



The 5.07 Plan In Plain Language

The 5.07 Planning Process

Section 5.07 of New York State Mental Hygiene Law requires OPWDD to make a five-year plan for providing services. This plan sets goals for improving supports and services over the next five years.

Stakeholder Input

In 2021 OPWDD :

- held five regional public forums where 100 people spoke.
- met with 26 groups – people with disabilities, family members, service providers and others.
- received emails and letters from more than 200 people

People told OPWDD that the most important things to do in the next five years are to improve:

- Direct support workforce
- Self-Direction
- Housing services
- Services for people with complex needs
- How we share data and information
- Support for research

Goals and Objectives

OPWDD's plan names the following goals over the next 5 years.

Under each goal are objectives. Under each objective, are activities and projects that will help OPWDD meet the goals.

Goal 1:

Support people in the most person-centered ways

Goal 2:

Strengthen the workforce and OPWDD

Goal 3:

Improve the service system across the state



Support people in the most person-centered ways

Make sure services meet each person's needs. Services should offer choice and help people to be independent and enjoy their community.



Objective 1.1: Improving Community Integration

- Grow day services that help people enjoy their community
- Make it easier to get Assistive Technology and Environmental Modifications (Such as speech devices or a wheelchair ramp)
- Help more people to use supported decision-making

Objective 1.2: Serving Children, Youth and Young Adults

- Look at how waiver services used by children could be better
- Improve Care Management for children
- Make crisis services easier for children to get

Objective 1.3: Meeting Complex Needs

- Improve supports for people with complex needs
- Improve Intensive Behavioral Support Services
- Make crisis services better and easier to get
- Help service providers support people with complex needs

Objective 1.4: Serving Diverse Communities

- New OPWDD Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion
- Look at how OPWDD supports all people





Strengthen the workforce and OPWDD

Support direct care workers, update the service system and increase access to information.



Objective 2.1: Improve the Direct Support Workforce

- Provide financial support for the workforce
- Hire more workers and keep them employed
- Improve workforce training and support

Objective 2.2: Improve OPWDD's Use of Data

- Improve technology and how OPWDD uses data to make services better

Objective 2.3: Improve Stakeholder Involvement

- Continue to meet with people we support, family members and providers to plan together





Improve the service system across the state

Find ways to make services less complicated and better serve people.



Objective 3.1: Improve Supports and Services

- Self-Direction
- Employment and Day Services
- Housing Services
- Access to Health Services
- Review the quality of Care Management/Care Coordination

Objective 3.2: Change Rules

- Increase flexibility through better regulations

Objective 3.3: Support Research and Innovation

- Review programs and study new ways to support people



Reporting on Progress

OPWDD will share regular updates at www.opwdd.ny.gov.

OPWDD will keep talking with stakeholders about the plan and our progress.