



## **Integrated Community Project Focus Group Description**

This document explains:

- The work of the [Integrated Community Project \(ICP\)](#) Focus Groups
- How you can tell the Supportive Housing Association of New Jersey (SHA-NJ) that you want to participate in a focus group.

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### **What is the goal of the Integrated Community Project?**



The goal of this Project is to expand the opportunities for people with disabilities to become fully involved in the activities of daily life in their cities and towns.

### **Where is the work of the Integrated Community Project taking place?**

We are working in Bergen, Camden, and Ocean Counties.

### **How will these focus groups help the Integrated Community Project?**

In the focus groups, you will help us by sharing:

1. How cities and towns already involve people with disabilities in daily life in your communities
2. What is missing in your life in the city or town where you live
3. How cities and towns can do a better job in giving you connections to different parts of daily life.

### **Who is SHA-NJ seeking to guide the work of the Integrated Community Project?**

Individuals who have different disabilities and/or face different barriers including 1 or more of the following:

1. Physical disabilities
2. Intellectual and developmental disabilities
3. Mental health and substance abuse disorders
4. Individuals who experience homelessness
5. Individuals who are aging

## What will be the role of Integrated Community Project focus group members?

Focus group members will:

1. Lead work where you live in promoting equal opportunities for everyone
2. Explain to us what it means to feel fully included in your community
3. Help us understand each of the ways that your city or town includes everyone and makes the parts of daily life available to everyone
4. Tell us about the parts of life in the city or town where you live in which you would like to be able to participate

## How do I join a focus group?



1. You must live or work in **Bergen, Camden, or Ocean County**.
2. You need to complete and submit the focus group survey of interest below or email Kate Kelly at [kate.kelly@shanj.org](mailto:kate.kelly@shanj.org).
3. This link to the survey of interest is below. It is a google form. If the questions that are asked in the survey are difficult for you to understand, please ask someone for help reading, understanding, and answering the questions.
4. Click on the Google Form Link here → <https://forms.gle/RaAQg9QzuQgNkhsS8>
5. All applicants will be informed by **Monday, July 12, 2021** whether or not you have been chosen to participate. You will receive a gift card if you participate in the focus group.

## How many focus groups will there be? How will we choose focus group participants?

1. We will hold focus groups in each of the following counties:  
**Bergen: July 13th - 12:30–1:30pm, Camden: July 13th - 6:30–7:30pm, and Ocean: July 14th - 12:00–1:00pm.**
2. Each focus group will be made up of 8 people selected to represent a variety of disabilities.
3. Focus groups will be convened virtually.

**Questions? Please email Kate Kelly at [kate.kelly@shanj.org](mailto:kate.kelly@shanj.org).**

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