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HOUSING COLLABORATIVE

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Introductions

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MFP Program Overview

- 🏠 In 2007, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) awarded funds for 46 states to start *Money Follows the Person* demonstration grant programs (MFP)
- 🏠 36 states and districts have active MFP programs
- 🏠 In 2022, 5 additional states and territories were awarded MFP Grants from CMS

MFP Program Overview

MFP Goals:

- 🏠 Increase the use of home and community-based services (HCBS) and reduce the use of institutionally-based services
- 🏠 Eliminate barriers in state law, state Medicaid plans, and state budgets that restrict the use of Medicaid funds to enable Medicaid-eligible individuals to receive support for appropriate and necessary long-term services and supports in the settings of their choice
- 🏠 Strengthen the ability of Medicaid programs to provide HCBS to people who choose to transition out of institutions
- 🏠 Put procedures in place to provide quality assurance and improve HCBS

Kentucky Transitions Program

Who are we?

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Sharon Wheatley, Housing Supervisor

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Kentucky Transitions Program

- 🏠 In 2007, *Kentucky Transitions* was created to administer the MFP program in Kentucky
- 🏠 Designed to assist Medicaid members who are currently residing in nursing homes to transition back into the community
- 🏠 Since 2008, *Kentucky Transitions* has moved over **800** individuals from institutional facilities to community setting
- 🏠 Participants moved to residences in 103 of the 120 counties in Kentucky

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Kentucky Transitions Program

To align with the Home Community-Based Waivers, *Kentucky Transitions* targets the following populations:

- 🏠 Physically disabled
- 🏠 Elderly
- 🏠 Acquired Brain Injuries
- 🏠 Persons with a primary diagnosis of Mental Illness

Kentucky Transitions Program

Pre-Transitions funds *Kentucky Transitions* can cover:

- 🏠 Housing Security Deposit – includes first month's rent
- 🏠 Household set up include furnishings, bedding, linens and dishes
- 🏠 Kitchen set up, laundry and cleaning supplies along with necessities
- 🏠 Food stock sufficient for sustenance until individual can set up SNAP and receive Social Security check
- 🏠 Durable medical equipment with a physician's order
- 🏠 Pre-Transition transportation
- 🏠 Pest eradication

Kentucky Transitions Housing

- 🏠 Helps participants find affordable, accessible, and safe housing options
- 🏠 Assists participants complete housing applications and leasing agreements
- 🏠 Complete Housing Quality Standards Inspection on non-subsidized housing units

Housing Initiatives

- 🏠 Address challenges in locating and securing affordable and accessible housing
- 🏠 Collect and share innovative and effective housing strategies
- 🏠 Build and strengthen partnerships between MFP programs and housing entities and maintaining partnerships

Questions?



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