

Take a Stand on the Plan

Right NOW the Department of Health Services (DHS) is creating a plan that will make BIG changes to how services are provided to people with disabilities, the elderly and families. Without your input, these changes may not be strong enough to make lives better!

This tool will help you tell the Department of Health Services about changes you want for people with disabilities at home, work, and in their decision-making. Once you fill this out, we will submit your comments to the Department of Health Services and send you a copy of your comments.

1. Your address and contact information is required so we can send DHS your comments.

Name:

Address:

City/Town:

ZIP:

Email Address:

2. Are you a:

- Person with a disability (or using this tool to assist someone with a disability to answer)
- Family member (sharing own perspective)
- Paid Provider of Services

3. Are there a range of providers or settings in your area that are integrated and providing services that promote integration (interaction at work and in the community with people without disabilities)?

Paid Provider of Services

Yes

No


Describe any concerns about the range of settings – with emphasis on available integrated settings – in your community. How many integrated choices currently exist?

4. People with disabilities in my area have choices of places to live (residential settings) or workplaces that are integrated and they have meaningful opportunity to interact with people without disabilities.

Yes

No

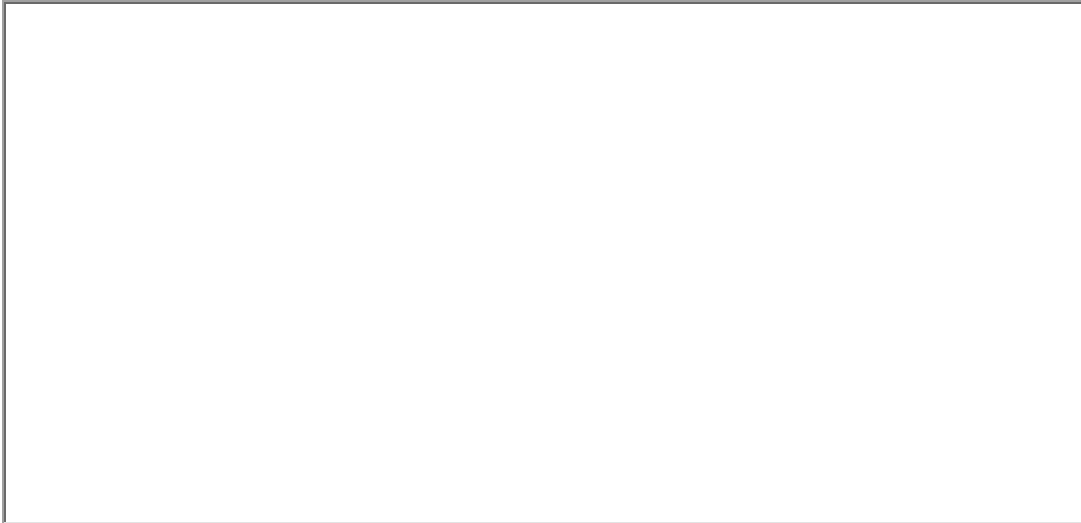
- 5. What are your specific suggestions for how the Department of Health Services should direct and support providers to change to give more choice and be more integrated for people without disabilities? Give specific examples of how DHS should support providers to change their practices and to provide more choices/control for people with disabilities. How might hearing about real stories and best practice examples help?**



- 6. Share ideas on specific standards or guidelines the Department of Health Services should use to determine whether a residential, employment or other setting is integrated and how to ensure that standards for providers are fair and uniformly applied. (Providers will now be assessed on their level of integration.)**



- 7. What are your ideas for how to meaningfully include a person with a disability in person-centered planning that builds upon their strengths and ensures that the process has the integrity to draw out the intent and choices of even individuals with the most significant disabilities?**

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8. Are there adequate employment choices and supports available in your area that allow a person with a disability to pursue a job (not in a segregated setting) that reflects their interests and abilities and allows them to work alongside people without disabilities?

Yes

No

I am not an employment provider

Describe your concerns about availability of supports in your community that would someone to pursue a job or career aligned with their unique interests.

9. What specific things can DHS do for providers in your area to help them transition people with disabilities from more segregated work options to integrated settings?



10. There are various available programs and services that can help maximize integrated employment options for people with disabilities: work incentives benefits counseling MAPP, HEC, DVR, transition planning in schools, supports for work in the Children's Waiver. Do you believe providers could learn more about these tools and strengthen collaboration with other programs?

Yes

No

Maybe

Describe any ideas for how expanded use various tools and improved collaboration around employment might provide more integrated employment options in your area.

11. Do the people with disabilities that you know and support at least minimum wage - \$7.25/hour?

Yes

No

Not sure

Other (please specify)

12. Thank you for using this tool. We will now submit your comments directly to the Department of Health Services as part of their public input process. If you have provided us with an e-mail address we will send you a copy of your comments. Use the box below to add any final comments.

Please return this document to:

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Wisconsin Transition Plan
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