

## **Project Abstract**

The Kansas project, "Community Choice," will be a five year demonstration with a total budget of \$6,279,476.00.

The state will achieve rebalancing through a 5 percentage point shift of HCBS spending over institutional costs. The target population for the demonstration is cross-age and cross-disability, including: elderly, physically disabled, persons with traumatic brain injury and individuals in ICF/MR setting both private and State Mental Retardation Hospital. The demonstration has a projected reduction in LTC expenditures of over 12 million dollars.

The state has targeted 191 of the current 267 private ICFs/MR licensed beds (252 filled) for closure. The closure is voluntary; however closure incentives are built into the grant.

### **Rebalancing Goals:**

1. total "enhanced" FMAP for demonstration services \$5,929,186
2. will shift LTC funding to a 42% to 58% balance ( HCBS over institutions)
3. Kansas will see approximately a \$12,056,008 savings in LTC costs to serve the same number of persons in the HCBS programs over institutional care

The state will provide varying supplemental services during the demonstration period. Variance in services is based on the HCBS service the person will receive; differences are unavoidable due to the vast difference of need between groups and the desire to use portions of the enhanced FMAP as closure incentive dollars and to provide extremely expensive services to individuals with offender behaviors in the MR/DD services.

Consumers have been involved throughout the application planning process. In addition, a steering committee (Community Choice) comprised of at least 51% consumer members will be formed to guide and monitor demonstration activities.

The project maintains a strong emphasis on independent living (self-direction). During the demonstration independent living counselors will be the transition counselors who will work with identified individuals in the nursing facilities to determine their desire to return to their community homes. Additionally the project will utilize the K-PASS developed 'Self-direction Tool Kit' as the basic training tool for use by those entering HCBS services.