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Why Housing Collaboration Matters?
Office of Interagency Innovations (OII)*

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*OII is part of the Center for Innovation and Partnership (CIP) which serves as the locus within ACL for the administration of programs and initiatives that serve both older adults and persons with disabilities, including consumer access and protection programs.
It’s Difficult to Find Accessible and Affordable Housing

U.S. Housing Stock

Wheelchair accessible - less than 1%

Can accommodate people with moderate disabilities - less than 5%
People with Disabilities and Older Adults Experience Homelessness

Heads of Households and Adults Experiencing Sheltered Homelessness

- Disability status unknown 2%
- People without disabilities 48.9%
- People with disabilities 48.5%

23% people who used homeless shelters in the past year were older adults.
Housing and Services Resource Center

acl.gov/HousingAndServices #HousingResources
1. Facilitate partnerships across disability, aging, health and housing sector at all levels that help

1. Coordinate technical assistance across ACL, ASPE, CMS, HUD and SAMHSA

2. Recognize and Share Innovations (webinars, office hours)

3. Leverage and Align Resources ([HUD and HHS Fact Sheet](#))
Learn more at: acl.gov/HousingAndServices
Cross-Sector Housing Collaborations

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Money Follows the Person (MFP)

• Began partnership with Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) and Iowa Medicaid Enterprise (IME) in 2007 (77 million cumulative)

• In 2020 - 33 MFP States received 5 million dollars for planning and capacity building

• Transition/Intermediate Care Facilities/Homes in the Community

• Transition/ Nursing Facilities, PMIC, Inpatient Hospital Settings

• Individuals with IDD or Brain Injury
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- MFP Staffing:
  - Program Manager
  - (10) Transition Specialist
  - (2) Behavioral Specialist (BCBA)
  - (1) Employment Specialist

Exploring:
- (3) new Transition Specialist
- (1) Coordinator position
- (2) Behavioral Specialist
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• Referrals:
  – 1,555 referrals since the start

• Transitions:
  – Total of 930 Individuals
  – Total of 770 individuals completed 365 transitioned to waivers

• HCBS Providers
  – 309 providers have enrolled to provide MFP services
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Related Work:
- Community Ambassador Project
- Capacity Building
  - Managed Care organization
  - Iowa Association of Community Providers (IACP)
  - DHS-Community Integration Workgroup
  - Center for Independent Living
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• Recent Changes:
  – 110 million to expand access to HCBS
  – Individual awards up to 5 million dollars to states and territories not currently participating
  – Services are now 100% federally funded, no state share
  – Expanded the definition of supplemental services including short-term housing and food assistance
Center of Excellence for Behavioral Health

• Advance evidence-based practices for individuals with serious mental illness, emotional disturbances and co-occurring conditions

• Focusing on three evidence-based practices, Assertive Community Treatment, Individual Placement and Support and Permanent Supportive Housing

• Training, technical assistance, fidelity monitoring and environmental scan
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• Permanent Supportive Housing:
  – Braided funding approach with local, state and federal dollars
  – Support services eligible for Medicaid reimbursement, Voc. Rehab, local and state general funds
  – Partnering with Local Housing Agency (Shelter House)
    o Housing first initiatives
    o Recovery focused
    o Peer driven models
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• Permanent Supportive Housing:
  – Foundation built on **Inclusion** and **Education**
    o Choice of housing (preference explored)
    o Functional separation of housing and services
    o Housing integration (interaction with others who don’t have disabilities)
    o Flexible, voluntary and recovery focused (tailoring services toward recovery, improved functioning, life satisfaction)
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