

**The Kentucky Department of Medicaid Services  
Invites you to talk about your experience with  
Medicaid Home and Community Based Services**

The Department of Medicaid Services (DMS) invites you to focus group meetings to talk about home and community based services provided through 1915 (c) waivers. DMS would like to talk with you about how waivers are working now and about how to improve them for the future.

**Focus Groups will be held at the following locations:**

- **Paducah (Tuesday 9/26/17)**-Paducah Convention & Expo Center, 415 Park Avenue, Paducah KY 42001- The Madison & Van Buren Rooms
- **Owensboro (Wednesday 9/27/17)**-Owensboro Community & Technical College 4800 New Hartford Rd, Owensboro, KY 42303-The Chandler Center, Room 107
- **Bowling Green (Thursday 9/28/17)**-Western Kentucky University, Knicely Center, 2355 Nashville Rd, Bowling Green, KY 42101 Rooms 163 A & C
- **Somerset (Tuesday 10/3/17)**-Center for Rural Development 2292 South Hwy 27, Somerset KY-Ballroom A & B80 Chenault Rooms
- **Prestonsburg (Wednesday 10/4/17)**-Big Sandy Area Development District 110 Resource Court, Prestonsburg KY 41653-Meeting Room and Conference Room
- **Ashland (Thursday 10/5/17)**-The Log Cabin & The Round House, 615 22<sup>nd</sup> Street, Ashland, KY 41101
- **Louisville (Tuesday 10/10/17)**-Down Syndrome of Louisville 5001 South Hurstbourne Parkway, Louisville, KY 40291-Sublett Hall & Early Education Classroom
- **Lexington (Wednesday 10/11/17)**- Indiana Wesleyan University Lexington Campus 2530 Sir Barton Way, Lexington, KY 40509-Rooms 206 & 210
- **Florence (Wednesday 10/18/17)**-Florence Government Center 8100 Ewing Boulevard, Florence, KY 41041-Community Room A & B
- **Frankfort (Thursday 10/19/17)**-Best Western 80 Chenault Road, Frankfort KY 40601-North & South Meeting Rooms

At each of these locations, we will hold four focus groups, one for each of the following categories:

- *Individuals currently accessing services or waiting to access services-Afternoon Session*
- *Caregivers if individuals currently accessing services or waiting to access services-Afternoon Session*
- *Direct support providers-Morning Session*
- *HCBS provider owners, operators and managers: Morning Session*

Morning Sessions will begin at 9:30 a.m. and last until 11:00 a.m. Afternoon sessions will begin at 2:00 p.m. and last until 3:30 p.m.

Focus groups will offer an opportunity for DMS to have conversations to understand stakeholder's experience when receiving or providing services through waiver programs. We want to understand what is important to individuals of the Commonwealth, so that we can shape services to meet the needs and wishes of those who participate in home and community based services. We also would like to understand first-hand what individuals hope to see improved, as we consider ways to enhance these programs in the future.

Please call 502-564-7540 and ask to speak with Misty Peach or email [Misty.Peach@ky.gov](mailto:Misty.Peach@ky.gov), to reserve your spot in a focus group. Please let her know which category and location you wish to attend.

If you are not able to participate in a focus group, we invite you to give us your comments by emailing: [MedicaidPublicComment@ky.gov](mailto:MedicaidPublicComment@ky.gov)

We appreciate your time and interest in Kentucky Medicaid-provided home and community based services.