



MINNESOTA'S DISABILITY SERVICES SYSTEM IS AT A BREAKING POINT

Please remember people with disabilities, their families and the professionals who support them.

Funding

Disabilities services can't withstand additional cuts to vital services for Minnesota's most vulnerable

Fraud

We support program integrity efforts, but not at the cost of long-standing providers who provide vital services

Workforce

Over 30,000 positions remain unfilled, with a turnover rate of over 50%.

People with disabilities deserve better!

- Stable providers.
- Stable workforce.
- Stable funding.
- Reliable community services.

ASK YOUR CANDIDATE

- Will you make disability services a legislative priority?
- Will you visit our home or organization?
- Will you meet with providers, staff and the people we support before making policy decisions?
- **Invite your candidate to be a champion for disability services:**
 - Tour a disability services program.
 - Meet the people whose lives depend on these services.
 - Work with providers before making policy decisions.
 - Protect community-based services and the rights guaranteed under Olmstead.

Protect the Promise of Olmstead

What is Olmstead? Olmstead v. L.C. is the groundbreaking 1999 U.S. Supreme Court decision that affirmed the right of Americans with disabilities to live in the most integrated settings possible and laid the foundation for Minnesota's Olmstead Plan.

Why are we concerned about Olmstead? In June 2026, the U.S. Department of Justice issued a legal opinion on Olmstead that undermines the guarantee that people with disabilities have the right to live and thrive in their communities.

What is the impact of the DOJ opinion?

- It weakens the promise of community living.
- The opinion argues states have greater discretion to reduce or eliminate community-based services, undermining the principles that have guided disability rights for more than 25 years.
- It puts institutionalization back on the table.
- Olmstead recognized that unnecessary segregation is discrimination. Weakening that protection could leave more people with fewer choices about where they live.
- It creates uncertainty for states and providers.
- Providers cannot responsibly plan services when long-established federal disability protections are suddenly called into question.
- Minnesota has spent decades building community services.
- Community-based supports help people work, volunteer, build relationships and live with independence and dignity. We should strengthen those services—not move backward.



QUESTIONS? WANT TO GET INVOLVED?



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