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And, all consumers and families who
have participated

Money Follows the Person (MFP) Vision for 2012

The Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation's December 2011 Issue Paper, "Money Follows the Person: A 2011 Survey of Transitions, Services and Cuts," lists Ohio as one of the top states in the nation for transitioning individuals enrolled in Medicaid from institutions to homes or communities through MFP. "As of August 2011, nearly 17,000 individuals have transitioned back to the community, and another 5,700 transitions are currently in progress," the paper said. **Three states – Ohio, Texas and Washington – made up nearly half (46 percent) of all MFP transitions.**

To continue in its leadership role, Ohio's MFP initiative has an ambitious plan for 2012. MFP Project Director Kim Donica shares her vision for the program in this issue of HOME Choice Bulletin, the first of the new year. Goals fall into two areas: (1) rebalancing the long-term care services system and (2) expanding the HOME Choice transition program.

I. Rebalancing the Long-Term Care Services System

"Ohio's MFP initiative continues to hone in on **level of care (LOC)**, which includes developing criteria to address specific populations, such as children," Kim says. "To that end, we will develop a new single assessment tool that will be used for determining eligibility for programs that require a nursing facility level of care. The new LOC criteria will also be applied to the new single waiver, which is being developed as a result of the biennial budget bill, House Bill 153."

MFP also will focus on **direct service workforce initiatives**. Ohio is in Phase II of this initiative, which involves identifying core competencies for all direct service workers in the health care arena, including those in institutional settings. A defined set of core competencies will help build a career lattice so that health care workers have more options for upward and lateral mobility in their careers.

"We are also **redesigning the state profile tool** with a series of metrics that measure Ohio's progress in balancing the delivery system," Kim says. Measures will include information on long-term care expenditures and utilization, housing, and employment. "We have a subgrant with the Scripps Research Institute, a private, nonprofit research organization, to refine the data so we can reference it when making decisions and planning. An interagency group of state staff is helping with this data project."

Housing Goals

The MFP team has identified five goals to address one of the most prevalent barriers to transitioning to home- and community-based care: finding affordable and accessible housing.

1. Work with the HOME Choice Housing Advisory Group and the Ohio Housing Finance Agency on developing a Section 811 proposal in response to a "Notice of Funding Availability" issued by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Section 811 is a HUD-administered housing program for people with disabilities. It is being revised to make housing more integrated and widely available.
2. Vouchers
 - a. Successfully complete the first round of Non-Elderly Disabled (NED) Type II Vouchers for people in institutional settings.
 - b. Prepare for a second round of NED Type II Vouchers.
 - c. Develop further relationships with metropolitan housing authorities that have NED Type I Vouchers.

MFP Vision (continued)

3. Develop a program to transition ex-offenders from nursing facilities into communities.
4. Create an innovative program for HOME Choice beneficiaries with the Ohio Housing Finance Authority through a \$500,000 subgrant agreement.
5. Work with the Local Housing and Services Cooperatives grantees. (See article on page 3.)

II. HOME Choice Transition Program

Throughout 2012, the MFP team plans to add several services – such as home adaption services – to better support people as they transition to home- and community-based care. It also plans to help more children and individuals with behavioral health needs transition into the community.

HOME Choice Updates



Terry Moore

Introducing . . . Terry Moore, MDS 3.0 Section Q Statewide Manager

In this issue of the HOME Choice Bulletin, we introduce Terry Moore, Minimum Data Set (MDS) Section Q statewide manager. She is one of the staff “behind the scenes,” who makes HOME Choice such an exciting, successful transition program.

Terry Moore is the MDS 3.0 Section Q statewide manager for Ohio’s MFP initiative. After joining the team in February 2011, she began managing the MDS Section Q referral process. This is the process by which residents of nursing facilities who express a desire to return to their communities are referred to community living specialists. As manager of this process, she collaborates with the HOME Choice implementation team and other state agencies on various projects, and monitors provider compliance.

Prior to this, Terry worked as the direct-bill manager of long-term care claims for the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) Bureau of Provider Services’ Claims Reconciliation Section. Before that, she was a certified public accountant for various public accounting firms. She also was once a resource coordinator for a children’s autism center. Terry has worked with people with disabilities for 11 years. She is a graduate of Columbus State Community College.

New Information Manager

In December 2011, Melissa Senter was hired to be the HOME Choice information manager. That means she’s responsible for quarterly and semi-annual reporting of HOME Choice data to the U.S. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), for managing the agency’s subgrant agreement with Miami University’s Scripps Gerontology Center, for providing data projections for budgeting, and for conducting ad hoc data analysis of HOME Choice and Medicaid claims data. Welcome, Melissa!

Mini-Grant Awarded for HOME Choice Mental Health Population

By Andrew Sokolnicki, MFP Grant Liaison*

As of mid-January 2012, 146 Ohioans with primary mental illness/alcohol and other drug (MI/AoD) diagnoses have transitioned out of institutional settings. As the mental health population matures in the HOME Choice program, an increased number of participants are completing their 365-day demonstration period. As of mid-January, 33 MI/AoD participants had completed their demonstration year or transitioned more than a year ago. About 88 percent of those who transitioned remained in the community throughout that year and did not return to an institutional setting.

To continue making strides with the MI/AoD population, in spring 2011 ODJFS awarded the Ohio Department of Mental Health a \$100,000 MFP mini-grant to address gaps in services for individuals already transitioned to the community but

still within their 365-day demonstration period. After consulting with multiple entities and state officials, two areas were singled out for study:

1. **Coverage of Additional Expenses.** Approximately \$20,000 has been set aside to study whether covering certain additional items – such as non-medically necessary transportation, home modifications for individuals who did not qualify for a waiver, and independent living items not covered by Medicaid – would reduce the likelihood that someone with a mental health diagnosis would return to an institutional setting. This study will take place in Cleveland.
2. **Consumer-Operated or Clubhouse Model Services.** A Toledo study will examine whether linking mental health HOME Choice participants to either consumer-operated services or a form of peer support called clubhouse model services is more successful. At the same time, participants will receive community mental health services, which will provide a robust, wrap-around treatment package.

*Andrew Sokolnicki is the MFP grant liaison from the Ohio Department of Mental Health.

Revisions Will Make *HOME Choice Relocation Handbook* More Useful

By Diane Shinn, HOME Choice Intake Coordinator

The ***HOME Choice Relocation Workbook*** is a helpful tool for determining an individual's needs to ensure a successful transition into community living. It can also be used as a planning and organizational guide. It contains questions, task lists, and space for shopping lists and important contact information.

The current workbook was developed at the outset of the program. In order to update its content, streamline information and improve the layout, it is being revised. The new version will be easier to use and more concise. It will be available soon, in both print and PDF formats.

Housing News

Local Housing and Services Cooperatives: Partnerships to Address Barriers

By Leslie J. Sawyer, HOME Choice Statewide Outreach Coordinator

Starting in February 2012, in order to better address the most significant barriers to successful independent living for people with disabilities, HOME Choice Local Housing and Services Cooperatives (LHSC) will be created in communities across Ohio. LHSCs are broad-based groups of people working together to address the community living needs of those with disabilities, such as affordable housing, transportation and other services.

The LHSCs will develop, expand and strengthen local and regional advocacy efforts by building on existing efforts and encouraging the formation of new cooperatives in areas of Ohio where they do not exist. The LHSCs will educate communities about the needs and desires of people with disabilities. They also will seek to:

- Empower people with disabilities to advocate for the allocation of local resources for housing, services and transportation.
- Educate local housing, transportation and service resource providers about the needs of people with disabilities.
- Increase the percentage of affordable, accessible and integrated housing resources used by people with disabilities.
- Improve the availability of affordable and accessible transportation.
- Improve the understanding of policymakers and other key stakeholders at the state and local levels about barriers to the integration of people with disabilities in their communities, and initiate activities to remove those barriers.
- Support local, state and federal legislation, policy and funding initiatives that promote zero-step entrances, wide interior doors and usable bathrooms on the first floor of newly constructed homes.
- Serve as a vehicle for people with disabilities and advocates to participate in local and state housing, transportation, workforce, and community planning.

The LHSCs will be implemented over 18 months through subgrants to Centers for Independent Living (CILs), which will serve as the lead agencies.

Nine of the 11 CILs in Ohio are participating in the initiative. Each participating CIL has the opportunity to develop one to three cooperatives in the following areas: (1) personal care assistance, (2) home modifications, (3) housing and (4) transportation. The CILs also could choose to develop and implement a cooperative outside these four categories that takes an innovative approach to addressing an identified barrier. One CIL has elected to develop a cooperative to address employment.

Each LHSC will be comprised of a CIL and an advisory group. The advisory groups will be made up of large, diverse bodies of local and regional stakeholders to contribute ideas, resources, tools and commitment to address the identified barriers.

The participating CILs will receive an MFP balancing funds subgrant to develop their cooperatives. In addition, CILs that have chosen to develop home modification cooperatives also will receive Housing Investment Fund money from an Ohio Housing Finance Grant to ODJFS for the purchase and installation of permanent and temporary ramps.

The LHSC initiative is designed not only to help local communities identify barriers to success and bring together stakeholders to address those barriers, but also to help cultivate new strategies that can serve as models for other communities, promote regional and statewide linkages that can be sustainable for years to come.

Housing Voucher Update

By Adam Anderson, HOME Choice Housing Coordinator

As part of an allocation of nearly 1,000 Non-Elderly Disabled (NED) vouchers across the nation, Ohio has secured 160 of them, to help individuals wanting to move out of institutional settings. The Cincinnati Metropolitan Housing Authority received 100 of these vouchers, and the Lucas County Metropolitan Housing Authority received 60. As a result, HOME Choice has created partnerships with the Hamilton and Lucas County transitional coordinators, service providers and nursing facility social workers to ensure that all vouchers are used effectively. To date, Ohio has issued 100 of the vouchers. We hope to fill all of the vouchers by mid-Spring.

In Mid-December, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and CMS notified states that they were no longer bound to the previous January 31, 2012, deadline for NED voucher fulfillment. This has allowed Ohio to pursue new partnerships and to better coordinate with the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities to provide vouchers to individuals transitioning out of developmental centers.

Keys to Housing Options Conference

By Leslie J. Sawyer, HOME Choice Statewide Outreach Coordinator

More than 200 people attended the "Keys to Housing Options" Conference that was held November 8 and 9, 2011, in Columbus. Attendees included Ohioans with disabilities of all ages, their family members, providers, and other professionals interested in housing issues. The conference attracted many first-time attendees from across Ohio.

The major sponsors of the conference were the HOME Choice Consumer Advisory Council, Ohio Olmstead Task Force and the Ohio Developmental Disabilities Council. Cosponsors included the Ohio Statewide Independent Living Council, Ohio Legal Rights Service, Southeastern Ohio Center for Independent Living, Ohio Housing Finance Agency, Ohio Housing Locator, CareSource, and Creative Housing, Inc. The conference was planned and produced by the AXIS Center for Public Awareness in Columbus.

The keynote speaker was Derrick Dufresne, president of Community Resource Associates, Inc. of Des Peres, Missouri. He reinforced the objective of independence and choice for people with disabilities and repeatedly asked the audience: "What does it take for somebody to find a place called home?" His answer: "Thinking differently. People with disabilities who aren't living in the community in a home of their choice also do not have the opportunity to contribute to that community."

During a panel session, Ohio State Senator Charleta Tavares stressed the importance of having a statewide visitability law, to ensure that more homes are built accessible entries and bathroom access, so that people with disabilities can more easily visit family and friends. She recognized that more work must be done to educate the home-building profession and legislators about this, and to make people more aware of the need for visitable homes.

Bill Faith, director of the Coalition of Homelessness and Housing in Ohio, explained how his organization helps on the front lines of the housing issue, and addressed the funding challenges now faced by advocates.

Several staff from the ODJFS HOME Choice program conducted workshops. Kim Donica, MFP project manager, and Leslie J. Sawyer, HOME Choice statewide outreach coordinator, each presented a session on Ohio's HOME Choice Program and explained how it is helping older adults and people of any age with disabilities transition and live successfully on their own in home and community settings. They also shared that the program funds and implements initiatives including housing, to balance the state's long-term care services system and provide more community options. HOME Choice participants Niki Robinson of Columbus and Thomas Robertson of Dayton explained how HOME Choice helped them move from nursing homes into the community.

Adam Anderson, HOME Choice housing coordinator, and Brock Robertson, community living administrator, presented a workshop about the importance of advocating for housing in the community and the steps needed to ensure access to affordable and accessible housing.

Perhaps the highlight of the conference was a diverse panel of five Ohioans with disabilities who shared their personal housing experiences. Many of them attributed their successful transitions to the assistance provided through HOME Choice. Their real-life stories – presented in serious, poignant, inspirational and sometimes humorous ways – shed light on the critical issues that people with disabilities face in trying to find safe, affordable, accessible and visitable housing, so that they can live as independent and integrated members their communities.

HOME Choice Success Story

Albert Cokely: "No Place Like Home"

Contributed by Area Agency on Aging 8, a program of the Buckeye Hills-Hocking Valley Regional Development District

Marietta resident Clyde Cokely agrees there is no place like home. Thanks to the Ohio HOME Choice program and Area Agency on Aging 8 (AAA8), Clyde got the resources and support he needed to transition from a long-term care facility to the community.

Now living in the Norwood Green Apartments, Clyde enjoys the privacy of his own apartment and the freedom to journey to Walmart when he wants to shop. He receives services from Medicaid and the PASSPORT home- and community-based waiver program. He also gets home-delivered meals and homemaking and personal care support from Medi Home Health Care. His in-home care is coordinated by the Quality of Life nursing staff, and he has an emergency home response system. Clyde is a veteran of the U.S. Air Force and takes advantage of transportation services provided by the Washington County Veterans Services Commission.



Left: Through HOME Choice and with support from Area Agency on Aging 8, Marietta resident Clyde Cokely was able to move into an apartment from a nursing facility. Shown with Clyde are Sue Davidson, his HOME Choice transition coordinator, and Kara Wright, LSW, his HOME Choice case manager.

Right: Clyde's home health nurse, Tish Efaw, LPN, comes daily and helps him with his medications and other medical needs.



“The purpose of HOME Choice is to assist folks who are eligible and who want to locate a home and move from a long-term care facility back into the community,” said Jane Skeen, LSW, Home Care Director of AAA8, which coordinated Clyde’s transition. “Transition coordination is the unique aspect of this program. Through it, the Area Agency on Aging can help give people greater control and connect them to essential community services, such as locating housing, setting up a household and more as they transition. A case manager helps coordinate all of the support services needed.”

Community Living Specialist Perspectives

By Terry Moore, MDS Section Q Statewide Manager, and Robert Jones, CareStar Manager of Transition Services

The HOME Choice implementation team has been collaborating to help more individuals in Lucas and Hamilton counties transition back to their communities. The team’s goal is to identify potential nursing facility residents who may benefit from HOME Choice – including those with mental health diagnoses, substance abuse issues and/or dual diagnoses – and to see if they may be able to use housing vouchers currently available for people younger than 60.

Team members include Adam Anderson (HOME Choice Housing Coordinator), Andrew Sokolnicki (MFP Grant Liaison), Jane Black (HOME Choice Operations Manager), Terry Moore (MDS Section Q Statewide Manager), Robert Jones (CareStar Manager of Transitional Services), Elaina Colucci (CareStar’s Community Living Coordinator), and CareStar Community Living Specialists Tiera Rachel, Ashley Barrow, Annegela Wendel and Alexandria Cooper.

The role of the community living specialists is crucial. They help potential HOME Choice beneficiaries understand the barriers for successful, sustainable community transitioning and offer the housing voucher as a solution to housing barriers. They also work collaboratively with nursing facilities.

Below, three community living specialists share some of the experiences they’ve had working with nursing facilities. They report that the sharing of community information and resources is a win-win for the residents, the nursing facility staff and themselves. Ultimately, the winners are the residents, whose needs can be met with appropriate resources so they can live sustainably and successfully in the community setting of their choice.

Community Living Specialist Experiences

Tiera Rachel arrived for a scheduled visit at a nursing facility in November 2011. When she walked into the resident’s room, the resident threw up her arms, clapped her hands and stated how excited she was to see Tiera. The resident could not wait to hear all the details about HOME Choice and the other community resources that Tiera had brought to her attention. “To me, this is a true blessing and the highest reward I could ask,” Tiera said. “This makes what I do more than a job. It is what I love doing: helping others.”

Ashley Barrow has been a community living specialist since the HOME Choice program started. Since the beginning, she said she has been excited to see the opportunities available to people because she believes individuals in nursing facilities have the right to choose how to live with their disabilities and to increase their quality of life. Over the years, she has worked with many facilities and social workers, from initial application to successfully transition. She said she is proud to be a part of this groundbreaking program.

Annegela Wendel has worked with the Special Outreach Project in the Lucas County area. An important part of her role, she said, is not only to inform her nursing facility colleagues and the residents about community supports and HOME Choice, but also to identify and document the barriers to transitioning to the community. Documenting barriers helps inform Ohio’s leadership and other groups about needed system changes, she said, so that even more people can have the option of transitioning to sustainable and successful community living.

News for Providers, Transition Coordinators, Case Managers and SSAs

Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) Funding Released

By Andrew Sokolnicki, MFP Mental Health Liaison

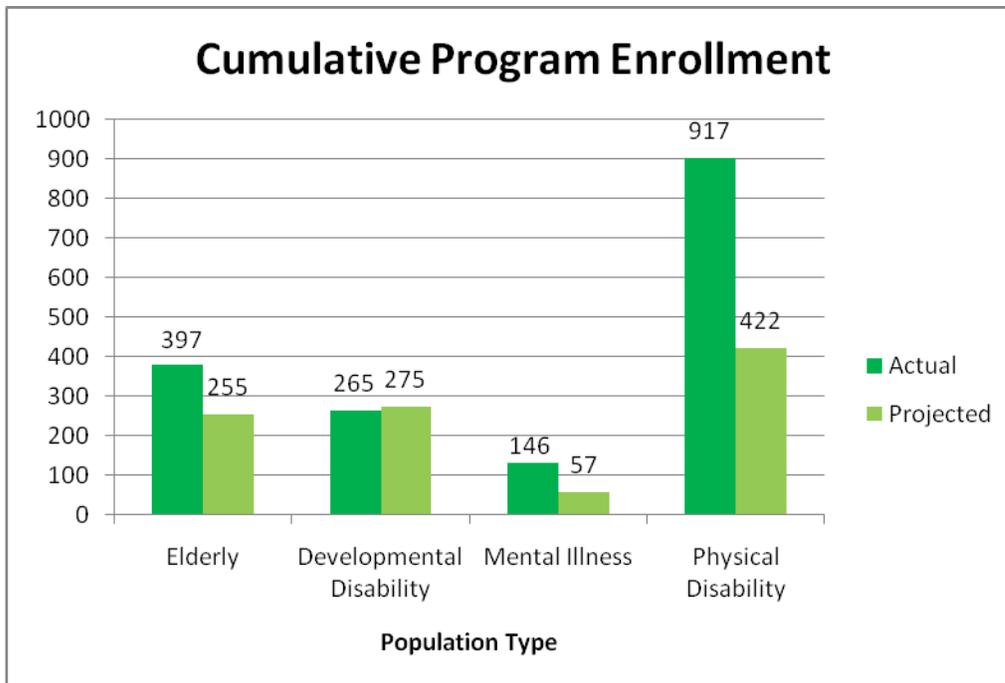
In December 2011, Ohio received more than \$49 million from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to administer the LIHEAP program. LIHEAP assists low-income households with their home energy needs, such as heating in the winter, cooling in the summer, and insulation to make homes more energy-efficient and to reduce their energy costs.

If you know HOME Choice participants who have difficulty paying energy bills or who have high energy bills because of their housing's lack of weatherization, please contact Nick Sunday, Chief, OCS/HEAP, Ohio Department of Development, P.O. Box 1001, 77 S. High St, 25th Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43216. You can also reach him by phone (614-644-6846), fax (614-728-6832) or email (nick.sunday@development.ohio.gov). For more information, go to <http://development.ohio.gov/Community/ocs/heap.htm>. For general questions, call 1-800-282-0880 (TDD: 1-800-686-1557).

HOME Choice Statistics

HOME Choice Enrollment

HOME Choice enrollment numbers continue to exceed expectations, as the chart shows. It reflects an increase in enrollment of 9 percent since last fall.



HOME Choice Statistics (as of February 17, 2012)

- Individuals Enrolled: 1,816
- Individuals Applied: 4,622
- Transition Coordinators: 121
- Total Providers: 501 providers (Including Transition Coordinators)



• Referral Sources (of those who have applied)

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| » Nursing Facility | 2578 |
| » Community Agency | 684 |
| » Self | 233 |
| » ICF/MR | 82 |
| » Family | 56 |
| » Friend | 53 |
| » Hospital | 33 |
| » Long-Term Care Ombudsman | 89 |
| » Minimum Data Set | 39 |
| » Physician | 3 |
| » Centers for Independent Living | 16 |
| » Other | 765 |
| » Not Reported | 43 |

HOME Choice Referrals Welcome

The HOME Choice program accepts referrals from any source. If you know anyone living in a facility who is interested in transitioning into a community setting, please call the ODJFS HOME Choice Intake and Care Coordination Unit toll-free at 1-888-221-1560 or fax an interest form to 1-614-466-6945. Interest forms and other information can be found at <http://jfs.ohio.gov/OHP/consumers/HOMEchoice.stm>.

Share News with the HOME Choice Bulletin!

Please share the HOME Choice Bulletin with your HOME Choice beneficiaries. Ask them if they would like to be featured in the "Success Story" section. If you know of a HOME Choice success story or if you would like to submit some interesting or helpful information, please contact Susan McKinley at 1-888-221-1560 or Susan.McKinley@jfs.ohio.gov.

Need a Trainer or Presenter?

If you would like to have a HOME Choice trainer or presenter attend an upcoming event, please call Leslie Sawyer, the HOME Choice Statewide Outreach Coordinator, at 1-888-221-1560.

HOME Choice Operations Update for 2012

On the next page you will find updated contacts for the HOME Choice operations office. Of particular note:

- Debra Walsh (intake coordinator) has accepted a position with another state agency.
- Karen Boester is now responsible for both the mental health and alcohol and drug caseload and for the children's caseload.
- Brock Robertson is responsible for everything having to do with HOME Choice providers.

Watch for an increased focus on provider training, development and communication throughout 2012.



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The HOME Choice Intake & Care Coordination Unit can be reached via e-mail at HOME_CHOICE@jfs.ohio.gov, by phone 1-888-221-1560. The fax number is: 614-466-6945.

| If you need..... | Contact..... | At..... |
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| Basic Information on the HOME Choice Transition Program | Intake Coordinators: Diane Shinn (vacancy) | Call: 1-888-221-1560 E-Mail: HOME_CHOICE@jfs.ohio.gov Website: http://jfs.ohio.gov/OHP/consumers/homechoice.stm |
| Help with an application (e.g. need assistance completing the application or want to check on the status of an application) | Intake Coordinators: Diane Shinn (vacancy) | Call: 1-888-221-1560 E-mail: HOME_CHOICE@jfs.ohio.gov |
| HOME Choice Caseload for persons age 22 and older with primary mental health needs and/or Drug & Alcohol Abuse AND HOME Choice Caseload for children age 21 and under. Contact for case specific inquiries, service planning, technical assistance for population type, Medicaid services: Waiver or State Plan | Community Living Administrator: Karen Boester | Call: 614-752-3516 E-mail: Karen.boester@jfs.ohio.gov |
| HOME Choice Caseload for persons age 22 through 59 with physical disabilities or developmental disabilities Contact for case specific inquiries, service planning, technical assistance for population type, Medicaid services: Waiver or State Plan | Community Living Administrator: Laurie Damon | Call: 614-752-3576 E-mail: Laurie.damon@jfs.ohio.gov |
| HOME Choice Caseload for persons age 60 and over Contact for case specific inquiries, service planning, technical assistance for population type, Medicaid services: Waiver or State Plan | Community Living Administrator: Yvette Weaver | Call: 614-752-3555 E-mail: Yvette.weaver@jfs.ohio.gov |
| Provider Enrollment Process: Applications, Technical Assistance, Training, Rules, Criteria, Contact information updates, etc. | Provider Enrollment Coordinator: Brock Robertson | Call: 614-752-3577 E-mail: Brock.Robertson@jfs.ohio.gov |
| Minimum Data Set 3.0 Section Q (Community Living Specialists) Referrals, technical assistance, criteria, reporting, training, etc. | MDS Section Q Statewide Manager Terry Moore | Call: 614-752-3638 E-mail: Terry.Moore@jfs.ohio.gov |
| HOME Choice Intake and Care Coordination Unit (Operations) Comments: delayed/lost paperwork, customer service, process, workflow, general questions, etc. | HOME Choice Operations Manager: Jane Black | Call: 614-752-3567 E-mail: Jane.black@jfs.ohio.gov |
| HOME Choice MFP Mental Health Liaison: | Andrew Sokolnicki | Call: 614-466-9985 Email: Andrew.Sokolnicki@mh.ohio.gov |



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HOME Choice Vision Statement

Ohioans who need long-term services and support . . .
Get services and supports they need in a timely manner
In settings they want from whom they want,
And if needs change, services and supports change accordingly.

The HOME Choice Bulletin is a newsletter for anyone interested in Ohio's Money Follows the Person HOME Choice Transition Program. It provides updates, statistics, and other information about the status and progress of Ohio's HOME Choice Program four times a year.

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