

# Olmstead Plan Stakeholder Advisory

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**NCDHHS Mission:** In collaboration with our partners, the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services provides essential services to improve the health, safety and well-being of all North Carolinians.

**Olmstead Plan Stakeholder Advisory (OPSA) Vision Statement:** North Carolina champions the right of all people with disabilities to choose to live life fully included in the community.

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