

# Olmstead Plan Stakeholder Advisory

## Implementation Phase, 2022 – 2023

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**NC DHHS Mission:** In collaboration with our partners, the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services provides essential services to assist people with disabilities to reside in and experience the full benefit of inclusive communities.

**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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