

Nebraska's Olmstead Plan Evaluation Project

Nebraska is in its second iteration of the Olmstead Plan. The plan offers a roadmap for the state to be consistent with the principles of the 1999 Supreme Court *Olmstead* decision. Each plan covers three state fiscal years, which run from July through June. Every three years an evaluation is required of the Plan. The evaluation for the 2023 – 2025 Olmstead Plan is being done by [Partners for Insightful Evaluation](#) (PIE), an evaluation company in Lincoln, NE.



Purpose of Project

The intent of the evaluation is to:

- 1) Assess progress and better understand the successes and impacts of the current Olmstead Plan;
- 2) Determine what should be included in the next iteration of the Olmstead Plan, including ways to measure progress;
- 3) Identify what works well and what improvements could be made for implementing the plan.

Findings will be used to draft the next Olmstead Plan by December 2024.

Questions Being Explored

- To what degree **has progress been made** among the seven goals of the Olmstead Plan?
- What **improvements and impacts have resulted** from the Olmstead Plan, including collaborations between state agencies?
- What activities and outcomes **should be included in the next iteration of the Plan?**
- What are the **barriers/challenges** and **facilitators/successes** for implementing the Olmstead Plan?
- To what degree **do the metrics in the Olmstead Plan support the goals and outcomes?** How could they better align?

Data/Information to Answer Questions

A variety of primary (collected by PIE) and secondary (already existing) data will be used for the evaluation, including:

- **Interviews and focus groups** with 1) individuals from state agencies who serve on the advisory committee or steering group; 2) Olmstead Plan staff, 3) workgroup members; and 4) individuals with disabilities.
- **Surveys.** One survey will be for individuals with disabilities and family members or caregivers while another will be for those who are involved with the Olmstead Plan.
- **Administrative records**, including meeting minutes, workgroup reporting templates, and attendance logs.



Getting Involved

- Learn more about Nebraska's Olmstead Plan here: <https://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/Olmstead.aspx>
- Participate in and share out data collection opportunities, including the surveys in February 2024.
- Look for summary reports sharing the feedback in December 2024.