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DC Office of Disability Rights Releases 2017 to 2020 Olmstead Community Integration Plan on 27th Anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act

This year, on the 27th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), the DC Office of Disability Rights (ODR) has released the District's 2017 to 2020 Olmstead Community Integration Plan. This Plan outlines DC's commitment to ensuring that our residents with disabilities can make meaningful, informed choices when transitioning from long-term care into the community. ODR, along with our partners, DC Office on Aging, Department on Disability Services, Department of Behavioral Health, and Department of Healthcare Finance, have created a comprehensive three-year action plan that fosters cross-agency collaboration and government transparency in the provision of home and community-based services.

"The Office of Disability Rights is pleased to be releasing the District's Olmstead Plan covering fiscal years 2017 through 2020 in honor of the 27th Anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act," exclaimed ODR Acting Director Mathew McCollough. "The Olmstead Plan represents the District Government and its community stakeholders' strong commitment to ensuring that our District residents with disabilities and senior citizens obtain the necessary home and community-based services and supports in the most integrated, least

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restrictive environments on order for them to be contributing, productive members – the very principle of the ADA,”

Signed into law by President George H.W. Bush on July 26, 1990, the ADA is the most comprehensive federal law that protects qualified individuals with disabilities from discrimination and requires that they be given equal access and opportunity.

For more information regarding the District’s Olmstead Plan, visit our [website](#). For questions or comments about the Plan, or to express your interest in becoming a member of the Olmstead Working Group, call our office at (202) 724-5055 or email us at olmstead@dc.gov

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