

# Consumer Integration in Policy & Program Development

**The President's New Freedom Commission** calls for the transformation of the current mental health system to one with the vision that all persons with mental illness can recover. This vision supports a fundamental shift in services that focus on symptom reduction and custodial care to empowering partnerships between service providers and consumers in support of self-determination. This 1 ½ day workshop presents information about how to integrate consumers as equal partners in policy and program development.

*To effectively meet the challenge of system transformation, consumers must be integral to the development of policies and procedures.*

## ■ Goals

- Provide administrators and policymakers with information and direction to facilitate integration of consumers into policy and program development
- Provide consumers with information and skills to become effective partners and participants in this process
- Develop a strategic plan for local change

## ■ Participants

- Administrators of mental health services
- Administrators of criminal justice services (law enforcement, jail, courts, attorneys, probation/parole)
- Local policymakers
- Consumers of mental health services who have past or current involvement with the criminal justice system
- Family members of justice-involved individuals with mental illness

## ■ Topics

- Consumers as Partners in Program and Policy Development
- Becoming Effective Partners in Systems Change
- Creating a Local Action Plan

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