

PARTNERSHIP FOR HOPE

The Partnership for Hope (PFH) is a county-based home and community-based waiver that is operated by the Department of Mental Health, Division of Developmental Disabilities (DD) and was approved by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services in September, 2010. This waiver was developed as a result of a partnership of the Missouri Association for County Boards for Developmental Disability Services, the Division of Developmental Disabilities, and the MO HealthNet Division. Early research on best practices and the waiver development was supported by a grant from the Missouri Foundation for Health to the Missouri Association for County Boards for Developmental Disability Services. Enrollment for this waiver began October 1, 2010

Eligibility Criteria (applies to both children and adults)

- Person is eligible for Missouri Medicaid;
- Person meets eligibility criteria for Division of DD services;
- Person's needs can be met with current community support system and waiver services not to exceed an annual cost of \$12,362;
- Person meets ICF/ID Level of Care;
- Person resides in a participating county; and
- Person meets crisis or priority criteria.

Participating Counties

To see a map of the counties participating in the Partnership for Hope waiver

[Map of Partnership for Hope Waiver counties.](#)

As County DD Boards vote to use local funds to participate in the waiver, amendments are submitted to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to expand capacity.

Crisis and Priority Criteria

The person who has needs that fall into one of the three categories listed under 'Crisis' will be served first if slots are limited. The person waiting the longest will be served first if more than one person has needs that fall into one of the three categories listed as 'Crisis'. The person identified as waiting the longest and who meets the criteria listed under 'Priority' will be served first if no one on the waiting list meets crisis categories of need.

Crisis

- Health and safety conditions pose a serious risk of immediate harm or death to the individual or others;
- Loss of primary caregiver support or change in caregiver's status to the extent the caregiver can't meet needs of the individual; or
- Abuse, neglect or exploitation of the individual.

Priority

- The individual's circumstances or conditions necessitate substantial accommodation that cannot be reasonably provided by the individual's primary caregiver;
- The person has exhausted both their educational and VR benefits or they are not eligible for VR benefits and they have a need for pre-employment or employment services;
- Individual has been receiving supports (other than case management) from local funding for 3 months or more and the services are still needed and the service can be covered by the waiver; or
- Person living in a non-Medicaid funded residential care facility chooses to transition to the community and has been determined to be capable of residing in a less restrictive environment with access to Prevention Waiver Services.

Services

Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA)
Assistive Technology
Career Planning
Community Integration
Community Specialist
Community Transition
Day Habilitation
Dental
Environmental Accessibility Adaptations
Family Peer Support
Individualized Skill Development
Job Development
Occupational Therapy
Personal Assistant
Person Centered Strategies Consultant (PCSC)
Physical Therapy
Prevocational Service
Professional Assessment & Monitoring
Specialized Medical Equipment and Supplies
Speech Therapy
Support Broker
Supported Employment
Temporary Residential
Transportation

Annual Service Cap

Annual total waiver service cost per participant cannot exceed \$12,362.

Exceptions to the spending cap may be made on a case-by-case basis. Exceptions for a one-time expense can be requested during a crisis or a period of transition. Exceptions to support an ongoing need may also be granted. The PFH waiver has additional caps on exceptions:

Annually, a one-time expenditure of up to \$10,000 during crisis or transition.

The annual spending cap of \$12,362 may be exceeded by \$3,000 annually on a case-by case basis for on-going support needs.

Capacity

The PFH Waiver was initially approved to serve 470 individuals in 37 counties. The waiver has been expanded several times since the waiver's inception in 2010. As of 2019 the PFH has expanded and is available in over 100 counties plus the City of St. Louis, and has the capacity to serve 3,220 people annually.

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