
**CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY TRANSITIONS
GRANT ABSTRACT**

The California Community Transitions demonstration will bring together the state's resources to develop culturally competent and self-directed community-based living options for persons who have been institutionalized for longer than six months.

To achieve this, local entities will design comprehensive transition models most appropriate for addressing their community's long-term care needs. Local entities will establish and manage Community Transition Teams (CTTs) to support the transition process. The state will be responsible for reviewing competitive applications and ensuring compliance with all state and federal rules. The state will conduct strategic planning during the year-long pre-implementation phase, which will be followed by the phase-in of the CTTs and participant enrollment during the remainder of the demonstration.

As the single state Medicaid agency, the California Department of Health Services (CDHS) will act as the overall coordinator for policy and operational issues related to the demonstration. CDHS will work with various stakeholders including state departments, community-based organizations, institutional providers, and consumer groups to implement the demonstration with the greatest possible level of collaboration.

The California Community Transitions demonstration will seek to successfully transition 2,000 persons from up to 10 regions in the state back into the community at a total cost of \$130,387,502 federal dollars over a five year period. Questions about the demonstration should be forwarded to Carol Freels or Paula Acosta at the California Department of Health Services, Office of Long Term Care (916) 440-7535.