

Ohio Access Success Project

2014 Program Report

PROJECT HISTORY

The Ohio Access Success Project was developed and implemented as a result of the State being awarded a "Nursing Facility Transition" grant of \$600,000 from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) on September 30, 2002. The grant period was 09-30-2002 through 09-29-2005, and a no-cost one year extension that was approved extended the grant to 09-29-2006. **The grant funds were for the development and implementation of a nursing facility resident relocation program.** The Ohio General Assembly set aside \$400,000 in the state biennial budget to provide relocation expense funds for program participants, and in subsequent budgets, the amount for relocation expenses were increased to \$700,000.

In August of 2003, Easter Seals of Central and Southeast Ohio was awarded a contract to develop and implement the program, with project implementation beginning in the spring of 2004. The program was designed such that a consumer worked with a transition coordinator to help plan and implement the consumer's move to a community setting. At the end of the CMS grant, the State decided to keep the Success Project as a state nursing facility transition program. The General Assembly continued to allocate relocation funds, however there was no funding for staff to act as transition coordinators.

Until the HOME Choice Program was implemented, the Success Project was Ohio's only NF transition program. The fiscal year prior to HOME Choice implementation was the first year that all available slots were used.

More information, facts and program information about this project can be found on the Ohio Access Success Project Fact Sheet

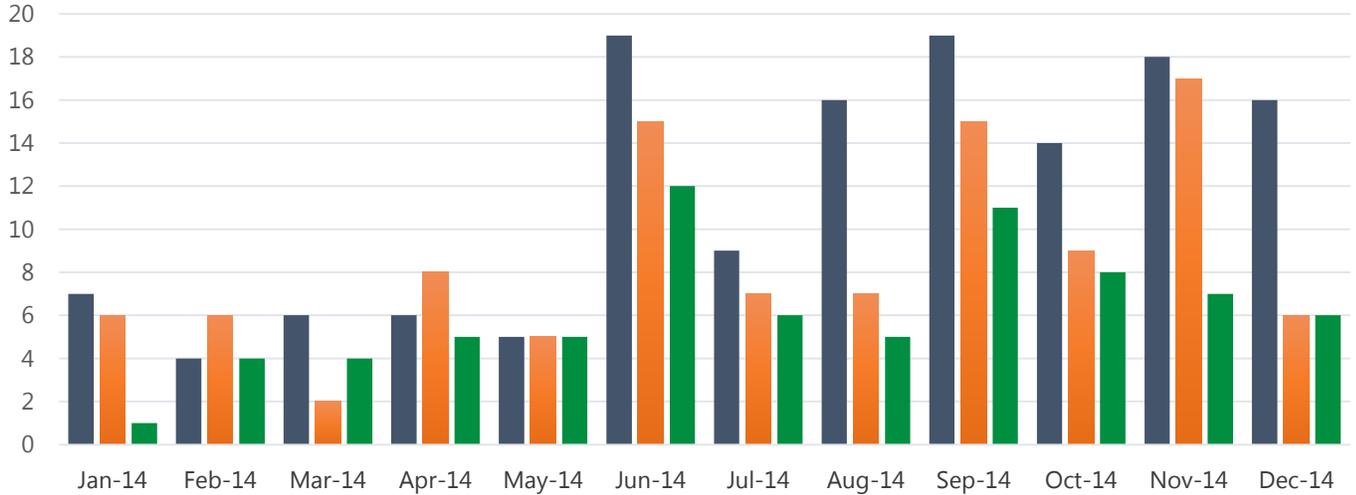
NOTABLE INFORMATION

- **The Resident Assessment Tool was developed to estimate the cost of care in the community compared to the cost of care in a nursing facility.** This tool was designed to look at specific home health services that would be provided in the community, and asks nursing facility staff members to estimate the amount of care that a consumer will need in the community.
- **The project currently depends on an unpaid individual to assist the participant in making arrangements regarding housing and expenses.** These "Moving Coaches" are chosen by the participants, and is often the nursing facility social worker. For the most part, the Success Project staff person has been the one to complete reimbursement requests and submit them to the fiscal administrator.
- When the PASSPORT Waiver added relocation funds to its available services, this decreased the ability to for some individuals to use the Ohio Access Success Project.

HOME CHOICE

With the inception of the HOME Choice program, referrals to the Success Project have decreased dramatically. If it appears that an applicant will be eligible for HOME Choice, a referral to that program will be made. Applicants are advised to apply for the Success Project if they are not going to meet the 90 day length of stay requirement, will be moving into a non-qualified residence, or will be moving out of state.

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	Jan-14	Feb-14	Mar-14	Apr-14	May-14	Jun-14	Jul-14	Aug-14	Sep-14	Oct-14	Nov-14	Dec-14
# Referred	7	4	6	6	5	19	9	16	19	14	18	16
# Approved	6	6	2	8	5	15	7	7	15	9	17	6
# Relocated	1	4	4	5	5	12	6	5	11	8	7	6

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Report Notes:

- **47%** of all those relocated used the entire \$2000.00 of relocation funds
- **63%** of all those relocated used \$1900.00 or more of the relocation funds
- **Only 10.8%** (8) of all those relocated moved out of state

Past Year Relocations

