



Utah Long-Term Services and Supports Research Project

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Who We Are



Human Services
Research Institute

The Human Services Research Institute (HSRI) is a national non-profit that was founded in 1976 to improve the availability and quality of supports for children and adults with disabilities and other vulnerable populations.

Underpinning our work is a simple belief:

All people and their families have the right to live, love, work, play and pursue their life aspirations in their community.

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Meet Our Team – HSRI



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Our Project Partners

- Utah Department of Health & Human Services, Services for People with Disabilities
- Utah State University Institute for Disability Research, Policy & Practice
- Burns & Associates, A Division of Health Management Associates

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Utah Department of
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Services for People with Disabilities

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A DIVISION OF HEALTH MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATES

About the Project

Purpose of the Utah LTSS Project

- Learn from people in services, family members, providers, advocacy organizations, and other community members about what's currently going well and not going well in the service system.
- Using feedback, make recommendations to the Utah Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) on how to:
 - Meet people's wants and needs (person-centered)
 - Structure services
 - Create greater capacity to serve more people
 - Expand individual choice

Priorities

- People being a part of their community
 - Supporting people and families so that people can live where they want
 - Relying less on institutions
 - People working in their community
 - Prioritizing person-centered thinking and care
 - Addressing direct care staff shortages
- Expanding home and community-based services to more people
 - Expanding service provider networks
 - Different ways of providing services
 - Increasing access to services for people living in rural places
 - Making sure resources are spread fairly (how much services people receive, how much providers are paid for different services)

Activities

- Study Steering Committee made up of representatives from the disability and aging network in Utah
 - Research and recommendations on best practices
- Needs Analysis (estimating what the need for services will look like in the next 20 years)
 - One-on-one interviews and focus groups
 - We will pay people for their time participating in these important activities.

Feedback on Priorities

Live Feedback Survey

Link:

<https://forms.office.com/r/9FGKrbrced>

Feedback Form: Utah Long-Term
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Next Steps

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- Convene the Steering Committee
- Begin Focus Groups and Interviews
- Finalize the Work Plan
- Begin Research





Thank You!

Reach out to Jasmine
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with questions related to this
project!

