Minnesota’s Olmstead Plan Updates

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What Is An Olmstead Plan?

• An Olmstead Plan is a way for a government entity to document its plans to provide services to individuals with disabilities in the most integrated setting appropriate to the individual.
Minnesota’s Olmstead Plan

The goal:
Minnesota will be a place where people with disabilities are living, learning, working and enjoying life in the most integrated setting.
Olmstead Plan Topic Areas

Employment

• People with disabilities will have choices for competitive, meaningful, and sustained employment in the most integrated setting.
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Lifelong Learning and Education

• People with disabilities will experience an inclusive education system at all levels and lifelong learning opportunities that enable the full development of individual talents, interests, creativity, and mental and physical abilities.
Employment is about:

- Ensuring that people with disabilities have choices for competitive, meaningful, and sustained employment in the most integrated setting.
Employment is About

- Changing the prevailing attitudes, expectations, and beliefs about the integration of persons with disabilities into the competitive workplace.
Strategic Action: EM1D

• By June 30, 2015, 14-21 year old transition age students on Supplemental Security Income (SSI)/Social Security Disability Insurance (approx. 1000) will receive benefit summary and Disability 101 (DB101) estimator sessions to inform employment planning choices and understand how integrated competitive employment and benefits can work together.
Strategic Action: EM1C

• By June 30, 2015 and each subsequent year, there will be a minimum of 20 additional schools per year adopting evidence-based practices that result in integrated competitive employment outcomes. (i.e., Customized Employment, Project SEARCH, etc.).

• What Works Clearinghouse
Minnesota strives to ensure students with disabilities receive an equal opportunity to a high quality education in the most integrated setting that prepares them to participate in the community, including employment and postsecondary education.
Strategic Action: ED 4A.1

• Based on the Minnesota Post School Outcome Survey data, beginning September 1, 2014 and each subsequent year, there will be an increase of a minimum of 50 students with disabilities per year entering integrated postsecondary education and training programs within one year of exiting secondary education.
Strategic Action: ED 1B

• By June 30, 2014 Develop and maintain a list of training programs and identify and maintain a list of experts to help individualized education program teams reduce the use of restrictive procedures.
Strategic Action: ED 1E

• By February 1, 2015 submit a report to the legislature on district’s progress in reducing the use of restrictive procedures in Minnesota schools. Stakeholder recommendations on revised statutory language will be included in the report.
Strategic Action: ED 1C

• By June 30, 2014 establish a process for school districts to ensure that students with complex disabilities can access crisis services.
Strategic Action: ED 5A

- By June 30, 2014 review current data on this student population and develop prototype reintegration plans to transition students to more integrated settings. Establish measurable goals and timelines for actions to be taken to benefit students.
Strategic Action: ED 5B

• By June 30, 2015 implement reintegration plan protocol statewide.
Strategic Action: ED 2A.1

• By June 30, 2015 and each subsequent year, there will be a minimum of forty additional schools per year using the evidence-based practice of Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) so that students are supported in the most integrated setting. (423 schools have participated in this training, so this represents a 10% increase in the first year.)
Resources

- View Minnesota Olmstead Website
  Tab: Documents

- Implementation Timeline Appendix: Found on pages 135-153

- DB101 benefits planning for youth: WorkBenefitsYouth.org
Thank You!