

**MDMH Olmstead Policy Academy on Housing, Employment and Recovery Supports
Summary of MS Olmstead Strategic Action Plan**

HOUSING GOAL: Expand opportunities for affordable and accessible community-based housing for individuals with disabilities

Housing strategies include:

- **Requesting an allocation of remaining unused Katrina CDBG funds for developments supporting community-based housing options**
- **Encourage PHAs to establish preferences for Persons with Disabilities**
- **Develop a plan and pursue the establishment of a Housing Trust Fund in MS as a renewable source of funding for housing development**
- **Coordinate with the MS Health Care Zone (HCZ) initiative to identify opportunities individuals with disabilities using housing tax credit-funded rental developments inside the HCZs**
- **Establish a relationship with Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) grantees to strengthen services to Veterans with disabilities who are experiencing homelessness**

Mississippi's Olmstead Policy Academy representation includes:

**MS Department of Mental Health
MS Division of Medicaid
South MS Housing and Development Corporation
Community Mental Health Center reps
MS AG's Office
MDMH Bureau of Alcohol and Drug Services
MS Home Corporation
Peer Support Specialists
Individuals/Family Representatives
Pre-Vocational Centers
MS United to End Homelessness CoC
Vocational Rehabilitation Services
Disability Determination Services
The Arc of MS
MS Development Authority
Workforce Development (S. Delta PDD)
MDMH Division of Consumer Supports
Peer Support Services
Health Care for Homeless Veterans
Property Management and Development representative
USM Institute for Disability Studies**