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Money Follows the Person Demonstration:

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Outline



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- Overview and History
- Impact
- Supports for Living Successfully in the Community



Money Follows the Person Demonstration History

1. HHSC and DADS successfully competed for a Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 Money Follows the Person demonstration award to build upon and enhance the state State's Promoting Independence Initiatives.
2. The demonstration began on February 1, 2008 and will continue through 2020. The state receives enhanced federal match for those individuals moving from an institution to community services (ex. ICF/IID or NF to HCS) for the first 365 days of service. The enhanced match has been used to assist providers with transition infrastructure costs.



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Key MFP Demonstration Objectives

1. Increase the use of home and community-based, rather than institutional, long-term services and supports;
2. Eliminate barriers or mechanisms that prevent or restrict the flexible use of Medicaid funds to enable Medicaid-eligible individuals to receive support for appropriate and necessary long-term services in the settings of their choice;
3. Ensure that a strategy and procedures are in place to provide quality assurance for eligible individuals receiving Medicaid home and community-based long term care services and to provide for continuous quality improvement in such services.



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MFP Demonstration Funding

1. Enhanced Match: The state receives enhanced match for those individuals moving from the large or medium ICF/IID to HCS for the first 365 days of their service. The enhanced FMAP has been used to create additional waiver slots, fund training, to improve the provider base and to assist providers with transition infrastructure costs.
2. 100% Federal Grant Funding to provide supports for transitions.



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MFP Demonstration Eligibility



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A person is eligible for inclusion in the MFP Demonstration Project if the person:

- resides continuously in an institutional setting (i.e., ICF/IID, nursing facility, hospital, or state hospital) for at least 90 days prior to the HCS enrollment date *and be enrolled in HCS from a nursing facility, a large ICF/IID (14 beds or more), or a medium ICF/IID (9-13 beds);*
- 90-day stay in the institutional setting excludes any days funded by Medicare;
- be Medicaid eligible under Title XIX of the Social Security Act;
- transitions from the nursing facility or ICF/IID into a qualifying residence, which is the consumer's own home or family home, a foster companion care home, a three-person group home, or a four-person group home; and,
- provides consent to be in MFP Demonstration.

MFP Demo Impact: Number of Transitions



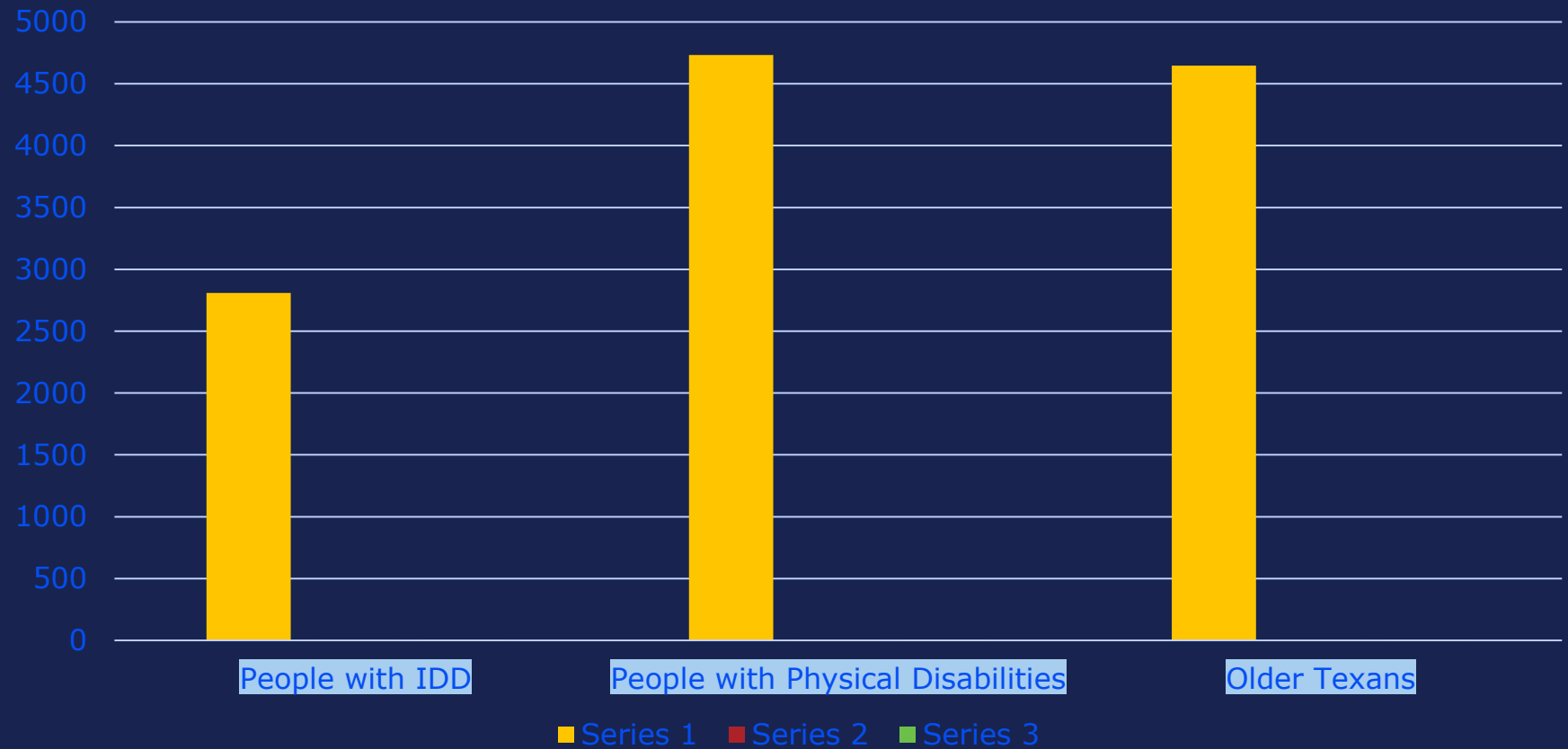
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- Leads the nation in the number of transitions during the demonstration. Since 2008, over 12,216 people transitioned.

MFP Demo Impacts: Who Transitioned

People Who Transitioned



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Supports for Living Successfully in the Community: Transition Support

1. Transition Assistance Services – available in the HCS waiver program. Up to \$2500 one-time grant (depending on living situations) to help with transition expenses. One-time grant, \$2,500 maximum for rent and utility deposits, household supplies, moving assistance, essential furnishings, pest eradication, etc.
2. SSLC transition coordinators



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Supports for Living Successfully in the Community: Housing



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Collaboration with Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs:

- 811 Project Rental Assistance
- Project Access Housing Vouchers

Coordination with Aging and Disability Resource Centers to conduct outreach to local rental properties and work with the local public housing.



Section 811 Project Rental Assistance

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Section 811 Project Rental Assistance Program

The Section 811 Project Rental Assistance (PRA) program provides project-based rental assistance for extremely low-income persons with disabilities linked with long term services. The program is made possible through a partnership between TDHCA, the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) and eligible multifamily properties.

The Section 811 PRA program creates the opportunity for persons with disabilities to live as independently as possible through the coordination of voluntary services and providing a choice of subsidized, integrated rental housing options.

The program is available only in specific [metropolitan areas \(PDF\)](#).

Tenant Participation Eligibility

The program is limited to individuals who are part of the Target Population and receiving services through one of the HHSC Agencies participating in the program. Each eligible household must have a qualified member of the Target Population that will be at least 18 years of age and under the age of 62 at the time of admission. All three Target populations are eligible for community-based, long-term care services as provided through Medicaid waivers, Medicaid state plan options, or state funded services and have been referred to TDHCA through their service provider or coordinator. The State of Texas has committed to making these voluntary services available based on the needs of individual members of each Target Population. [Individuals must be referred to the program by a Qualified Referral Agent.](#)

Target Populations:

- **People with disabilities living in institutions.** People that wish to transition to the community from nursing facilities and intermediate care facilities for persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities may not have access to affordable housing in their community.
- **People with serious mental illness.** Individuals engaged in services but facing challenges due to housing instability. Stable, integrated, affordable housing would enable these individuals to have the opportunity to fully engage in rehabilitation and treatment, greatly improving their prospects for realizing their full potential in the community.



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Supports for Living Successfully in the Community: Enhanced Community Coordination

1. To provide additional support and follow-up to those who face significant medical and behavioral challenges moving to the community.
2. To provide training and technical assistance to support teams



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Supports for Living Successfully in the Community: Supported Employment

To provide support to individuals who want to be or are employed.

- Employment Service Coordinators- Promote Employment First policy, recruit job opportunities from employers, and coordinate with Texas Workforce Commission.
- Community based Employment Apprenticeship - Focused on finding paid internship opportunities for individuals with IDD or behavioral health needs the pilot expects to provide transferrable skills for further employment.
- Electronic Tablets - to help individuals learn about new environments.



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Supports for Living Successfully in the Community: Provider and Family Training

Computer-based and in-person training for providers and family members:

- Understanding Substance Abuse
- Mental Health First Aid
- Behavioral Health
- Trauma-Informed Care
- The **Mental Health Wellness for Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (MHW-IDD)** e-learning training series offers three new training modules featuring integrated approaches for working with people who have an intellectual or developmental disability and co-occurring behavioral health challenges. <https://training.mhw-idd.uthscsa.edu>



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Supports for Living Successfully in the Community: Outreach

Short videos about IDD services on HHSC website:

- [Transitioning from a State Supported Living Center Into the Community](#)
- [Assistance in the Community for Complex Medical Needs](#)



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