

Nebraskans AIM for Excellence

Quality Review Teams

- **Initiated to assess and enhance the quality of life of people with developmental disabilities**
- **To establish partnerships between volunteer visitors and the people who live and work in residences in Nebraska**

ADAPTED FROM

- **AIM for Excellence Handbook developed by The Arc of Oregon**

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- **Oklahoma Advocates Involved In Monitoring (AIM) developed by the Tulsa ARC**

GENESIS

- **1991 Developmental Disabilities Services Act required Quality Review Teams present in all six DD regions**
- **Governor's Developmental Disabilities Planning Council funded Pilot Project with grant to The Arc**
- **1992 Nebraska's Health and Human Services contracted with The Arc of Nebraska**

COOPERATIVE EFFORT

(All involved in Project development)

- **Persons with developmental disabilities**
 - **Primary source of input**
 - **Team members**

- **State – Developmental Disabilities System**
 - **Authority**
 - **Funding**
 - **Information**
 - **Services Coordination**

- **Advocacy Organization – The Arc**
 - **Overall responsibility**
 - **Coordination**

- **Family members**
 - **Team**

- **Providers**
 - **Willing participant**
 - **Direct care staff input**
 - **Management responses**

- **Communities**
 - **Team**
 - **Subcontract**

Quality Review Teams

- **The TEAM**
 - **Person with a developmental disability**
 - **Family member of person with a developmental disability**
 - **Person that is neither (interested community member)**
 - **Coordinator (or) team leader**

“Quality of living/supports enhanced through shared ideas and strategies”

TRAINING

- 1. Must complete the equivalent of two days of training**

- 2. Conducted by or provided through The Arc of Nebraska**
 - a. The history of and trends in services/supports**

 - b. A discussion of quality**

 - c. A discussion of each of the items in the Handbook**

 - d. The guidelines for conducting visits**

e. Issues of confidentiality

f. Instructions on completing the rating form

3. Staff from agency programs and area Service Coordinators will also be asked to participate in training sessions.

**4. Team members are trained that they are a guest in someone else's home
Ask permission before looking at or checking appliances, cupboards, rooms, in the home.**

PROCESS

- ❖ **Visits arranged in advance**
- ❖ **Teams may visit on a monthly bi-monthly or quarterly schedule**
- ❖ **Looking at quality of life of individuals living in a home (cottages/living units at ICF/MR)**
- ❖ **“Whose home it is ?”
“Would I want to live here?”**
- ❖ **Visits *may* include activities to establish relationships and move away from traditional monitoring.**

1. Bocci ball - Cook outs - Shopping

REPORTS

- A confidential draft narrative is provided to individuals and staff at the residential setting; and the agency contact

- Opportunity for the agency to respond to questions/concerns
This response is included in the “final” report

- This confidential completed narrative is provided to:
 - Team members
 - Individuals and the staff at the home visited
 - The agency contact

➤ **A completed narrative report is provided to Nebraska Health and Human Services Developmental Disabilities System**

➤ **Abuse/Neglect**