

NC Collaborative for Children, Youth and Families

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Draft North Carolina Olmstead Plan Published for Feedback:

Olmstead v. L.C. was a US Supreme Court decision made in 1999 that determined that unjustified segregation of individuals with disabilities constitutes discrimination under the Americans with Disabilities Act. The primary plaintiffs had mental illness and developmental disabilities and were admitted to a State psychiatric facility. They were kept there due to lack of community-based services. This federal court decision meant that states must provide community-based services to persons with disabilities when the services are appropriate, the individual agrees to receive community-based services and the community-based services can be reasonably accommodated.

Fast forward to 2020 when NC DHHS began the process of developing a North Carolina Olmstead Plan by hiring a consultant and appointing a group of stakeholders to work with the consultants to consider areas such as: children, youth and families; housing; community capacity building; employment; transitions to community; workforce development; quality assurance and quality of life, and; older adults. The recommendations of the stakeholder groups have been compiled and are a part of the [77-page draft report](#). Now, NC DHHS is asking for feedback on the draft report by October 27th. Comments can be submitted to ncolmstead@tacinc.org.

The recommendations were made in the form of priority areas. These priorities will provide direction for NC DHHS over the next two years and is considered a "living document" for the future vision of the State in services for individuals with disabilities.

Priority Area 1: Strengthen Individuals' and Families' Choice for Community Inclusion through Increased Access to Home and Community Based Services and Supports

Priority Area 2: Address the Direct Support Professional Crisis

Priority Area 3: Divert and Transition Individuals from Unnecessary Institutional and Segregated Settings

Priority Area 4: Increase Opportunities for Supported Education and Pre-employment Transition Services for Youth with Disabilities, and Competitive Integrated Employment for Adults with Disabilities

Priority Area 5: Increase Access to Safe, Decent, and Affordable Housing

Priority Area 6: Address Gaps in Services

Priority Area 7: Explore Alternatives to Overly Restrictive Guardianship

Priority Area 8: Address Disparities in Access to Services

Priority Area 9: Increase Input from Individuals with Lived Experience

Priority Area 10: Reduce Transportation Burdens for Individuals with Disabilities

Priority Area 11: Use Data for Quality Improvement

Some of the recommendations that particularly pertain to children and youth include:

- Using American Rescue Plan Act funds to establish mobile crisis services for children using the Mobile Outreach Response Engagement Stabilization (MORES) model;

- The DHHS will expand access to children’s mental health services by expanding mental health services in primary care, schools, and specialty care.
- The DHB will work with Standard Plans and LME/MCO Tailored Plans to continue to promote children’s access to personal care services via Medicaid Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment (EPSDT) /Health Check.
- LME/MCOs and eventually Tailored Plans will increase the availability of high fidelity wrap-around services, care coordination, and therapeutic foster care families.
- Increase the supply of outpatient therapists trained to treat children with co-occurring mental health disorders and intellectual/developmental disabilities (I/DD).
- Formalize the PRTF children’s residential redesign approach in statute, thereby applying tenets of the approach to PRTFs statewide.
- Promote use of the North Carolina Psychiatry Access Line (NC PAL), telephone consultation to connect pediatricians and primary care physicians with child psychiatrists to improve diagnoses and to reduce polypharmacy for children.

The NC Council on Developmental Disabilities is offering a free webinar on Monday, October 18th at 2 pm to review the draft proposal. Use this [link](#) to register.

BH/IDD Tailored Plan Provider Trainings an Opportunity for Children, Youth and Families:

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	Register for the webinar series .
Oct. 22, 2021	Partnering with a Clinically Integrated Network and Other Partners
Oct. 29, 2021	Delivery of Tailored Care Management
Nov. 5, 2021	Transitional Care Management and Community Inclusion Activities
Nov. 19, 2021	Conflict-Free Care Management and Additional Care Coordination Functions for Members Enrolled in the Innovations or TBI Waiver
Dec. 3, 2021	Billing
Dec. 10, 2021	Oversight and Quality Measurement/Improvement

Opportunity for Input on DPI State Performance Plan:

The State Performance Plan (SPP) details how the state implements the requirements under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and outlines how the state will improve results for students with disabilities. The NC Department of Public Instruction (NCDPI) is responsible for developing the State Performance Plan (SPP) with input from stakeholder.

DPI is holding two meetings for parents and caregivers on October 19th from 10 am – 12 pm and on October 21st from 6 pm – 8 pm. No registration is required. For more information use this [link](#).

Bills on the Move:

[S. 105](#), 2021 Appropriations Act, passed by House and Senate, Senate did not concur with House proposal, conference committee appointed.

Bills:

[H. 29](#), Verification of Immigration Status: SAVE
[H. 32](#), Equity Opportunity Act – MET CROSSOVER
[H. 42](#), 2020 COVID Relief Bill Modifications
[H. 91](#), Reduce Regulation to Help Children with Autism – MET CROSSOVER
[H. 110](#), Landlord Submission of HOPE Application
[H. 149](#), Improving Access to Care through Telehealth – MET CROSSOVER
[H. 173](#), Separate Divisions, Juvenile Justice and Adult Corrections—AB (Agency Bill)
[H. 183](#), Juvenile Court Counselors/Sensitivity Training—AB (Agency Bill) – MET CROSSOVER
[H. 192](#), COVID Response, Supplemental Spending 2020-2021
[H. 205](#), Abuse & Neglect Resources in Public Schools – MET CROSSOVER
[H. 212](#), Social Services Reform
[H. 215](#), Early Childhood Data Analytics/Pilot/Guilford
[H. 232](#), LRC Study – Affordable Housing, MET CROSSOVER
[H. 247](#), Standards of Student Conduct – MET CROSSOVER
[H. 249](#), Children with Disabilities Funding Formula
[H. 261](#), Raise Min. Age/Juvenile Jurisdiction
[H. 262](#), Smart Start Funds
[H. 274](#), 2021 Current Operations Appropriations Act
[H. 277/S. 249](#), The SAVE Act
[H. 298](#), 2021 Current Operations Appropriations Act
[H. 300](#), 2021 Pandemic Recovery Appropriations Act
[H. 305](#), 2021 Omnibus Coronavirus Relief Act
[H. 313](#), 2021 Pandemic Recovery Appropriations Act
[H. 314](#), 2021 Omnibus Coronavirus Relief Act
[H. 325](#), 2021 Omnibus Coronavirus Relief Act
[H. 382](#), Hospital ED Care/Medicaid Behavioral Health Service
[H. 389/S. 350](#), NC Innovations Waiver Act of 2021
[H. 424](#), Juveniles/Eliminate LWOP/Parole Eligibility
[H. 430](#), Advisory Council on PANS & PANDAS
[H. 470](#), Medicaid Expansion
[H. 516](#), Raise Dropout Age to 18
[H. 568/S. 721](#), Youth Mentoring Services Act
[H. 579](#), School Self-Defense Act
[H. 615](#), Juvenile Court Mental Health Assessments – MET CROSSOVER
[H. 621](#), Increase Drop Out Age/Completion Indicator – MET CROSSOVER
[H. 653](#), Mental Health and SUD Parity Report
[H. 657](#), School Safety/Threat Assessment Teams – MET CROSSOVER
[H. 658](#), Deploy Child Welfare & Aging Component/NCFast
[H. 664](#), County Service Districts/Early Childhood Education – MET CROSSOVER
[H. 665/S. 610](#), Address Direct Support Staffing Crisis/Medicaid
[H. 732](#), Peer Support Specialist Certification Act

[H. 747](#), Merge NC Health Choice & Medicaid
[H. 749](#), Healthy Students – School Psychologists/COVID-19
[H. 809](#), NC Healthy Family Act
[H. 823](#), Child Advocacy Centers/Share Information – MET CROSSOVER
[H. 837](#), Increase Student Access to School Counselors
[H. 882](#), Behavioral Health Services for Students
[H. 908](#), Access to Affordable Health Care Coverage for All
[H. 914](#), Support our Direct Care Workforce
[H. 928](#), Opioid Overdose Prev. Pilot Program/Funds
[H. 934](#), Student Success Program
[H. 946](#), Sound Basic Education for Every Child
[H. 947](#), The GREAT Broadband Expansion Act
[H. 952](#), Mental Health Unit Triage Pilot Program
[H. 953](#), Funds for School Mental Health Support Persons
[S. 37](#), In-Person Learning Choice for Families, ratified, vetoed by Governor on 2/26
[S. 61](#), Dental Services/Medicaid Transformation
[S. 78](#), A Safe Return for In-Person Learning
[S. 86](#), Medicaid Recs/School-Based Health and InCK evaluation/ Child Well-Being Transformation Council Rec
[S. 88](#), NC FAST Child Welfare Case Mgmt./PED Study
[S. 89](#), Regional Supervision/Child Well-Being Transformation Council Rec
[S. 90](#), Social Services Reform/Inter-County Collaboration/Child Well-Being Transformation Council Rec
[S. 93](#), Assisting NC Families in Crisis
[S. 106](#), 2021 Appropriations Act
[S. 107](#), 2021 Appropriations Act
[S. 154](#), Fully Funded School Social Works and Psychologists
[S. 350/H. 389](#), NC Innovations Waiver Act of 2021
[S. 402](#), Close the Medicaid Coverage Gap
[S. 463](#), Deploy Child Welfare & Aging Component/NCFAST
[S. 501](#), Create Department of Adult Corrections
[S. 514](#), Youth Health Protection Act
[S. 515](#), Health Care Heroes Conscience Protection Act
[S. 518](#), Protecting and Supporting NC's Children
[S. 530](#), Medicaid for Twelve Months Postpartum
[S. 593](#), Special Education Due Process Hearings – MET CROSSOVER
[S. 595](#), Taskforce on Adverse Childhood Experiences
[S. 610/ H. 665](#), Address Direct Support Staffing Crisis/Medicaid
[S. 615](#), Direct Care Worker Wage Passthrough/Medicaid
[S. 622](#), 2021 Governor's Budget
[S. 721/H. 568](#), Youth Mentoring Services Act

Bills Signed into Law:

[SL 2021-1](#): COVID Relief Bill Modifications
[SL 2021-3](#): 2021 COVID-19 Response and Relief
[SL 2021-4](#): The Reopen the Schools Act of 2021
[SL 2021-7](#), Summer Learning Choice for NC Families

[SL 2021-8](#): Excellent Public Schools Act of 2021
[SL 2021-18](#): Modify Termination of Parental Rights Appeals
[SL 2021-22](#): Reduce Regulation to Help Children with Autism
[SL 2021-25](#): Additional COVID-19 Response and Relief
[SL 2021-61](#): Medicaid Modernized Hospital Assessments
[SL 2021-62](#): Medicaid Administrative Changes and Technical Corrections
[SL 2021-77](#): DHHS Revisions
[SL 2021-88](#): GSC Technical Corrections 2021
[SL 2021-100](#): Juvenile Code Rev's/CIP Recommendations—AB (Agency Bill)
[SL 2021-118](#): Expand Expunction Eligibility
[SL 2021-123](#): Various Raise the Age Changes/JJAC Recs.
[SL 2021-132](#): Expedite Child Safety and Permanency
[SL 2021-144](#): Foster Parents' Bill of Rights