

This document explains:

- The work of the ICP Listening Sessions and
- How you can tell the Supportive Housing Association of New Jersey that you want to participate in a virtual listening session.

**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 the ICP is to expand the chances for people with disabilities or barriers to become fully involved in the activities of daily life of the Town of Westfield.

**Where is the work of the Westfield ICP taking place?** We are working in the Town of Westfield.

**How will your feedback help the ICP?** In the listening sessions, we hope that you will tell us:

1. How the Town of Westfield already involves people with disabilities in daily life in the community
2. What is missing in your life in Westfield
3. How Westfield can do a better job in giving you connections to different parts of daily life

### Who does the ICP need to participate in the listening sessions?

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

Physical disabilities | Intellectual and developmental disabilities | mental health and substance abuse disorders | Individuals who experience or are exiting homelessness | Individuals who are aging

**What will be the role of ICP listening session participants?** You will:

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



### How do I join a listening session?

1. You must live or work in Westfield
2. You need to complete the listening session survey of interest: <https://forms.gle/wD5PV7ZdPXhVpmzE6>. 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.
3. We will tell you in an email whether or not you have been chosen to participate.

### What is the deadline to submit my interest in being in a listening session?

Please submit the google form by Friday, April 26. You will be notified if you have been chosen for a focus group by Monday, April 29.

### How many listening sessions will there be? How will we choose focus group participants?

1. We will hold two listening sessions between April and May 2024.
2. Each focus group will be made up of up to 8 people.
3. 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](mailto:kate.kelly@shanj.org).**

The Westfield Foundation is proud to fund our new grantee, The Supportive Housing Association of New Jersey. Enhancing lives and increasing accessibility is woven throughout our organization's giving and we look forward to partnering on future projects.