



SAVE THE DATE

Fall Provider Training Sessions

- Toledo September 27, 2016
- Akron October 4, 2016
- Cleveland October 11, 2016
- Columbus October 19, 2016
- Cincinnati October 24, 2016

Registration information to follow for transition coordinators, pre-transition case managers, and HOME Choice case managers.

Upcoming Webinars

Residential State Supplement and HOME Choice
August 11, 2016 (9:00-11:00 am) [Register Online](#)

Trauma-Informed Care and Youth
September 20, 2016 (9:00-11:00 am) [Register Online](#)

Annual HOME Choice Conference

The Consumer Advisory Council will host the fourth annual HOME Choice Conference in Columbus on **November 1, 2016**. Click [here](#) for more information.

Welcome New Providers!

Diversified Health Management Inc.
Nursing Services

Lashawna Carter
Nursing, Community Support Coach,
In-Home Respite Services

William Garrett IV
Community Support Coaching,
In-Home Respite

Seneca County Board of Developmental
Disabilities
Transition Coordinator

DID YOU KNOW?

There have been recent instances in which the Social Security Administration considered HOME Choice's "Community Transition" funds as a gift, and subsequently, reduced the individual's Social Security Income (SSI) benefits. This is incorrect according to [SI 00815.050](#) (Medical and Social Services, Related Cash, and In Kind Items) of the Social Security Program Operations Manual Section E.

The HOME Choice program is considered an "in-kind" service that includes assisting individuals in obtaining their own home, food, and other services under the transition of a HOME Choice participant. If you learn that an individual's SSI income has been reduced, please contact the local Social Security office or the HOME Choice provider administrator.

SPOTLIGHT

National Church Residences Home and Community Services

Since 2010, National Church Residences (NCR) Home and Community Services has served as a HOME Choice transition coordinator and service provider in 64 counties, and helped 129 individuals transition to homes in the community. NCR works with children, individuals with developmental disabilities, individuals who are elderly, individuals with substance use and mental disorders, and individuals with physical disabilities.

The HOME Choice team greatly appreciates NCR's dedicated staff and commitment!

INITIATIVES

Disability Determination Redesign: Ohio will soon join other states in having a single disability determination system, simplifying the process for Ohioans to apply for and maintain health care coverage.

Behavioral Health Redesign: This is a transformative initiative aimed at rebuilding Ohio's community behavioral health capacity. Key proposals include adding new services for people with high intensity service and support needs and aligning the procedure codes used by Ohio's behavioral health providers to better integrate physical and behavioral healthcare.

HOME Choice Statistics

Current Enrollees as of June 24, 2016		1,517
Mental Health/Substance Use Disorder	646 (42.6%)	
Physical Disabilities	457 (30.1%)	
Elderly (Age 60 & Over)	225 (14.8%)	
Developmental Disabilities	189 (12.5%)	

Total
Transitions
8,253

Updates:

The **Community Readiness Form** has been revised to be easier to use. Even though HOME Choice always announces updated forms with an e-mail, please continue to check [HOME Choice forms](#) on-line to ensure you are using the most current forms.

Financial Services Vendor Morning Star Is Changing Name. Effective August 1, 2016 Morning Star will change its name to **Morning Sun Financial Services**. The email address, which can be used now, will be ms-ohexpenses@morningsunfs.com. Phone numbers and contacts will not change.

Reminders:

Send all communication, documents, and forms to:
HOME_Choice@medicaid.ohio.gov

When contacting HC Operations about an individual, please provide at least two identifying pieces of information such as full name, MMIS number, or date of birth.

Looking for more resources?
Go Online!

medicaid.ohio.gov/HomeChoice