder engagement. States’ experiences emphasize the importance of transparency in setting VBC reform goals and programmatic specifications, and upfront engagement with relevant stakeholders. The goals of any reform should be clearly articulated and participation requirements should be transparent and predictable for payers, providers, and beneficiaries. As part of this process, states should consider ongoing structures and processes to support the engagement of beneficiaries in designing VBC reform goals. States should assess implementing reforms that do not unnecessarily exclude beneficiaries with certain health conditions, as appropriate. To the extent that reforms are aimed at addressing individuals in need of long-term services and supports, these processes should take into account person-centered planning consistent with requirements under 1915(c) waivers and 1915(i), 1915(j), and 1915(k) state plan options for home and community-based services. Finally, the intent behind VBP is for beneficiaries to be provided better, more efficient care; the effect of a model on beneficiaries should not be considered only as an afterthought in model design.” page 7

North Carolina Receives Funding to Increase Unemployment Benefits

North Carolina received a \$119 million grant from the federal Department of Homeland Security under the Federal Emergency Management Agency’s Disaster Relief Fund. The funding will be used to provide financial assistance to North Carolinians who have lost wages due to the COVID-19 pandemic and will specifically increase unemployment benefits by \$300 per week for individuals who are unemployed because of the pandemic.

Resources:

- Monday, September 21, 2020 | From 11:30 am to 12:30 pm

NCDHHS Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Services is sponsoring a virtual event. Participants will learn about the importance of staying connected during challenging times and how our connections support our mental health and overall wellness. Some of the topics to be discussed include:

- Share experiences with others
- Connect through dialogue
- Be in each other's lives with consistency
- Create new meaning together

Register to Join:

<https://tinyurl.com/SCOOP-StayConnected>

- [What We Are Learning About Children and COVID-19 Fact Sheet](#)
- [Governor Allows Plan A for K-5 elementary schools](#)