



Maryland Developmental Disabilities Council

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MD DD Council Supports Phasing out Segregated Facility-based Day Programs and Sheltered Workshops

In December 2014, the Council adopted the following position, which we will advocate and provide support to see implemented:

Maryland should reduce the use of, and eventually phase out, segregated facility-based day programs and sheltered workshops for people with developmental disabilities including people with the most significant disabilities and support needs. This requires development of meaningful alternatives that are more integrated and have adequate funding and staff support.

The Council is committed to this position because:

- People in sheltered workshops have limited opportunities to build skills for real jobs; getting ready for a job becomes lifetime activity;
- Facility-based programs segregated and isolate people;
- Everyone should be included in the community, including people with the most significant disabilities;
- It is consistent with CMS's settings rule for home and community based services (HCBS). These rules require HCBS settings to provide opportunities for participants to engage in community life, have access to the community, control their personal resources, and seek employment and work in competitive settings*;
- It is consistent with the ADA and the Supreme Court decision in *Olmstead v. L.C.*, 527 U.S. 581 (1999).

*<http://www.medicaid.gov/Federal-Policy-Guidance/Downloads/CIB-01-10-14.pdf>