

Project Abstract and Profile

Goals

Indiana proposes to strengthen and expand institutional transition activities through access to the Money Follows the Person demonstration grant. Indiana is engaged in a number of initiatives designed to increase access to HCBS, including a NF closure and conversion program, a NF diversion program, closure of the State developmental centers and transition of self-referred NF residents. Indiana's goals specific to the demonstration include: proactively identify NF residents (elders, adults with physical disabilities, including TBI, and adults with MR/DD) who have been institutionalized for at least six months who have expressed a desire to move to small community-based settings; provide comprehensive options counseling to these residents, facilitating informed choice regarding their options for alternative LTC; facilitate and ensure safe transition to a qualified community setting; ensure access to these settings, including adult foster care homes, residential habilitation homes, family or independent homes and access to other necessary supports and services; ensure follow up throughout the first year of adjustment to the new setting; track and evaluate outcomes for these individuals; and use this outcome-based data to refine Indiana's ongoing transition efforts. FSSA has set a long-term goal of rebalancing the LTC system through the combined efforts specific to all institutional diversion and transition activities to achieve a more equitable balance between institutional and HCBS options.

Total Budget

Indiana is proposing a budget (Federal share) of: \$21,593,916 for the demonstration, comprised of: \$18,599,258 for 12 months of qualified HCBS per participant provided between 2007 and 2011, \$ 629,981 for demonstration services and \$2,364,637 for administration (of which \$1,847, 857 is for transition team expenses and \$162,847 for staffing of the project including \$52535 for the full-time project director.

Grant Fund Use

Funds will be used to support a strengthened stakeholder input process; help develop and improve transition team training materials and processes; develop options counseling materials and processes to increase personal choice; implement an improved assessment process for home care; and develop and implement person centered planning. The integration and coordination of services and supports across programs including HCBS waivers, Medicaid state plan services, OAA services, CHOICE state-funded services, etc. will be improved through improved IT system integration. Funds will also support the work of the full-time project director who will participate in system change activities, emphasizing the specific needs of demonstration participants including the transition process, the development of community capacity, especially small, residential options like apartments and adult foster care settings, accessible transportation, home care and meals and improvement of the quality oversight and improvement processes.

Ultimate Outcomes and Products

Indiana seeks to develop a more mature transition program that formalizes identification of individuals residing in NFs who have expressed a desire to move to community-based settings and, to the extent desired by the individual, facilitates their successful transitions to small, community-based settings. Successful targeting, a reliable assessment tool, and a person-centered planning and follow along process that is clinically guided will guide this process. Indiana anticipates transitioning 1,039 individuals as a result of access to this grant.