Trends in Living Arrangements of People with IDD: From Institution to Individualized Settings

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Background

The Residential Information Systems Project (RISP) is an annual report providing statistics by state, with long-term trends on residential services, settings, populations and expenditures for persons with developmental disabilities in state, nonstate and Medicaid-funded residential programs in the U.S. RISP has been collecting data since 1977. The Supporting Individuals and Families Information Systems Project (FISP) is a new, companion project to RISP that was developed to complete annual data collection and longitudinal data analysis, policy studies and broad-based dissemination to better understand and promote effective supports for families and for individuals who direct their own support.

Number of Medicaid LTSS Recipients with IDD by Funding Authority on June 30, 2012

Changes in the Number of People with IDD Living in Individualized Settings 2000 to 2012 (Estimated Totals)

Individualized settings are living arrangements where three or fewer people with IDD live together while receiving federal- or state-funded long-term supports and services. Congregate settings are living arrangements where four or more people with IDD live together while receiving federal- or state-funded long-term supports and services.

Medicaid financed long-term supports and services (LTSS) for persons with IDD have evolved from a system that mainly provided services in large institutions to a system that provides LTSS to people with IDD community-based settings. Since 2000, the number of people living in Individualized settings has grown 65%, from an estimated national average of 535,463 people to 885,186 people. The average size of residential settings decreased from 3.1 in 2002 to 2.3 in 2012. During that same time, Medicaid HCBS waiver funding for LTSS grew more than 300,000% from 9.6 million to 29.5 billion dollars.

Age of HCBS Waiver Recipients with IDD by Living Arrangement on June 30, 2012

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