



# Realizing the Vision of Optimal Community Inclusion:

Additional Strategies for States & Providers in  
Implementing the HCBS Settings Rule with Fidelity



# State Panel on Leadership & Vision in Support of Community Inclusion

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## Moderated Discussion: *Question 1*

- Successful community inclusion requires a lot of innovation, creativity, and experimenting. As state leaders, how have you incentivized, encouraged, and allowed for providers and staff to experiment and pilot new strategies for getting people into the community?

## Moderated Discussion: *Question 2*

- With systems change the magnitude of what you have undertaken in your states, there is a need for candid conversations and ongoing collaboration with partners beyond token engagement. Can you speak to some of the strategies you've taken to address and manage conflicts with stakeholders around your systems change work to promote community inclusion? How have you assured ongoing political commitment to your vision?

## Moderated Discussion: *Question 3*

- Moving ahead, where do you think the next major challenges and opportunities lie in the pursuit of increasing community inclusion for the individuals we serve, beyond what the rule has stimulated?



# Thank you!

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