

Olmstead Plan Public Comment Guide: Crisis Services

Public comment is an opportunity to give feedback on goal drafts related to crisis services. Some goal topics include institutional placements of people with disabilities and mental health crisis services.

The full draft of the Olmstead Plan and the full text of goals can be found on the Olmstead Implementation Office [public comment period webpage](#).

Draft goals for crisis services include:

Crisis Services Goal 1: Fewer children and teens in foster care will experience institutional placements.

- Lead agency: Department of Children, Youth, and Families (DCYF)
- Children with disabilities who are in foster care are more likely to be placed in institutions. The goal is for fewer children 17 and under in foster care to be placed in institutions.

Crisis Services Data Goal 1: More people will stay in the community after a crisis.

- Lead agencies: Department of Human Services (DHS)
- Part one of this goal will be to collect data that is not currently tracked. When a baseline is established, the agencies will add a measurable goal to the Olmstead Plan.
- The goal will be about mobile crisis services. The goal will track how many children and adults stay in the community after using mobile crisis services. This means they avoid more segregated settings like hospitals or jails.

Discussion Questions:

- What would make these goals more effective to improve the lives of Minnesotans with disabilities?
- What would make these goals more effective to better integrate Minnesotans with disabilities in community life?
- What's missing from these goals?