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## Money follows the person

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# Money Follows the Person

Georgia has successfully transitioned over 3,000 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.

The MFP program reaches participants ranging in age from

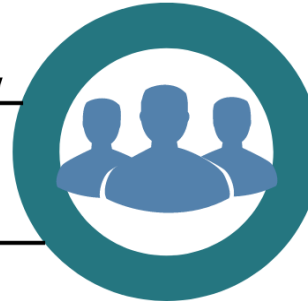
18 to 101 years

Developmental Disability

38%

Older Adults (65+)

20%



Physical Disability

42%



54%

Men



46%

Women

Most frequent living arrangement at one year post-transition

Apartment [34%]

House [33%]

Small Group Home [14%]



PROGRAM PARTICIPANT

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

"I can do more than I thought I could, I have strengthened myself. I've figured out how to be myself and be independent. This program saves you."

PROGRAM PARTICIPANT

FAMILY MEMBER

"I had reservations about it in the beginning because change is hard, but she's happier than she's ever been in life."

"It was a blessing to be able to leave nursing home and go home with my husband."

PROGRAM PARTICIPANT

# QUALITY OF LIFE \*\*



Before transition



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

One year after transition

51.5%



Liked where you lived?



87.1%

40.9%



Ate when you wanted?



82.9%

70.0%



Felt happy with the way you lived your life?



78.7%

# COST SAVINGS \*\*\*



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

Developmental Disability

5%

Physical Disability

31%

Older Adults (65+)

38%

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



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

**PROGRAM PARTICIPANT**

\*Georgia Department of Community Health. (2019). Money Follows the Person Grant Update (July). Atlanta, GA: Georgia Department of Community Health.

\*\*MFP Semiannual Analytic Results of The Money Follows The Person Program Evaluation Chartbook. (2019). Cumulative through MFP Fiscal Year (FY) 2019. Atlanta, GA: Georgia Health Policy Center.

\*\*\*Georgia Health Policy Center. (2019). Administrative Claims Data. Georgia: Department of Community Health.

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