

State of Nebraska's Transition: Deal or No Deal
Money Follows the Person Demonstration Grant

Project Abstract

The State's goal for this engagement is to support the choice of 900 people (aged, physically disabled, developmentally disabled, traumatic brain injury) to move from nursing homes and ICFs/MR to community settings. This is approximately ten percent of the current population in those institutions.

The total estimated budget for this program is \$75,496,358

The State's mission will allow these individuals to:

- Live in home and community settings based on their needed supports and preferences
- Exercise meaningful choices about their living environment, providers of services they receive, types of supports they use, and the manner by which services are provided
- Obtain quality services in a manner as consistent as possible with their community living preferences and priorities

The State will build upon its existing home- and community-based waivers for the target populations, using the first year to plan for implementation. The State plans to "fast-track" transition for individuals who can thrive within the existing services, i.e., without enhancements or waiver amendments or capacity building. As the State is conducting this first fast-track transition phase, the State will enhance its community service system to support the second "wave" of individuals as they transition into the community.

The State will use the grant to achieve the following systems change outcomes and products:

- To increase capacity for supports and services needed in the community
- To increase access to behavioral health supports in the community
- To invest in remote technology to support assessments, interventions and monitoring/supervision, where appropriate and cost-effective
- To invest in a "transition planning" capability that enhances the support for informed choice, risk assessment and mitigation, reconnection with communities, and sustained success in the community beyond what is currently available in services coordination. Investment will occur through the design of a new targeted case management level and rate, as well as funding for five new positions at the State.
- To design a "rural solution" that creates an appropriate, multi-faceted and flexible array of supports and services in selected areas that support the choice of people who seek to live in rural or frontier communities.
- To develop a consumer-centric "no wrong door" access portal that responds to the presenting issues of the elderly or individuals with disabilities, which will create the conceptual platform for more streamlined and consumer-friendly access, assessments and eligibility determinations.