Successful Strategies for Integration

Opening Session: Olmstead and the promise of the Home and Community-Based Settings Rule
Elizabeth Edwards, National Health Law Program

Best Practices in Residential Settings: How to Avoid Barriers and Pitfalls to Inclusion
Elizabeth Edwards, National Health Law Program
Laura Henrie, Disability Law Center
The HCBS Settings Rule applies to all waiver services including residential settings such as group homes and supported living. While much attention has focused on compliance in non-residential settings, certain common practices may be problematic in residential settings. This session will focus on best practices and practical tips to provide consumers with the necessary support to increase control over their home life.

Keynote Address
Serena Lowe, Administration on Community Living

Best Practices in Non-Residential Settings: How to Avoid Barriers and Pitfalls to Inclusion
Tricia Jones-Parkin, Division of Services for People with Disabilities
The HCBS Settings Rule applies to all waiver services, including employment and day programs. To be compliant settings will need to provide services to all consumers that promote access to competitive, integrated employment. This session will focus on practical strategies to support integration in non-residential settings and how providers can help consumers pursue activities that fit their skills and interests.

Closing Session: Coordination of Services to Support Competitive Integrated Employment
Serena Lowe, Administration on Community Living
Tricia Jones-Parkin, Division of Services for People with Disabilities
Leah Lobato, Vocational Rehabilitation
The Home and Community-Based Settings Rule requires settings to provide opportunities for full access to the community including opportunities for individuals to seek employment and work in competitive integrated settings.
This panel will discuss how consumers, families, and providers can utilize existing services to support individuals to pursue and obtain a job in the community.
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