

## **Project Abstract**

Connecticut is committed to rebalancing its long-term care system. With a pooled, flexible budget method in place, Connecticut plans to fully implement the principles of Money Follows the Person in partnership with stakeholders.

The lead agency for Connecticut's Money Follows the Person Rebalancing Demonstration (MFP) will be the Department of Social Services (DSS). The Medical Care Administration is housed within DSS as are multiple programs including administration for the Area Agency of the Aging (AAA) and the Independent Living Centers (ILC). Connecticut plans to of the MFP through a team approach involving almost all units of the DSS reflecting the high level of coordination and collaboration needed for successful implementation.

Connecticut has all of the essential components in place to implement a successful demonstration including a strong transition program, flexible funding, a rebalancing goal, quality management, strong involvement of stakeholders and an excellent foundation of HCBS. Our goal, however, through MFP is to enhance what already exists. Connecticut will address service gaps and provide broader choices for persons who would like to receive long-term care in the community.

Through the successful implementation of MFP, Connecticut plans to increase the current percentage of people receiving services in the community from 50% in 2006 to 58% by 2011. Connecticut also plans to have a stronger quality management system in place providing the needed evidence that people are receiving quality care. Consumer satisfaction surveys will provide the important documentation that people are not just living in the community, but that they are fully participating.

The total budget of \$73,363,299 will be used to complete 700 successful transitions over the next 5 years. Connecticut will expand its existing Transition Program to include 20 transition coordinators by 2009. DSS will contract with ILCs and AAAs to offer transition services to those persons who are institutionalized. Connecticut has agreements in place with the State Housing Authority and with the Department of Economic and Community Development to address the barrier of housing. Letters of intent from all key partners are attached to this proposal.