

Acquired Brain Injury (ABI), Moving Forward Plan (MFP), and Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) Waiver Stakeholder Advisory Committee

Mission

The mission of the committee is to identify and support all the ways we can assess and ensure the highest quality services. Committee members analyze data while also listening to and sharing unique perspectives. This balance is essential and is one of the main reasons you're here.

Who is a stakeholder?

A stakeholder is a person who has a direct interest or investment in a program or service and who wants to support the quality of this program or service. The ABI/MFP/TBI Waiver Stakeholder Advisory Committee is a diverse group of waiver participants, family members, providers, advocates, and state agency staff.

Why is this committee so important?

The Department of Developmental Services (DDS) and the Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission (MRC) collect a lot of data that helps us assess and evaluate the quality of our services and supports. We need your help in using this data to:

1. tell us how we're doing in helping members of the ABI, MFP, and TBI communities meet their goals; and
2. help us set goals to improve services and better support quality of life.

Throughout our time together, we'll all be guided by a common purpose—to improve the lives of people we support.

What is data, and how will we use it?

Data includes facts and statistics collected for reference or analysis. We'll analyze the DDS and MRC data together. Don't worry if you've never analyzed data before—we'll share materials to help show you what to look for, what questions to ask, and what the data may mean. There will be time to ask questions and figure things out together.

Your experiences are essential tools, as we can compare lived experience with what the data says. Data is important, but we know your individual stories are equally—if not more—important. We'll use this data and your experiences to determine ways we can improve.

How can you participate?

This committee meets quarterly on Zoom. Meetings are organized and coordinated by state agency staff. They're responsible for preparing and sharing information to assess and monitor the quality of services. We'll share this information in various ways (such as written reports, charts, and summaries), and discuss any identified strengths, weaknesses, limitations, or opportunities for further consideration. State agency staff will communicate all information to committee members in an accessible manner and will meet any accessibility needs.

Welcome!