

## NC DHHS HCBS Transition Plan Chat Sessions Listening Tour At-A-Glance 2015

Date/Time	Location	Attendees	Session Feedback
February 3, 2015 2pm-3:30pm	343 E. Six Forks Rd. Suite 320 Raleigh, NC	Self-Advocate: 1 Family: 6 State Government: 2	<p><b>Employment:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Increase access to Vocational Rehabilitation much earlier;</li> <li>- Increase employment options/develop job market;</li> <li>- Supported Employment made available at the legal working age (16).</li> </ul> <p><b>Residential:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- "Homelike" must be reasonable (guidance is important);</li> <li>- Group homes should not be "default" option;</li> <li>- Improved transition planning for people moving out of parent's home or group home.</li> </ul> <p><b>Day Services/Adult Day Health:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- My "peers" may be others with disabilities, this may be my choice;</li> <li>- Increased staff availability/pool so parents can work - critical shortage also skill level is an issue;</li> <li>- Transition from segregated to integrated settings should be gradual, not immediate.</li> </ul>
February 9, 2015 6pm - 8pm	205 C-D Plaza Dr. Greenville, NC	Self-Advocates: 3 Family: 3 State Government: 2	<p><b>Employment:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Educate employers on benefits of I/DD employees (include people with I/DD in the process);</li> <li>- Need Vocational Rehabilitation to be involved earlier in the person's life;</li> <li>- Need to promote work for everyone, not just the "highest functioning".</li> </ul> <p><b>Residential:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- If a person chooses a group home, the housemates should have a variety of abilities (not grouped by disability);</li> <li>- Need affordable education opportunities to teach people to successfully live independently;</li> <li>- Need staff trained on inclusion/integration.</li> </ul> <p><b>Day Services/Adult Day Health:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Integration should start when children are young so they know their communities, and their communities know them;</li> <li>- Options need to be individualized for real person-centeredness;</li> <li>- Stigma and unwelcoming communities are a barrier to community inclusion.</li> </ul>
February 10, 2015 6pm - 8pm	1006 S Marshall St. Winston-Salem, NC	Self-Advocates: 4 Family: 16 State Government: 1	<p><b>Employment:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Emphasize employment outcomes;</li> <li>- Transportation is an issue to obtaining and maintaining employment;</li> <li>- Need to improve workforce to provide better supports.</li> </ul> <p><b>Residential:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Change in parent as provider requirements is a barrier;</li> <li>- Need a variety of housing options and emphasis on future planning;</li> <li>- Need more emphasis on roommate/housemate choice.</li> </ul> <p><b>Day Services/Adult Day Health:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Improve provider network to include more Adult Day Health providers;</li> <li>- Lack of available psychologist is a barrier to inclusion (people are unable to transition out of institutions without an evaluation);</li> <li>- Need a better variety of day settings.</li> </ul>
February 11, 2015 2pm-3:30pm	5041 New Centre Dr. Suite 100 Wilmington, NC	Self-Advocates: 2 Family: 3 State Government: 1	<p><b>Employment:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Need better training for job coaches;</li> <li>- Vocational Rehabilitation can be a barrier to employment (short staffed, no long term follow along);</li> <li>- Lack of jobs in the community is a barrier.</li> </ul> <p><b>Residential:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Essential to have a variety of options;</li> <li>- Community Networking is working well;</li> <li>- Need to improve true person-centered planning process.</li> </ul> <p><b>Day Services/Adult Day Health:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Need more options for people to choose from;</li> <li>- LME-MCOs are pushing group day supports - counterproductive to person-centeredness;</li> <li>- Need workforce development to improve staff competencies.</li> </ul>
February 12, 2015 6pm-8pm	306 Summit St. Asheville, NC	Self-Advocate: 1 Family: 15 State Government: 2	<p><b>Employment:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Need streamlined access to services, especially when a job becomes available;</li> <li>- Need to promote a variety of employment options such as microenterprise;</li> <li>- Vocational Rehabilitation can be a barrier to continued employment - step down plans can occur too quickly.</li> </ul> <p><b>Residential:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Alternative Family Living settings can be a good alternative to group homes;</li> <li>- System should not rely on natural supports as a substitute for services;</li> <li>- High staff turnover rate is a barrier to inclusion and person-centered supports.</li> </ul> <p><b>Day Services/Adult Day Health:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Day programs should be available if the person chooses that setting;</li> <li>- Need options for meaningful day based on the person's interests;</li> <li>- Need more education and training for staff.</li> </ul>
		<b>Total Attendees: 62</b>	