



“Money Follows the Person” (MFP)
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Connecticut’s “Money Follows the Person” (MFP) is a \$56 million demonstration grant funded by the federal government that is intended to assist with rebalancing Connecticut’s long-term care system so that individuals have the maximum independence and freedom of choice about where they live and receive services. DSS (the Department of Social Services) is overseeing Connecticut’s initiative. The Department of Developmental Service (DDS) will transition approximately 70 people over the next 3 years. Following is a link to the DSS MFP information:

<http://www.ct.gov/dss/cwp/view.asp?Q=414524&A=2345>

Individuals Served by DDS:

For individuals served by DDS, the area of focus will be helping those individuals who want to move from Long Term Care (LTC)/ Institutional settings to move to the community. Under MFP, an institution is defined as an ICF/MR, Regional Center, or LTC/Nursing Home. **Boarding homes do not qualify as institutions.** Eligible individuals can use MFP funds to move from an institution to a residential **setting where 4 or fewer non-related individuals reside.**

DSS MFP Application:http://www.ct.gov/dss/lib/dss/pdfs/mfp/client_friendly_app.pdf

Applications are now available. There is no age restriction or limit.

The DDS Aging Coordinator will coordinate the initiative with the DSS Eligibility Specialist assigned to MFP.

- MFP Transition Coordinators have been hired by Centers for Independent Living and Area Agencies on Aging.
- DDS case managers will work with each participant’s MFP Transition Coordinator to develop a person centered plan.
- DDS Regions are currently analyzing the status of eligible individuals on the waiting list. Any person living in an institution can apply on their own, but if they do so, they should also have their CM notify PRAT of their desire to move.
- As eligible individuals are identified, case managers will participate in MFP specific training on assistive technology, person centered planning, values based training, and dignity of risk, role of Medicaid.



CRITERIA

The consumer:

- Must have resided in an institutional setting for at least 6 months
- Must be TITLE XIX/ Medicaid eligible
- Must be eligible for one of the DDS waivers

New placement/supports:

- must cost same as nursing home or ICF/MR or less.

PROCESS:

- Application completed by DDS Aging Services or other interested party
- DSS MFP Unit will process the application
- DSS verifies eligibility for Medicaid and DDS services
- DSS verifies six month criteria eligibility
- MFP Transition Coordinator assigned to each participant.
- DDS Case Manager will develop a plan (assistive technology should be considered) with input from MFP Transition Coordinators. DDS has developed a detailed process that will be shared with CM who have identified someone to move under MFP. (The case manager will transition a person as they normally would, but there are more players involved and a few more steps of the MFP approval process at DSS.)
- First 365 days after leaving institution, individuals are funded under MFP. On the 366th day, they will be transferred to one of the DDS waivers.
- MFP benefit -- in first 365 days is a 24hr emergency back up system available for people who self direct their supports.
- Critical incidents must be reported to both DDS and the DSS MFP Unit.

DDS Criteria:

- Must have a current LON
- PRAT needs to be aware of the individual's desire to move.