



Money Follows the Person

DO YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW WANT TO MOVE TO THE COMMUNITY FROM A NURSING FACILITY OR HABILITATION CENTER?

The Money Follows the Person (MFP) Rebalancing Demonstration supports state efforts to “rebalance” long-term support systems. The demonstration supports state efforts to:

- a) Provide Medicaid eligible people the choice of where they live and receive services;
- b) Allow qualified people living in nursing facilities or habilitation centers to move to the community;
- c) Promote a system that is person centered, based on needs, and ensures high-quality services in the community.

MFP assists qualified individuals to transition from nursing facilities or habilitation centers to the community. Transition coordinators help people who want to move into the community with the planning process, including finding housing, applying for community supports and setting up their new household.

MFP is not just for people who move into an ISL. Individuals can live with family and receive MFP; can live by themselves or with roommates in non-residential settings. An MFP participant must be approved for DMH waiver.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Participants must meet the following criteria:

- Have lived in a state habilitation center or nursing facility for a period of at least 90 days
- Currently receiving MO Healthnet benefits in the care facility prior to transition
- Transition to a home that is leased or owned by the participant or participant’s family, or move to residential housing with no more than four individuals living in the house

People who qualify will participate in the demonstration for a year. At the end of the demonstration period, they will continue to receive home and community services and supports through the regular MO Healthnet program as long as they continue to be eligible for those services.

MAIN GOALS OF THE GRANT

- To transition people from facilities to the community
- To identify and eliminate barriers which keep people from moving to the community
- To improve MO Health Net’s ability to provide in-home services
- To ensure quality improvement of in-home services





RESOURCES

General Information page: <http://dss.mo.gov/mhd/general/pages/mfp.htm>

Money Follows the Person Webinar:

<https://stateofmo.adobeconnect.com/a827378498/p6uedqjaurc/?launcher=false&fcsContent=true&pbMode=normal>

Money Follows the Person Participation agreement: <http://dss.mo.gov/mhd/general/pdf/886-4372.pdf>

MFP Brochure: <http://dss.mo.gov/mhd/general/pdf/money-follows-the-person-brochure.pdf>

SHARING SUCCESS

George moved to the Marshall Habilitation Center in 1996, where he resided until July 2015. While at MHC, George made many friends. He participated in recreational activities, sporting events and enjoyed special moments surrounding holidays.



In April 2015, George's guardian decided to pursue options for George to live in the community with supports and services. Options were explored and a wonderful opportunity became available that would allow George to live with two friends in a brand new home!

With help from George, his planning team, Regional Office staff and Money Follows the Person staff, George moved to his brand new home with Northwest Community Services in July 2015. He loves it!

George's family, support team members and Support Coordinator have all seen how wonderful his transition from MHC to NWCS

has gone. From the month he moved in, he began making friends in his neighborhood and community. He loves sitting in his rocking chair on the front porch and waving as folks drive or walk by. It has become routine for a neighbor to walk his dog over to say "Hi" to George. George loves to pet the neighbor's dog. George has had ample opportunities to attend community events and become a part of what is going on in his small town. George has established care with a local physician, attends church services and enjoys going down the street to get his hair cut. One of his favorite times of day is his opportunity to ride the OATS bus, a public transportation service that takes him to and from his Day Service. Staff ensures he is safely on and off the bus and then he gives them a big wave goodbye! George loves riding the bus and looking at the scenery during the drive. Visiting with the driver & other riders is something he looks forward to!





There are numerous examples of how great his transition to the community has been for George. With assistance from his support team, family and the funding made available through Money Follows the Person to ensure his supports are met, George has gained a wonderful opportunity to live in a house and community he calls home.

To refer an individual who has a development disability to the Money Follows the Person Program contact your Community Living Coordinator at your local Regional Office:

<http://dmh.mo.gov/dd/communitylivingcoordinatorcontactinformation.html>

To share the success of other individuals and families, visit www.dmh.mo.gov/dd/spotlight.

