

## **The Policy Filter of the Olmstead Advisory Committee**

On June 22, 1999, the United States Supreme Court issued a decision in the case of *Olmstead v L.C.*, finding that the unjustified institutional isolation of people with disabilities is a violation of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). The Olmstead Advisory Committee will use the following criteria to advise the California Health and Human Services Agency on the extent to which a policy (legislative, regulatory, budget) meets the intent of the Olmstead decision.

1. Achieves measurable progress towards diverting individuals from institutions and transitioning individuals from less-integrated to more-integrated settings.
2. Fosters and promotes an individual's informed choice in his/her living arrangement.
3. Increases an individual's ability to participate, live and work in the community.
4. Sustains and/or builds upon home and community-based services and supports to enable an individual to choose to live, work and participate in the community.
5. Advances the implementation of the California Olmstead Plan.
6. Provides supports and services to all individuals in a culturally and linguistically competent manner.
7. Conforms to the legal rights of persons with disabilities, as identified in the Americans with Disabilities Act and other state and federal disability civil rights laws.