



## Brain Injury Learning Collaborative

National Center on Advancing Person-Centered Practices and Systems

The NCAPPS Learning Collaborative brings together 16 teams—composed of self-advocates, researchers, government agencies, and providers—to improve outcomes for people with brain-injury by exploring strategies to make systems more person-centered.

Learning collaboratives spur successful, long-term systems change by allowing teams to learn quickly from their own efforts and those of other teams who are pursuing similar strategies. In addition to receiving supports from other teams, participants in the NCAPPS Brain Injury collaborative also receive feedback and guidance from seven faculty experts who have extensive experience with brain injury and person-centered practices.

### The Goals of the Learning Collaborative

**Expand and enhance person-centered, community-based supports for people with brain injury by:**

- 1) Engaging people with lived experience in self-advocacy and systems change**
- 2) Incorporating and improving person-centered needs identification**
- 3) Establishing person-centered planning best practice**
- 4) Improving and expanding person-centered services and supports**

### What Happens in the Learning Collaborative?

The NCAPPS Learning Collaborative includes 16 teams from across the country, as distant from each other as Alaska and Maryland. It will last for 18 months (January 2020-June 2021) and include regular meetings and opportunities for teams to collaborate.

- Teams create specific goals to expand and enhance person-centered practices in their communities
- Teams select the strategies they wish to pursue and begin implementing and testing those strategies
- Teams share resources and best practice with others in an “all teach, all learn” environment



- Teams participate in three intensive learning sessions led by the NCAPPS team and our expert faculty
- Teams share and learn with faculty and each other during monthly coaching calls
- Teams share lessons learned with the public in a summit at the end of the Learning Collaborative

## Our Values

Person-centered thinking, planning, and practices are core values of this Learning Collaborative. It is also very important to us that we honor the lived experience of brain injury in all our activities. People who live with the everyday challenges of brain injury have unique and valuable knowledge to inform human service system improvement efforts and ensure that changes are truly meaningful and enduring. It is for that reason that our seven-member expert faculty includes three faculty with a brain injury, and all teams include team members with lived experience of brain injury.

## About NCAPPS

**The goal of NCAPPS is to promote systems change that makes person-centered principles not just an aspiration but a reality in the lives of people who require services and supports across the lifespan.** The primary goal of NCAPPS is to assist States, Tribes, and Territories to transform their service and support systems to implement person-centered thinking, planning, and practices.

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