What is SARTAC?

- Self Advocacy Resource and Technical Assistance Center
- Online clearinghouse for information
- A partnership between regional technical assistance centers
- Funded by Administration for Community Living
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The Olmstead decision is a Supreme Court Decision making it the law of the Land.
Disability Rights are Civil Rights

Olmstead is Disability Civil Rights
Olmstead Decision

Basically it says:

That People with Disabilities should receive services in

- “Most Integrated setting.”
- Meaning in the Community
What is Olmstead?

- It starts with the story of the Olmstead case. It begins with two women, Lois Curtis and Elaine Wilson, who had mental illness and developmental disabilities, and were voluntarily admitted to the psychiatric unit in the State-run Georgia Regional Hospital.
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Following the women's medical treatment there, mental health professionals stated that each was ready to move to a community-based program.
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- However, the women remained stuck in the institution, each for several years after the initial treatment was finished. They filed suit and went to court under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) for release from the hospital.
Olmstead

On June 22, 1999, the United States Supreme Court held in *Olmstead v. L.C.* that it was wrong to segregate persons with disabilities it is discrimination in violation of title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Now services have to be offered in the most integrated setting!
Olmstead

- This has led to many people getting out of institutions and no longer being in sheltered workshops. Remember the key is "services in the most integrated setting" meaning the community.

- Olmstead compliance starts with states having an Olmstead plans.
Self Advocacy and Self Advocates was key!

At the beginning, 22 state were in support of state of Georgia and went down to 5 States in support of the state of Georgia.
Future of Olmstead

Not every state is in compliance with the Olmstead decision, but it takes self advocates joining together to make the dream of services in the community real.
From 2004, the disability community comes together to do *Long Road Home* events to raise awareness that people with disabilities have the right to receive services in the most integrated setting meaning the community.
Future of Olmstead

This presentation is a **Long Road Home** event being done by SARTAC. **Long Road Home** was started by People First of Georgia then expanded to 8 more states.
Long Road Home Videos

https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=7&v=X5jM3qjf4Yo
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https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V99x1LbVyW4
Self advocates Make the Difference!

Let's all Celebrate Olmstead and spread awareness about Disability Civil Rights
Large Group questions

- Does your state have an Olmstead plan?
- Does your state have institutions?
- Does your state have sheltered workshops?
- Is this your first Long Road Home event?
- Is your self advocacy group doing self advocacy project to bring awareness and celebrate Olmstead or the Anniversary of the ADA?
Resources

Resources for self advocacy groups can be found at www.selfadvocacyinfo.org