

Community Living Program Grants

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Project Abstract:

The goal of the Project is to support the rebalancing of Montana's long-term care system by assisting individuals, and their family and informal caregivers, who are at imminent risk of nursing home placement and not eligible for Medicaid, to use home and community based services to remain at home and in the community, and thus avoiding unnecessary nursing home placement.

The Project's major objectives are to: (1) expand ADRC model to one additional county in Area XI (Ravalli County); (2) design and implement targeting and assessment protocols to identify non-Medicaid older adults at imminent risk of nursing home placement and Medicaid spend-down; (3) develop a consumer directed option for Older Americans Act (OAA) funded services based on the Big Sky Bonanza program, allowing flexible spending options; and (4) maximize the number of persons served with OAA funds by introducing cost sharing for appropriate in-home services.

The expected outcomes are: (1) serving at least 50 individuals who are identified at imminent risk of nursing home placement and Medicaid spend-down; (2) establishing a process to identify and target at-risk clients and offer them consumer directed services; (3) providing consumer direction for in-home services; (4) strengthening the capacity to provide information and services to help individuals remain in the community; and (5) expanding the cost sharing model to additional in-home services.

The products of this Project are: a final report including evaluation results; data on consumers served by the project; and new policies, protocols and tools that support consumer directed services for seniors.