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	Current Strategy	Accomplishments that support this Strategy	Recommendation for this Strategy (retain, revise, replace)
1.	Train direct care provider staff, supervisors, and managers in Person Centered Thinking and Planning to assist people to identify new experiences, promote engagement in new activities, and make new connections that are important to them.	<ul> <li>Developed 7-module course for DSPs that includes person-centered approaches.         More than 20,000 DSPs have completed the course.     </li> <li>Successfully piloted a workshop to assist providers to plan with individuals and families that includes person-centered strategies and community mapping. Up to 20 sessions are planned for the upcoming year.</li> </ul>	RETAIN
2.	Establish the statewide practice of community participation that facilitates valued and active participation in a broad range of integrated activities that build on the person's interests, preferences, and strengths while reflecting the person's desires for employment, community involvement, and membership.	<ul> <li>Implemented CPS service 7/1/17 and increased the amount of time people were supported in community settings from 8.8 percent to 19.2 percent (as of March 2019).</li> <li>CPS implementation workgroup established in July 2019.</li> </ul>	RETAIN/REVISE:  "Continue the statewide practice of community participation that facilitates valued and active participation in a broad range of integrated activities that build on the person's interests, preferences, and strengths while reflecting the person's desires for employment, community involvement, and membership.
3.	Redesign day programs (adult day habilitation and prevocational services) to limit separation from the community, encourage employment and community participation, and to provide the support people need to be in their communities, from transportation to skill building.	<ul> <li>Implemented CPS service 7/1/17.</li> <li>Proposed on-call and remote support service</li> </ul>	REMOVE

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4. Provide training to SCs and all stakeholders on facilitating and supporting individuals to become more involved in community life.	<ul> <li>Provided training to SCs and stakeholders on CPS and implementation. Developed and delivered training on LifeCourse Tools and person-centered planning.</li> </ul>	<b>REVISE:</b> Develop and provide training to SCs on facilitating planning, discussions and effective monitoring to support individuals to become more involved in community life."
5. Develop and disseminate new ideas and approaches on how to provide creative solutions to transportation barriers.	<ul> <li>Supported use of ride-sharing programs such as Uber and Lyft.</li> <li>Proposed on-call and remote support service in waiver amendments effective 10/1/19 that could alleviate transportation barriers.</li> </ul>	RETAIN

## New Strategies and/or Strategies that have been implemented but were not included in the original 2016 list

1. Analyze available data to identify providers that are meeting or exceeding goals for community participation to gather information on best practices and provide technical assistance to facility-based CPS providers to change business practices to increasingly support people in community settings.

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