

A Long Road Home event can be whatever your committee decides as long as it stays true to the goals of Long Road Home. Some Long Road Home events in the past have been a rally, a march and a rally, a meeting, a lunch and learn, a party with speakers, and a movie with a speaker. Just remember Long Road Home is about celebrating Olmstead and bring attention to what Olmstead is and the fact that there are People with Disabilities waiting to be free!

Common things that happen at every event are freedom stories and a voter registration table.

Freedom stories are told by and about people who have gotten out of nursing facilities and institutions.

Do you have to be a People First organization to organize a Long Road home event? No! We encourage committees to include as many organizations and people as you can for your area.

We hope you will consider organizing a Long Road home Event in your area!

Steps to Organize a Long Road Home Event:

- 1. Organize a committee and pick a chair. The chair will need to participate in national planning phone calls. The chair will also need to contact National chair and let him or her know you will be participating. The national chair will be glad to help in any way, please feel free to call anytime.**
- 2. Decide when you want to do your event. Most events take place the week before or on June 22 (anniversary of Olmstead.)**
- 3. Decide what your event will be and where.**
- 4. Set a meeting date once a month, so everyone can get it on their calendar.**
- 5. At the end of each meeting have a “to do” list and who is doing it.**
- 6. You need to turn in your info to the national chair for it to be posted on the website.**

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You can check out our website for more information and for updates at www.peoplefirstga.org

National Planning phone calls are:

- November 17, 2011
 - January 6, 2012
 - March 6, 2012
 - May 7, 2012
 - June 6, 2012
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- At 1pm EST
 - Call In Info:
 - Participants pass code: 940938
 - Toll free phone in number is 1-888-394-8197