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Community Integration for Every New Yorker



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Executive Order No. 84

- Issued November 30, 2012
- Created Olmstead Plan Development and Implementation Cabinet
- Cabinet charged with making recommendations to the Governor



Other Disability Initiatives

- Medicaid Redesign
- Creation of Justice Center
- Designation of nonprofit to serve as Protection and Advocacy agency



Stakeholder Process

- Substantial state agency discussion
 - All Olmstead cabinet agencies
 - State Education Department
 - Public safety agencies
- Broad stakeholder outreach
 - Over 160 organizations consulted
 - 20 Round Tables conducted
 - 4 public forums hosted



External Resources

- Olmstead court cases
- DOJ findings letters
- Federal policy
- Experience of other states

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The Olmstead Plan



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- Community transition
- Assessment and outcomes measurement
- Reforms to support community integration
- Accountability



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Community Transition



Community Transition

- People with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities in Developmental Centers, Intermediate Care Facilities, and Sheltered Workshops
- People with Serious Mental Illness in Psychiatric Centers, Nursing Homes, Adult Homes, and Sheltered Workshops
- People in Nursing Homes



Community Transition – ID/DD

- Reduce developmental center census to 150
- Implement Money Follows the Person to transition 875 people
- Increase education and outreach to move 1,245 new people to self-directed services by March 31, 2014



Community Transition – ID/DD

- Pilot Systemic, Therapeutic, Assessment, Respite and Treatment (START) program model to provide emergency crisis services and limited therapeutic respite services
- End new admissions into sheltered workshops and support integrated, competitive employment
- Issue new rules regarding the definition of home and community setting



Community Transition – SMI

- Reduce inpatient psychiatric hospitals from 24 to 15
- Convert remaining 15 psychiatric hospitals into Regional Centers of Excellence
- Reduce long stay patients in psychiatric hospitals by 10 percent over two years



Community Transition – SMI

- Assess and provide community housing for persons with serious mental illness discharged to nursing homes from state-operated psychiatric hospitals and psychiatric wards of general hospitals, as well as persons at risk of such discharge
- Assess and provide scattered-site supported housing to at least 2,000 transitional adult home residents along with appropriate community-based services and supports
- Support adults with serious mental illness who choose work as part of their recovery plans in integrated, competitive employment



Community Transition – Nursing Homes

- Develop finance structures in managed care to support people with the most significant needs in the community instead of nursing homes
- Reduce the long-stay population in nursing homes by 10 percent over the next five years



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Assessment and Outcomes Measurement



Assessment and Outcomes

- Uniform assessment tool with a common core across state agencies
- Common quality measures, including person-centered outcome measures, across all managed care plan types as part of the implementation of Medicaid managed care
- Implement Balancing Incentive Program to establish No Wrong Door/Single Entry Point, standardized assessment and conflict-free case management
- Implement Community First Choice Option



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Supporting Community Integration



Housing

- \$161 million investment in supportive housing since 2011 to more effectively manage the chronic conditions of more than 4,000 high-need New Yorkers
- Will seek to establish a project rental assistance program to transition people from institutions or at serious risk of institutional placement
- Increased information available to persons with disabilities through the NYHousingSearch.gov website



Employment

- Strengthen coordination between Department of Labor and ACCES-VR
- Align disability workforce strategies with economic development strategies
- Assure accessibility of One-Stop Career Centers to people with disabilities



Transportation

- Mobility management practices increase the availability of transportation for people with disabilities
- Develop a pilot program to expand upon the existing Medicaid transportation management initiative to implement mobility management



Children's Services

- Children's Medicaid managed care services coordinated through person and family centered individualized care plans that integrate physical and behavioral health services as well as social services
- MRT children's workgroup will develop processes and outcomes measures to maximize community integration opportunities for children with disabilities



Aging Services

- Develop interoperable assessment tool
- Strengthen New York's Aging and Disability Resource Centers to support persons with disabilities as well as older adults in accessing needed information, services and supports
- Train Long Term Care Ombudsmen to assist nursing home and adult home residents in exercising their rights to community placement and to facilitate linkages to community resources



Criminal Justice

- Enhance diversion of persons with disabilities from the criminal justice system and facilitate reentry from the criminal justice system
- DCJS and OMH to assist localities in conducting countywide mapping of mental health and criminal justice resources for planning purposes in order to identify local service gaps and develop strategies to address unmet need



Legal Reform

- Seek to expand authority of non-licensed personnel to provide health-related task assistance to persons residing in the community
- Seek reform of the law governing guardianship over people with intellectual and developmental disabilities to assure least restrictive option



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Accountability



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- Governor's Office to provide leadership at quarterly Most Integrated Setting Coordinating Council (MISCC) meetings
- MISCC meetings will be a public means for holding all state agencies accountable for the accomplishment of Olmstead aims
- Publicly-available Olmstead data dashboard
- Website: www.governor.ny.gov/olmstead/home