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HOME Choice Education and Outreach

**HOME Choice Service Provider
Spring 2015 Training Session**





Ohio's Vision for Long-term Services and Supports

Ohioans who need long-term services and supports...

- Get services and supports they need in a timely and cost-effective manner
- In settings they want from whom they want
- And if needs change, services and supports change accordingly



Ohio HOME Choice

- **Established in 2008** as a Federal Grant program with the goal of transitioning 2000 individuals in Ohio during the duration of the grant
- As of March, 2015, **over 6020 people have enjoyed new found independence through HOME Choice**
- Ohio **ranks second nationally** for overall transitions completed, and is the **nation's leader** in transitioning individuals with mental illness



Ohio HOME Choice

Ohio Department of Medicaid HOME Choice Program Activity (March 9, 2015)

Program Area	Indicator	Statistic
HC Program Transitions	Current Population of HOME Choice Enrollees	1,175
	New HOME Choice Transitions To-Date in 2014	219
	Total HOME Choice Transitions To-Date (since 2008)	6,029
Current HC Transitions (by age group)	Children (Birth to 21)	22.8%
	Adult (Ages 22-59)	46.6%
	Elderly (Ages 60+)	30.6%
HC Waiver Activity	Proportion of Current HC Transitions on Waivers	40.8%
	Proportion of Current HC Transitions, Non-Waiver	59.2%
Candidates in the Pipeline	Applications Received or Approved (not yet assessed)	14
	Candidates Assessed and in the Pre-Transition Stage	1,207



Ohio HOME Choice

- HOME Choice is a wrap around program to Ohio's existing infrastructure of long term services and supports
- It is **not** a waiver program
- The program offers "extra" services to individuals for the first 365 days post discharge

HOME Choice Services

- Community Transition Services (start up monies)
- Transition Coordination
- Case Management (Pre & Post transition)
- Independent Living Skills Training
- Community Support Coaching
- HOME Choice Nursing Services
- Social Work/Counseling
- Nutritional Consultation
- Respite
- Communication Aids
- Service Animals



Who is Eligible?

To participate in HOME Choice individuals must:

1. Have lived in a facility-based (NF, ICF-IID, Hospital or RTF for children) care setting for a least 90 days,
2. Have care needs evaluated by HOME Choice staff,
3. Qualify for Medicaid, and
4. Move into qualified housing



Qualified Housing

The following are types of qualified housing:

- A home owned or leased by the individual or family member
- An individually leased and lockable apartment rented by the individual or family member
 - Sleeping, bathing, and cooking areas within the unit over which the individual or the individual's family has domain and control
- A community based residential setting with no more than four unrelated persons



HOME Choice Transition

How Transition Works

Individuals:

- Express an interest in HOME Choice
- Complete an application and submit to HOME Choice Operations (ODM)
- The individual is assigned to a Pre-Transition Case Management Agency



Pre-Transition Case Manager

- Meets Face-to-Face with Applicant
- Makes eligibility recommendations
- Completes Community Readiness Tool
- Informed Consent signed
- Supports individual in choosing Transition Coordinator
- Participates in Discharge Planning with hospital & the individual



Transition Coordinator

- Assists in securing housing that is safe and appropriate
- Identifies necessary resources
- Provides Benefits coordination
- Assists with planning a budget, if needed
- Provides service linkage for a successful community transition
- Coordinates Goods and Services funds



Transition Coordinator

- **There on moving day**
- Continues 90 days post-discharge



What Happens AFTER Discharge?

- Individual is enrolled in Home and Community Based Services for which they are eligible and meets their needs
- If enrolled on waiver, waiver service coordinator authorizes and coordinates HOME Choice services during the 365 days post discharge
- Waiver service coordinator reports certain changes in status to HOME Choice Operations



HOME Choice Case Manager

- Available to participants who do not enroll on a waiver, and receive State Plan Medicaid services
- Authorizes and coordinates HOME Choice Services post discharge for the 365 days enrolled on HOME Choice
- Assists with community resources and maintenance of benefits



Benefits of HOME Choice

- Transition Coordinator to help before and after discharge
- Up to \$500 transportation funds to assist family with hospital trainings and some appointments during hospitalization and 30 days post discharge
- Up to \$2000 goods and services funds to assist with housing or other needs within guidelines
- Case manager assigned for duration of program to those not receiving waiver services



Contact Information

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What's My Status?



Step



Submit the Application



HEY! I'm an applicant

(I can only be denied)



Step



I'm approved to participate



I have a Transition Coordinator!



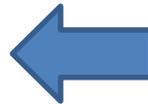
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Step 

I've been enrolled 

I've discharged and met all the eligibility criteria



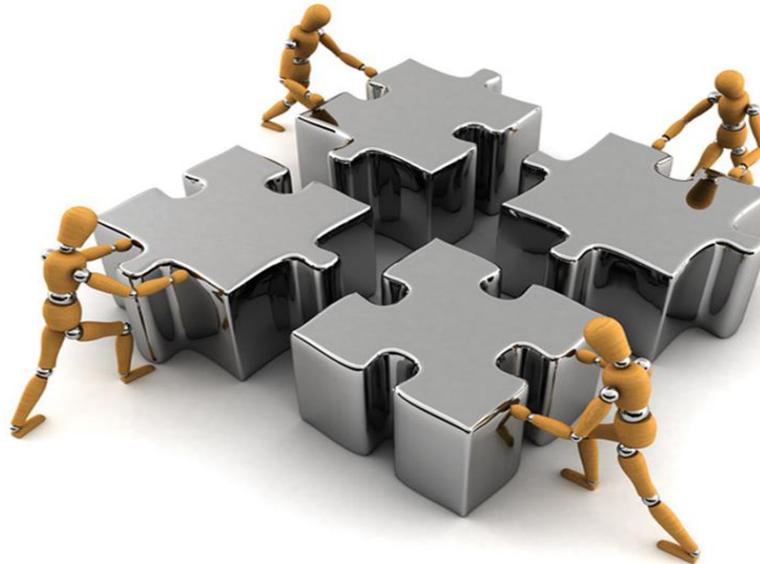
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However, I plan on making it to 365 days!



All the pieces fit together.



Because I have a great team!

