

## **PARTNERSHIP FOR HOPE**

A county-based home and community-based waiver was approved by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services in September, 2010. This program is 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. Enrollment began October 1, 2010. 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.

### **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 \$12,000;
- 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 more 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. Refinancing; 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**

Assistive Technology  
Behavior Analysis Service  
Community Employment  
Community Specialist  
Co-worker Supports  
Dental  
Environmental Accessibility Adaptations  
Independent Living Skills Development (ILSD)  
Job Discovery  
Job Preparation  
Occupational Therapy  
Personal Assistant  
Person Centered Strategies Consultant (PCSC)  
Physical Therapy  
Professional Assessment & Monitoring  
Specialized Medical Equipment and Supplies  
Speech Therapy  
Support Broker  
Temporary Residential  
Transportation

### **Annual Service Cap**

Annual total waiver service cost per participant cannot exceed \$12,000.

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 Partnership for Hope 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 \$12,000 may be exceeded by \$3,000 annually on a case-by-case basis for on-going support needs

### **Capacity**

The Partnership for Hope 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 2014 is in 100 counties plus the City of St. Louis and has the capacity to serve 3,125 people annually.

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