



The virtual Integrated Community Project focus groups will take place:

- In **Bergen County** on **Tuesday, July 13, 12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.**
- In **Camden County** on **Tuesday, July 13, 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.**
- In **Ocean County** on **Wednesday, July 14, 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.**

Integrated Community Project Focus Group Description

This document explains:

- The work of the Integrated Community Project Focus Groups and
- How you can tell the Supportive Housing Association of New Jersey that you want to participate in a focus group.

If you have difficulty understanding the content of this document, please ask someone for help reading and understanding the information below.

What is the goal of the Integrated Community Project?



The goal of this Project is to expand the chances for people with disabilities to become fully involved in the activities of daily life in their cities and towns.

Where is the work of the Integrated

Community Project taking place? We are working in Bergen, Camden, and Ocean Counties.

How will what you tell us help the Integrated Community Project?

In the focus groups, we hope that you will tell us:

1. How cities and towns already involve people with disabilities in daily life in your communities,
2. What is missing in your life in the city or town where you live, and 3. How cities and towns can do a better job in giving you connections to different parts of daily life.

Who is necessary to and will lead the work of the Integrated Community Project?

Individuals who have different disabilities and/or face different barriers including:

1. Physical disabilities, and/or
2. Intellectual and developmental disabilities, and/or
3. Mental health and substance abuse disorders and/or
4. Individuals who experience homelessness and/or
5. Individuals who are aging.

What will be the role of Integrated Community Project focus group members?

You will:

1. Lead work where you live in promoting equal opportunities for everyone,
2. Explain to us what it means to feel fully included in your community,
3. Help us understand each of the ways that your city or town includes everyone and makes the parts of daily life available to everyone, and
4. Tell us about the parts of life in the city or town where you live in which you would like to be able to participate.



How do I join a focus group?

1. You must live or work in **Bergen, Camden or Ocean Counties.**
2. Complete and submit the focus group survey of interest.
3. This link to the survey of interest is below. It is a google form. If the questions that are asked in the survey are difficult for you to understand, please ask someone for help reading, understanding and answering the questions.
4. https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScLcJ8ck1LXEKAvIW3Sax2Iobw_W8TPezN-3C5pHfnh6G80Q/viewform?usp=sf_link
5. You will tell you in an email whether or not you have been chosen to participate.

How will we chose focus group participants?

1. Each focus group will be made up of 8 people.
2. We will select participants with a variety of disabilities for each focus group.

You will receive a gift card if you participate in the focus group.

Questions? Please email Kate Kelly at kate.kelly@shanj.org.

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