



Money Follows the Person

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AGENDA

History of Money Follows the Person (MFP)

Rebalancing Initiatives

MFP Services

Transition and Diversion Program

Data

Questions

History of MFP



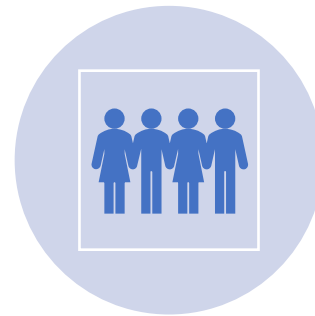
Money Follows the Person began in 2005 as part for Deficit Reduction Act



North Dakota applied and began receiving the grant award in 2007



In 2008, the grant had built infrastructure to start transitioning



Goal was to transition 110 individuals

Purpose of MFP

- Safely transition individuals into the community with services and supports
- Transitions going into waiver services are followed for 365 days
- Institutional care costs versus home and community-based service costs.
- State gets an enhanced match to then propose for other projects (Rebalancing funds)
- Abide by the Americans with Disabilities Act

Rebalancing initiatives

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- On going advertising for the No Wrong Door (Aging and Disability Resource Link)
 - Opening Doors (Landlord Mitigation Program)
 - Marketing
 - Training
 - Statewide Housing Needs Assessment
 - Rental assistance for MFP participants
 - North Dakota State Hospital Transition Funding

Eligibility criteria

- 60 consecutive days in an institution
- Nursing Facility, Hospital, Swing Bed, Intermediate Care Facility, Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility
- Medicaid Eligible and at least one Medicaid billed day
- Moving into a residential setting of 4 or less unrelated individuals
 - Apartment, Family home, Own Home, or Agency Adult Foster Home

MFP Services

- Transition Coordination Service-(Before and up to 365 days after transition)
- Housing Facilitator assigned
- 24-Hour Nursing Call Service
- Moving Costs
- Transition Adjustment Support Services

Transition Team

- Transition coordinator
- Housing Facilitator
- HCBS Case Manager/DD Program Manager
- Family
- Nursing Facility Team
- Community Support Services



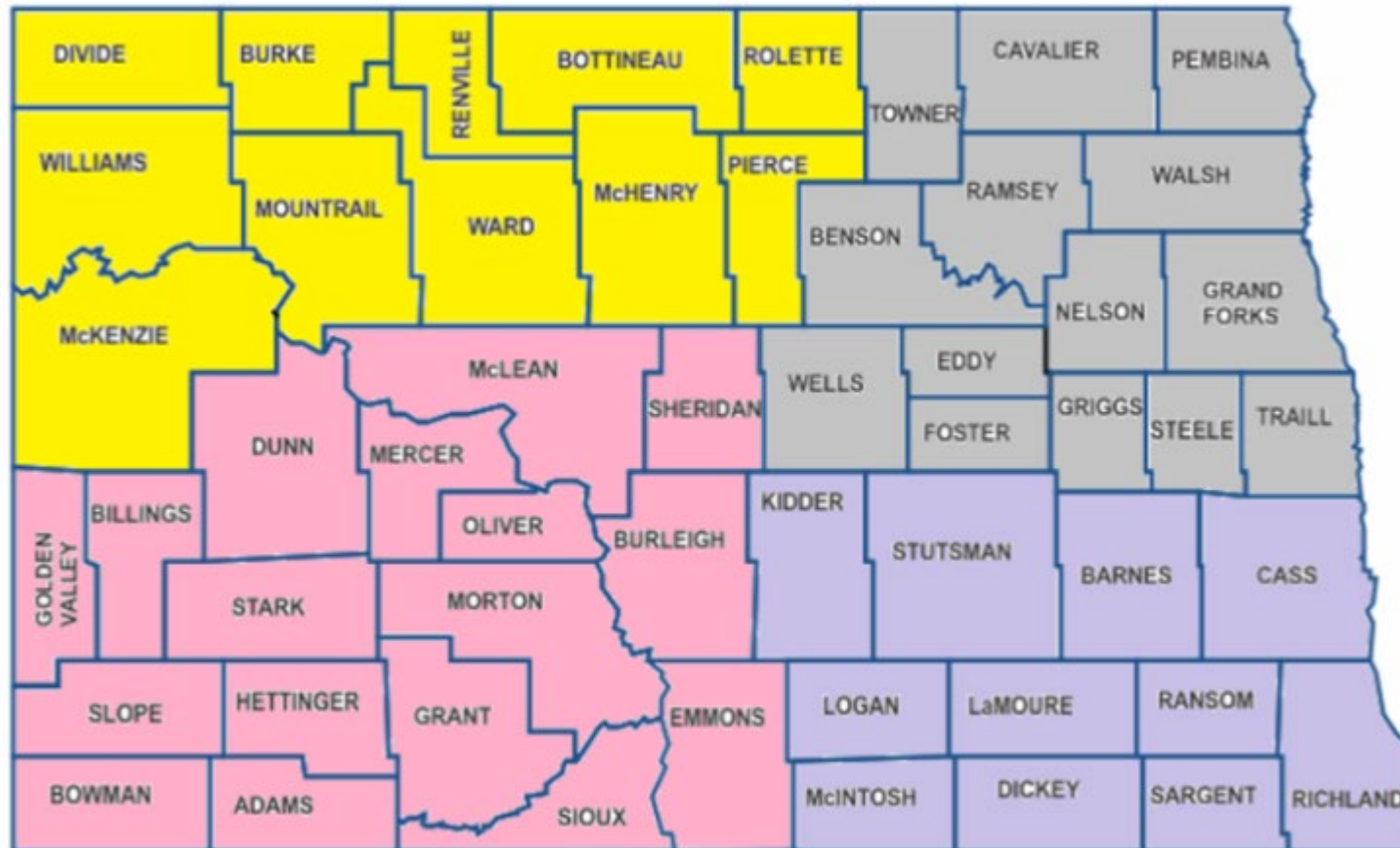
Transition coordinator role

- Obtain consent to begin the transition process
- Schedule the team meetings
- Coordinator purchases for both pre- and post-transition items
- Develop an agenda for the meeting(s)
- Provide resources and information to the individual
- Complete a person-center plan, to include an overall assessment and risk assessment

Transition Coordinator

- Contracted with the Centers for Independent Living

Independence



Options

Dakota

Freedom

Housing Facilitation

- Contracted with Minot State University
- Same coverage area as the Centers for Independent Living
- Assist in the housing search
- Apply for housing voucher
- Assist in getting a reasonable accommodation
- Apply for the Rehab Accessibly Program (RAP) Grant through ND Housing Finance Agency
- Work with individuals on their tenant rights along with how to be a good tenant

Nursing Services

Nursing Call Service

- Available for all MFP participants
- 1-800 number is available for 24 hours a day
- Weekly calls to offer supports

Moving Costs

MFP pays up to \$5,000 in one time moving related costs such as the following:

- Health and safety technology
- Security and utility deposits
- Home modifications
- Adaptive equipment
- Home/Apartment furnishings-linens, dishes, small appliances, furniture
- Assistive technology devices
- One-time modifications for a vehicle owned by the individual
- *MFP Rental Assistance
- *Supplemental services (groceries, one month of health supplies, transportation)


Transition Adjustment Support

Payment for a Qualified Service Provider/DD Agency Service to Support Successful Transition.

- Preparing apartment for the move
- Putting away belongings
- Learning to use the local transportation system
- Assistance with getting involved with the activities

Referral process

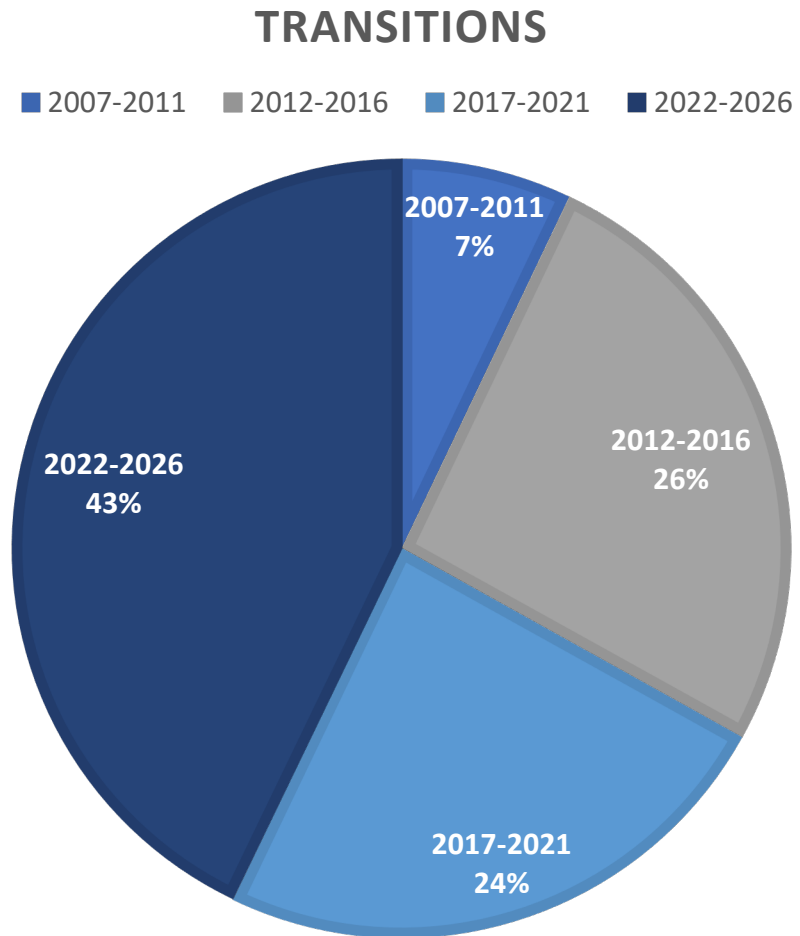
- Skilled Nursing Facilities and Swing Beds Complete a 584 online application through the ADRL web page
- Development Disabilities complete a SFN 1573 and submit to the hhsmpreferrals@nd.gov
- All inquires for transition/diversion should filter through the above inbox



Referred or Living in a Nursing Home

Explore Community Services (Form 584)

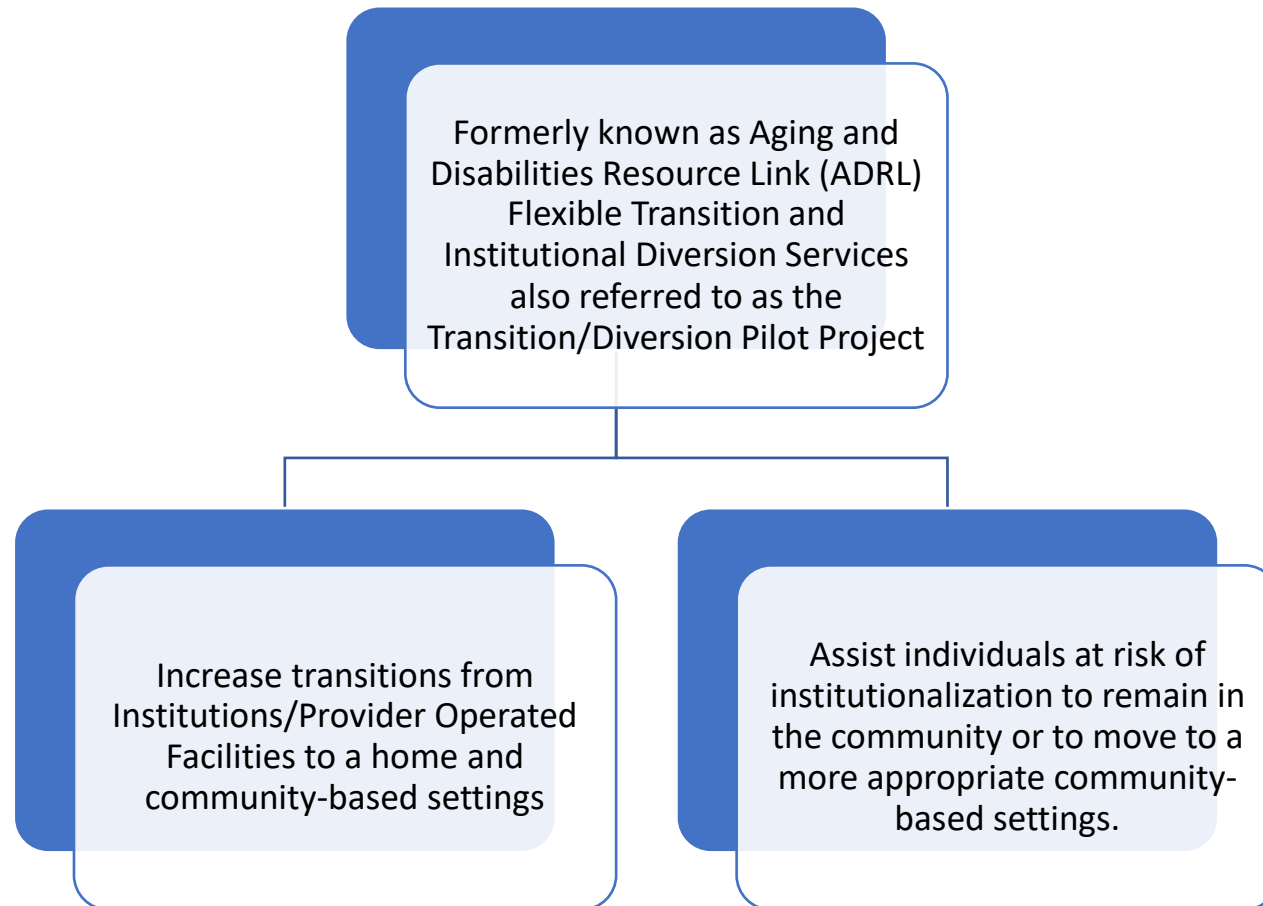
Running transitions



Reasons for the Increase

- Reduced institutional stay requirement from 6 consecutive months to 60 consecutive days
- Department of Justice Settlement Agreement
 - Signed into effect December 14, 2020
 - Options Counseling process
 - Identified Target Population Members
 - Medicaid or Medicaid pending, \$25,000 or less in assets
 - Meet Nursing Facility Level of Care
 - At 21 years of age

Transition and Diversion Program



Transition and Diversion Program eligibility

Eligibility Requirements:

- An individual with a disability of any age living in a provider operated residential facility that is transitioning back to a community residence
- Medicaid or Medicaid Expansion (within income guidelines of Medicaid Expansion)
- Does not otherwise qualify for the Money Follows the Person Grant or one of the other state transition services.

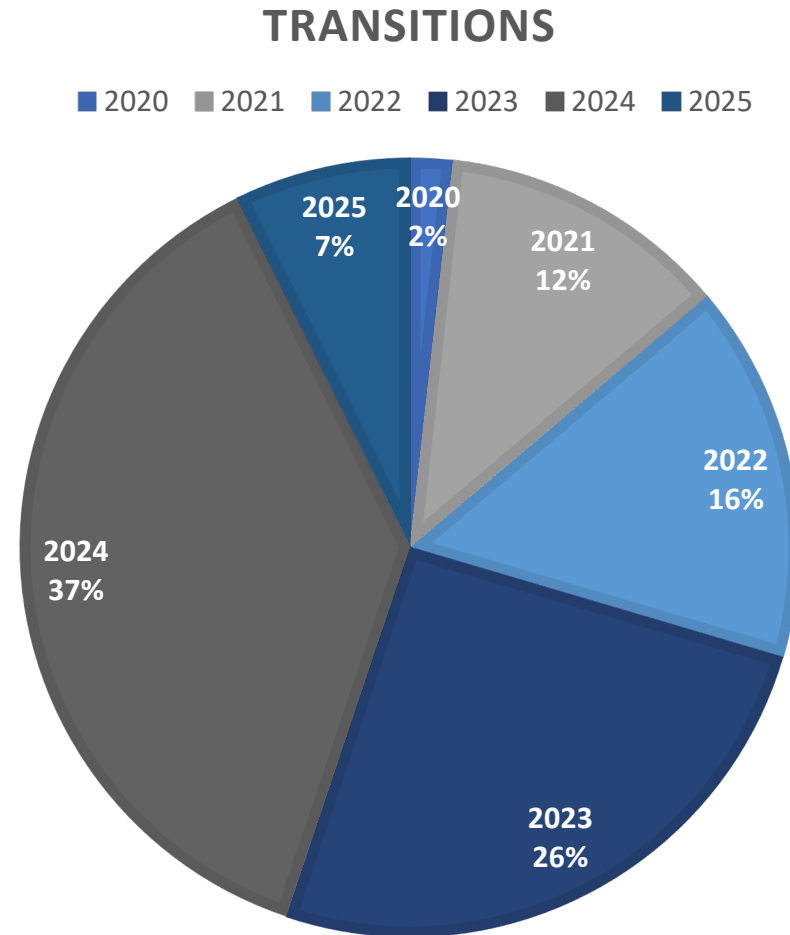
Transition and Diversion Program referral

- Complete the [SFN 649](#) - and send carechoice@nd.gov
- Section A (must be completed)
- Section B (transition) or C (diversion)

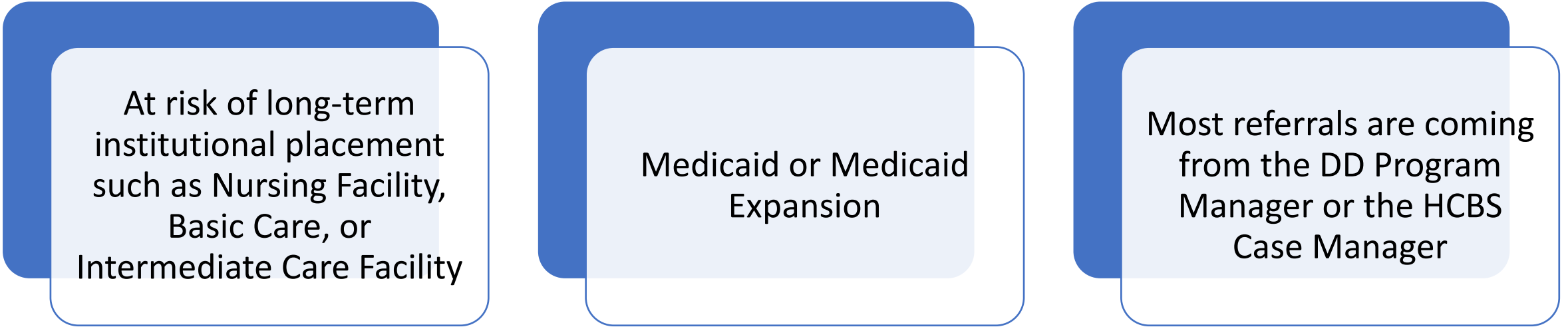
Provider Operated Facilities

- Nursing facilities,
- Basic care facilities,
- Assisted living facilities,
- Other similar group living environments.

Running transitions for Transition and Diversion Program



Diversion eligibility

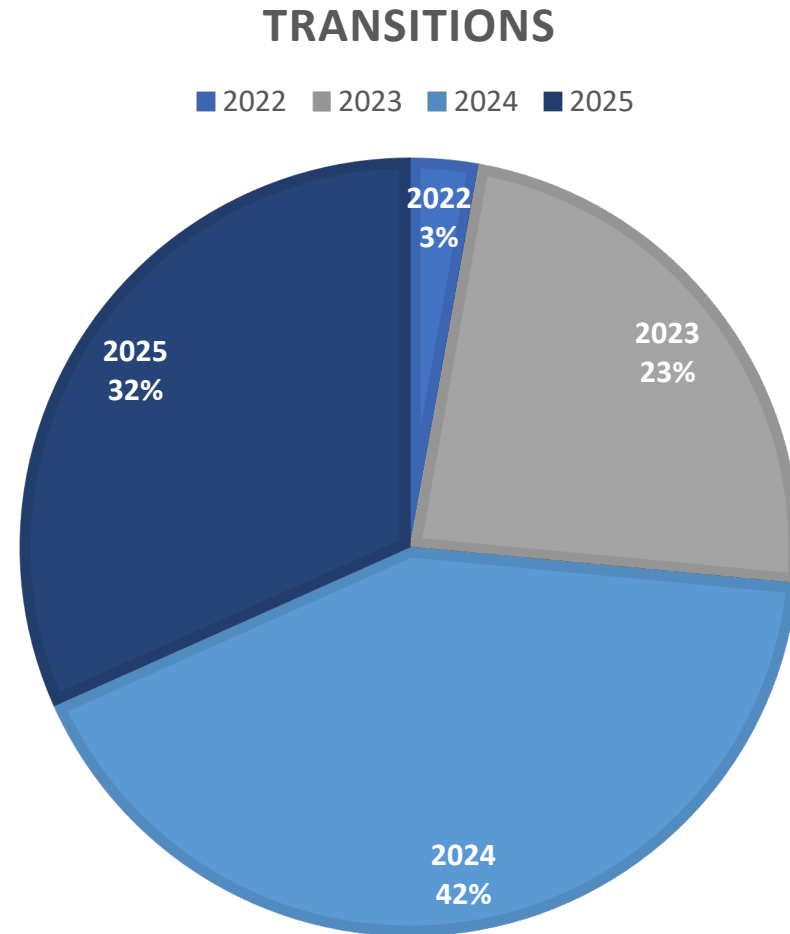


At risk of long-term institutional placement such as Nursing Facility, Basic Care, or Intermediate Care Facility

Medicaid or Medicaid Expansion

Most referrals are coming from the DD Program Manager or the HCBS Case Manager

Running diversions for Transition and Diversion Program



Questions?



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