

Integrated Community Project

SHA Membership Meeting

April 7, 2021

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Goal:

Increase the capacity of people with disabilities to become fully engaged in their communities



Supportive Housing Association
of New Jersey

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This initiative was funded by an Inclusive Healthy Communities Grant from the Division of Disability Services, New Jersey Department of Human Services



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Through focus groups and leadership teams in Bergen, Camden and Ocean Counties, we will survey communities' current successes and opportunities to grow their community integration and engagement.



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For Focus Groups:

- Recruiting participants who live in Bergen, Camden and Ocean Counties
- Seeking interest from individuals with a variety of disabilities who will be integral to work of project
- Are asking for commitment of a one time, 1-2-hour long meeting



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Role of Focus Group Members:

- Lead work towards equity and reducing stereotypes and decreasing prejudice,
- Fully define all the scope of and all aspects of community integration and engagement (in other words, in what parts of life in their municipality, would they like to be more included and integrated?) and



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Role of Focus Group Members (cont.):

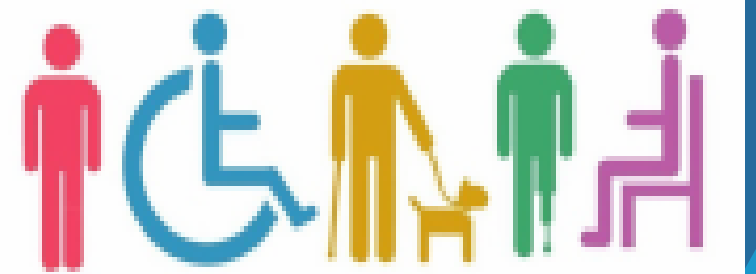
- Using this inclusive definition, discuss and determine the components of community integration that municipalities can use to self-assess, measure and evaluate progress towards and identify opportunities for growth in their municipalities



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Joining Focus Group

- Live or work in Bergen, Camden or Ocean Counties
- Complete & submit the focus group survey of interest by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, April 16, 2021. Email Kate Kelly at kate.Kelly@shanj.org for the survey of interest.
- Receive notification by Friday, April 30, 2021 regarding whether you have been chosen to participate.



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Leadership Teams

- Meet
 - In Bergen, Camden and Ocean Counties
 - From May 2021 - May 2022 in, on average, one-hour meetings
- Consist of membership of 10-15 people per county team
- Include leaders from organizations that support individuals with disabilities and leaders with the lived experience of having a variety of disabilities



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Leadership Team

- Provide feedback and guidance throughout the project
- Assist with reviewing self-assessment for municipalities and other potential resources in the “toolbox”
- Help connect us with key staff and leaders at the county level



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Contact Kate Kelly, Integrated Community Project Manager at kate.Kelly@shanj.org if you:

- Live with a disability of any type in a municipality in Bergen, Camden or Ocean County
- Are part of:
 - A regional or statewide organization or agency serving people with disabilities OR
 - An organization or agency that works in a municipality Bergen, Camden or Ocean Counties to assist people with disabilities