

Community Living Program Grants

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Project Abstract:

The Florida Department of Elder Affairs (FDOEA) proposes a Community Living Program (CLP) project targeting elders at high risk for nursing home placement and spend down to Medicaid. The project will operate in Broward, Marion and Miami-Dade counties in concert with the Planning and Service Area (PSA) 10 Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC), and PSAs 3 and 11 Aging Resource Centers (ARCs), respectively. The goal of the project is to build on the current CLP Project, formerly known as Nursing Home Diversion Modernization, and expand innovative service delivery options in the areas served by the existing ADRC/ARCs. This expansion will increase the capacity of the aging services network and minimize the number of elders placed in nursing homes, readmitted to hospitals, or spending down to Medicaid.

Project objectives are as follows:

1. Create a self-sustaining administrative structure by developing a financial management system that supports consumer directed care (CDC) as a long-term alternative to traditional home and community-based services (HCBS).
2. Identify individuals not eligible for Medicaid but at high risk for nursing home placement and spend down to Medicaid utilizing and enhancing existing ADRC/ARC methods to improve targeting effectiveness in diverting clients.
3. Strengthen the aging network's capacity to track client outcomes and document effectiveness of the program.
4. Rapidly authorize and provide services by creating new and flexible service options using existing funding streams.

The CLP project will emphasize greater flexibility in the use of state program funding; rapid authorization of services that offer a consumer-direction option; and responsiveness to the unique and changing needs of the target population, independent of funding sources.