Money Follows the Person

Georgia has successfully transitioned over 2,200 participants from institutional care to home and community-based services (HCBS) through the federally funded Money Follows the Person (MFP) rebalancing demonstration program.* The program started in Georgia in 2008 and has allowed qualified beneficiaries to get the care they need, while improving their quality of life.

PARTICIPANT DEMOGRAPHICS**

MFP serves a diverse group of individuals across three primary target populations.

- **Developmental Disability**
  - 47%
  - Older Adults [65+]
  - 15%

- **Physical Disability**
  - 38%

The MFP program reaches participants ranging in age from 19 to 101 years.

- **Top Housing Choices**
  - Apartment [30%]
  - House [28%]
  - Small Group Home [18%]

Men: 55%
Women: 45%

"It was an excellent experience. I am very happy since I’ve been here. I had no idea there was a program like that."

"It’s a very good program. I was very grateful when I found out about it and was able to participate."

"We were a little nervous about putting him back into the community, but this is the best decision we’ve ever made." [Daughter]

"It’s an awesome program and I hope they continue to finance it. For people like me, with no family, it’s the only thing we have to help us."
QUALITY OF LIFE**

Participants who transitioned from institutional care to HCBS reported quality of life improvements regarding their living situation, choice and control, and overall satisfaction.

Before transition

- Liked where you lived: 53.9%
- Ate when you wanted: 36.1%
- Felt happy with the way you lived your life: 70.5%

After transition

- Liked where you lived: 86.9%
- Ate when you wanted: 81.9%
- Felt happy with the way you lived your life: 80.2%

COST SAVINGS***

On average, MFP saved money on health care expenses for participants who transitioned from institutional care to HCBS.

Among all three populations MFP saves approximately annually per person. $11,736

Program Participant

"Thank you for helping get me an apartment, payment for the deposit and helping me get a little bit of furniture."
