

## Community Living Program Grants

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**Project Title:** Maine's Community Living Program

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**Project Abstract:**

**Goals:** 1) Strengthen the capacity of Maine's Aging Network to target individuals not eligible for Medicaid who are at highest risk of nursing home or residential care placement and spend-down. 2) Improve access by these individuals to flexible and consumer-directed services within 12 months.

**Objectives:** 1) Establish the Area Agencies on Aging/Aging and Disability Resource Centers as Single Entry Points for individuals targeted in this proposal. 2) Develop/implement options counseling protocols to inform consumer decision-making and spending. 3) Develop/use an assessment protocol for determining risk of nursing home and residential care admission and Medicaid spend-down. 4) Change Maine's consumer-directed Family Provider Service Option to be more flexible. 5) Educate the public, service providers and referral sources about the availability of options counseling. 6) Establish consumer monitoring and feedback mechanisms.

**Outcomes:** 1) Increase in private pay individuals who access options counseling. 2) Consumers are aware of / satisfied with options counseling. 3) Consumers report positive changes to their well-being and quality of life. 4) Improved communication and understanding among partner organizations about options counseling. 5) Improved AAA/ADRC ability to identify individuals at-risk for nursing home admission and spend-down. 6) Improved flexibility within the Family Provider Service Option Program. 7) At-risk elders diverted from nursing homes and residential care and Medicaid spend-down. 8) AAA/ADRC staff trained about and using new protocols. 9) Strengthened network of long-term services and supports.

**Products:** 1) Standard options counseling protocols. 2) Standard needs assessment protocols and tools. 3) Standard risk assessment protocols and tools. 4) An options counseling training curriculum. 5) A public education campaign.