

Olmstead Plan Public Comment Guide: Employment

Public comment is an opportunity to give feedback on goal drafts related to employment for people with disabilities. Some goal topics include improving competitive integrated employment, veteran employment, and vocation rehabilitation 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 employment include:

Employment Goal 1: More people with disabilities will have jobs in the community.

- Lead agency: Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED), supported by Department of Human Services (DHS), and Department of Education (MDE)
- This goal is about more people with disabilities having competitive, integrated employment (CIE). This goal has three different parts. Those parts are:
 - People who receive services from Vocational Rehabilitation Services or State Services for the Blind (VRS/SSB)
 - People who receive both Medicaid waiver services and VRS/SSB services
 - Students ages 16 and up who have Individualized Education Programs (IEPs)

Employment Goal 2: More Veterans with disabilities will have jobs in the community.

- Lead agency: Department of Veterans Affairs (MDVA) supported by DEED
- This goal is about increasing the number of Veterans who have service-related disabilities, participate in DEED's Veteran Employment Services program, and get a job.

Employment Data Goal 1: More people with disabilities will have jobs in the community.

- Lead agency: DEED, supported by MDE and 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.

- This goal will be about competitive, integrated employment for people using certain DHS services, such as Medicaid Waiver services, mental health targeted case management, adult mental health rehabilitation, assertive community treatment services, and/or Medical Assistance for Employed Persons with Disabilities (MAEPD)

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?