
SARTAC Advisory Committee

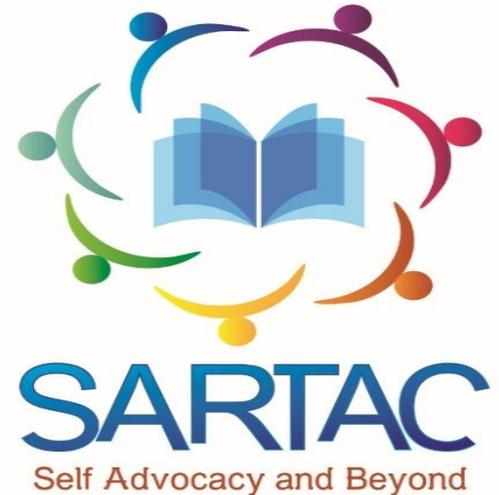


OLMSTEAD: DISABILITY CIVIL RIGHTS

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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



Presenters



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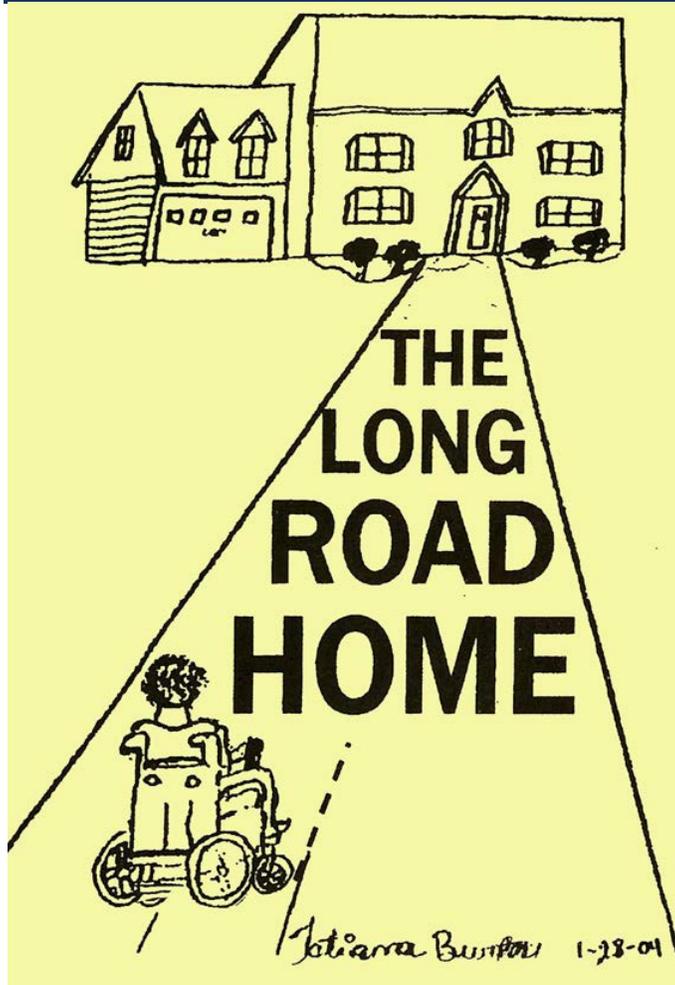


OLMSTEAD Decision

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.



What is Olmstead?

- Following the women's medical treatment there, mental health professionals stated that each was ready to move to a community-based program.



What is Olmstead?

- 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 lead 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.





Olmstead Decision

- 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.





Future of Olmstead

- 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=X5jM3gjf4Yo



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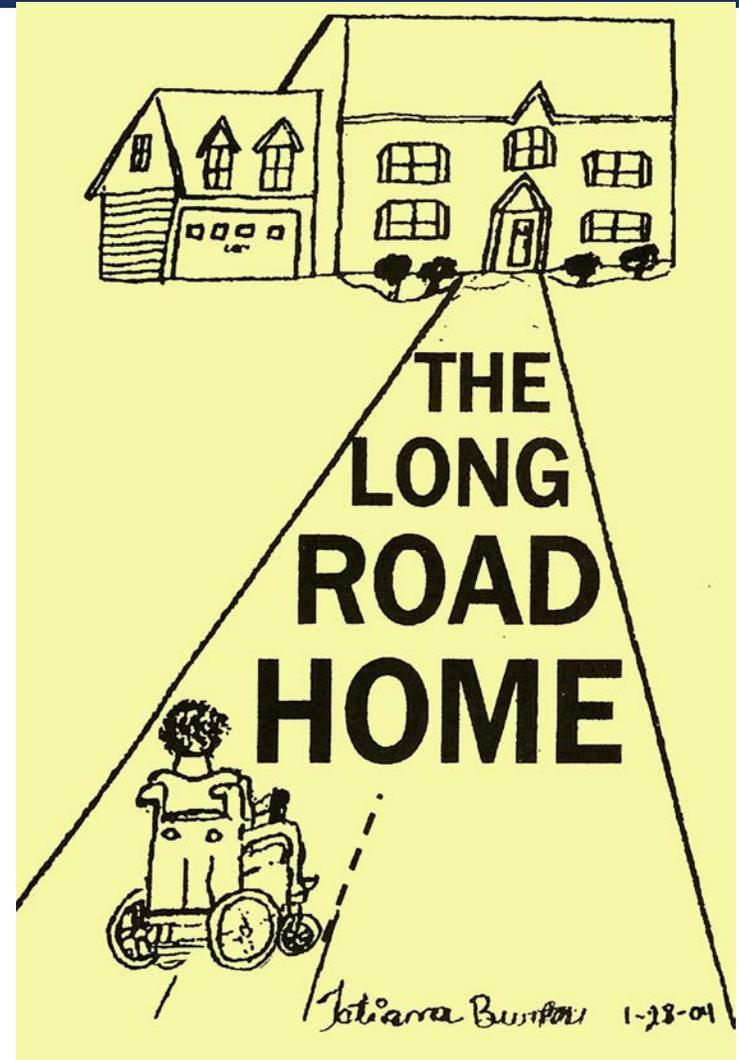


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Self advocates Make the Difference!

Lets 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



The screenshot displays the homepage of the Self Advocacy Resource and Technical Assistance Center (SARTAC). At the top, there are social media icons for Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube, along with accessibility options like 'Select Language', 'AAA', 'Listen to Page', and 'Access Options'. The main header features the SARTAC logo, which consists of a stylized book icon surrounded by colorful circles, and the text 'SARTAC Self Advocacy and Beyond'. To the right of the logo, the full name 'Self Advocacy Resource and Technical Assistance Center' is written. Below the header is a dark blue navigation bar with the following menu items: HOME, ABOUT, RESOURCES, SELF ADVOCACY, SUPPORT, and CONTACT US. A search icon is located on the right side of this bar. The main content area features a large banner image showing a man in a blue shirt using a laptop, a group of people around a table with various icons, and a woman in a red and black striped shirt using a laptop. Below the banner, a purple bar contains the text 'Your one-stop resource for organizing and supporting self advocacy groups'. At the bottom of the banner area, the text 'How can we help your self advocacy group?' is displayed in green.