

Making Lifelong Connections

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Policy project team disciplines:

Genetic Counseling

School Psychology

Audiology

Family

Policy topic:

Stakeholder input in development of  
State transition plan for Home- &  
Community-Based Settings Rule  
“Let’s Help *All* Families Have Their  
Say”

## Teamwork:

- Request public records for comments on plan
- Analyze comments and gauge demographics
  - Research comparisons with other states
    - Develop fact sheet
    - Visit legislative offices
- Share and present to LEND trainee colleagues



# Let's Help All Families Have Their Say

in planning Wisconsin's statewide transition to integrated home- and community-based settings for people with disabilities



## Why is this important?

- Many families face barriers in having their voices heard in community decisions
  - They may live in poverty, have a language barrier, be an ethnic minority, live in a rural area, or be homeless
- To ensure person-centered planning, full inclusion and representation, live integration of individuals with disabilities into their communities



## How Has Wisconsin Reached Out?

- Statewide Transition Plan posted online November 26, 2014
- Published Notices for Public Input in 16 State Newspapers
  - Gave a 30-day comment period
  - Asked for comments via mail or email
- Email Sent from Department of Health Services
  - With the same 30 day comment period
  - Received 227 replies - 72% via mail, 28% via email

## Moving Forward

- As Wisconsin begins implementation of the Transition Plan we request that the legislature **continues to seek frequent public input** through
  - Consultation with the Long-Term Care, Developmental Disability, and Physical Disability state councils
  - Interactive forums where stakeholders are invited to share their opinions
  - Specific efforts to engage underrepresented individuals and families

