

2022 Olmstead Plan Amendments

The Olmstead Plan is updated every year with new goals. Staff from 13 Subcabinet Agencies work together to propose new Plan goals based on the past year's results. The update is called a Plan Amendment.

This year, the following goals have proposed amendments:

- Person-Centered Planning Goal One
- Transition Services Goal Two
- Transition Services Goal Four
- Housing Services Goal One
- Employment Goal Two
- Employment Goal Three
- Lifelong Learning and Education Goal One
- Transportation Goal One
- Crisis Services Goal One and Two
- Preventing Abuse and Neglect Goal Three
- Assistive Technology
- Homeless, Disabled Veterans
- Crime Victims
- Juvenile Justice
- Health

Person-Centered Planning Goal One (page 35 of Plan)

This goal currently states that plans for people using disability home and community-based waiver services will be based on the principles of person-centered planning and informed choice.

Proposed changes:

- Two additional strategies will be added: The Department of Human Services (DHS) will review and improve how information is collected about:
 1. decision making; and
 2. race and ethnicity.
- New recommendations will be made by June 30, 2023.

Transition Services Goal Two (page 40 of Plan)

The goal currently states that people who are ready to leave the Anoka Metro Regional Treatment Center (AMRTC) will move to a more integrated setting faster. There will be fewer people waiting to move.

Proposed changes:

- By June 30, 2023, 25% (reduced from 30%) of people at AMRTC will be waiting to move (by daily average). In 2021, 27.6% of people at AMRTC were waiting to move.
- This goal would be extended until 2023.

Transition Services Goal Four (page 41 of Plan)

This goal currently states that 90% of people with disabilities who are going through a transition will use informed choice, person-centered planning, and the “My Move Plan Summary” form.

Proposed changes:

- This form would be improved and made more specific to the needs of each individual person.
- The date of this goal would be changed from June 30, 2022 to June 30, 2024.

Housing Services Goal One (page 46 of Plan)

This goal currently states that by June 30, 2022, the number of people with disabilities who live in the most integrated housing of their choice where they have a signed lease and receive financial support to pay for the cost of their housing would be increased from 1,167.

Proposed changes:

- The target number of people with disabilities would be increased from 1,167 to 2,467.
- The goal would be extended until 2024.
- A new strategy would be added to improve how information about this goal is collected. The Department of Human Services will review how they gather information about housing and choice and about race and ethnicity. They will have recommendations by June 30, 2023.

Employment Goal Two (page 51 of Plan)

This goal states that of the 50,157 people receiving services from certain Medicaid-funded programs, there will be an increase of 6,283 over baseline to 12,420 in competitive integrated employment.

Proposed changes:

- By September 30, 2022, there will be a better measure of how many people achieved competitive integrated employment.
- The measures of the goal would be changed to better reflect a person's access to competitive integrated employment and would also track race and ethnicity.
- New strategies would require collaboration between the Department of Human Services (DHS) and the Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED).

Employment Goal Three (page 51 of Plan)

This goal states that by June 30, 2025, 1,513 students with developmental and cognitive disabilities, ages 19-21, will enter into competitive, integrated employment through the Employment Capacity Building Cohort (ECBC). ECBC is an activity in school districts and county teams focused on professional developmental and technical assistance. The goal of ECBC is to improve the rate of competitive, integrated employment for students with cognitive disabilities ages 19 to 21 years.

Proposed changes:

- Four new strategies would be added to improve how information about this goal is collected.

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2. From October 2022 through September 2023, MDE will partner with school districts to measure self-determination in education.
3. From October 2023 through January 2024, MDE will use the measurements to create a framework for self-determination and education.
4. From July 2024 through September 2025, MDE will test the framework in partnering school districts.

Lifelong Learning and Education Goal One (page 56 of Plan)

This goal states that by December 1, 2021 the percent of students with disabilities receiving instruction in the most integrated setting will increase to 63%.

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Transportation Goal One (page 66 of Plan)

This goal currently states that by December 31, 2020 accessibility improvements will be made to 6,600 curb ramps and 430 accessible pedestrian signals, and by October 31, 2021 improvements will be made to 55 miles of sidewalks.

Proposed changes:

- The Department of Transportation will build more curb ramps and traffic signals that help people cross the street safely. They will also add more miles of sidewalks.
- By December 31, 2023, accessibility improvements will be made to:
 - Increase curb ramps from 6,600 to 10,299 (increase from 19% to 79%)
 - Increase accessible pedestrian signals at crosswalks from 430 to 490 (increase from 10% to 79%)
 - Increase miles of sidewalks from 55 to 113 (increase from 46% to 64%)
- The goal would be extended until 2023.

Crisis Services Goal One and Two (page 83 of Plan)

Goal One states that by June 30, 2022, the percent of children who receive children's mental health crisis services and remain in their community will increase to 85% or more.

Goal Two states that by June 30, 2022, the percent of adults who receive adult mental health crisis services and remain in their community (e.g., home or other settings) will increase to 65% or more.

Proposed changes:

- Four new strategies would be added to improve how information about this goal is collected and communication about mental health and crisis services:
 1. Improve how information is collected about the goal.
 2. The Department of Human Services (DHS) will hire more people to take phone calls so adults and children with a mental health crisis can get help.

3. To help reach these goals, DHS will expand Mobile Crisis Services. They will increase financial support to counties and tribes to staff mobile crisis lines and be able to take more calls.
4. DHS will increase capacity for same-day or next-day appointments for children's mental health outpatient care for those in crisis.

Preventing Abuse and Neglect Goal Three (page 93 of Plan)

The current goal states that by December 31, 2021, the number of vulnerable adults who experience more than one episode of the same type of abuse or neglect within six months will be reduced by 20% compared to the baseline.

Proposed change:

- The goal is being extended to 2022 with the same target: By December 31, 2022, 20% fewer adults will experience more than one episode of the same type of abuse or neglect within 6 months.

Assistive Technology (page 99 of Plan)

In 2021, the System of Technology to Achieve Results (STAR) Program loaned 482 assistive technology devices to 482 Minnesotans. STAR demonstrated 209 devices to 263 people. 246 Minnesotans received open-ended device loans, which saved them \$531,585.

As of October 2021, Minnesotans can use the Minnesota Assistive Technology for All website to learn about equipment that is available for short or long-term loans. Minnesotans can create an account to request device demonstrations or loans online.

In 2021, an assistive technology workgroup began meeting regularly. They will review the website and make updates as needed.

Proposed change:

- New strategies would be added to improve a person's understanding of types of assistive technology and the availability of equipment.

New Ideas for the Olmstead Plan

Homeless, Disabled Veterans

The Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs (MDVA) will work to find out what homeless veterans with disabilities experience and how to meet their needs. They will look at available data in the Homeless Veteran Registry and improve the registry as needed. With this information, MDVA will create a goal and measurements by December 31, 2022.

Crime Victims

People with disabilities are victims of crime at a higher rate than non-disabled people. They need equal access to services that can help them recover and heal. The Department of Public Safety (DPS) will explore what programs currently exist and if they are accessible for people with disabilities. They will create a goal to make sure programs are equipped to serve people with disabilities.

Juveniles

The Department of Public Safety (DPS) will develop a Juvenile Justice-Mental Health Continuum of Care. This will help juvenile justice facilities and child welfare service staff have a coordinated response to mental health crisis. This work began in January 2022.

Health

The Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) has been focused on the pandemic and its impact on people with disabilities. This includes access to testing, vaccines, and care. As MDH continues these efforts, they will also look at data collection standards. By including disability in data, MDH thinks this will help identify differences in health outcomes for people with disabilities. This information will lead to better care.