



Supportive Housing
Association of New Jersey

Integrated Community Project (ICP) Focus Group Description

This document explains:

- The work of the ICP Focus Groups
- How you can apply to participate in a focus group with SHA-NJ

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 ICP? 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 ICP taking place? We are working in Bergen, Hudson, Passaic, Camden, Cumberland, Middlesex, Ocean, Somerset, and Union Counties

How will feedback help the ICP? 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
3. How cities and towns can do a better job in giving you connections to different parts of daily life

Who does the ICP need? Individuals who have different disabilities and/or those who face different barriers including any/all of the following:

Physical disabilities • Intellectual and developmental disabilities • Mental health
Substance abuse • Individuals who experience homelessness • Individuals who are aging

What will be the role of ICP focus group members? You will:

- Lead work where you live in promoting equal opportunities for everyone
- Explain what it means to feel fully included in your community
- Discuss how your community includes everyone and makes the parts of daily life available to everyone
- Share about the parts of life where you live in which you would like to be able to participate



How do I join a virtual focus group?

1. You must live or work in **Bergen, Hudson, Passaic, Camden, Cumberland, Middlesex, Ocean, Somerset, and Union Counties**
2. You need to complete and submit the [focus group survey of interest](#). 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. All applicants will be told by an email

whether or not they have been chosen to participate.

Google Form Link: <https://forms.gle/WtacUwKHtKXZeVL86>

What is the deadline to submit my interest in being in a virtual focus group?

Please apply by Wed, February 15, 2023. You will be notified by Tuesday, February 21, 2023.

How many virtual focus groups will there be? How will we choose focus group participants?

1. We will hold two virtual focus groups between Wednesday, February 22 – Friday, March 3, 2023.
 2. Each focus group will be made up of 8 people including a variety of disabilities/barriers for each focus group.
- Group participants will receive a gift card.**

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

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