

2007 Gaps Analysis County Profile: Benton County

Part 1: Home and Community Based Long Term Care Services: Change in Services

Services where Benton County has *added, expanded or improved* the service

Behavioral Programming
Caregiver/Family Support and Training
Chore Service
Companion Service
Consumer Training and Education
Crisis Consultation from Public Private Vendors
Employment Opportunities Promoting Meaningful Job, Careers, Self-Sufficiency
End-of-life, Hospice, Palliative Care
Fiscal Support Entities (CDCS)
Guardianship/Conservatorship
Home Health Aide
Homemake Service
Long Term Care Consultation/ Community Assessment
Relocation Service Coordination
Supportive Employment
Training and Support Services
Transitional Services/Housing Access Coordination
Transportation

Services where Benton County has *decreased or eliminated* the service

None

Part 2: Home and Community Based Long Term Care Services: Overall Service Capacity

Services that are *not available*

None

Services that are *limited* (Populations affected are reported in parentheses)

Consumer Training and Education (All Populations)
Crisis Consultation from Public/Private Vendor (Age 65 and older, Under age 65 on a waiver)
Crisis Respite Bed Services from Public/Private Vendor (All Populations)
Guardianship/Conservatorship (All Populations)
Respite Care, In Home (All Populations)
Respite Care, Out of Home (Age 65 and older, Age 22 - 64 on a waiver, Age 22 - 64 not on a waiver)
Transportation (All Populations)

Services that *exceed demand*

None

What issues/barriers are currently most critical to overcome in Benton County to ensure that persons of all ages and disabilities have home and community-based support options?

Staffing Issues, unfunded/under funded mandates, the need for Health Plans to coordinate expectations, forms, etc. AND - DHS to maybe lay out the expectation that Health Plans cooperate in these areas. IT is extremely difficult for workers to do there jobs and remember everything they are suppose to. There has to be something better out there, a better way.

Highest Priority for HCBS Development:

Development of, use of and support of the family caregiver. Consumer choice and community based services.

Part 3: Housing Options

Has there been any new development of Housing and/or Housing/Service Arrangements for persons of all ages and disabilities in the past two years?

No

Resources for Accessible Housing

Resources for Accessible Housing that are *not available*

Available resources (i.e., Housing Link) used to track available, accessible and affordable units

Resources for Accessible Housing that are *limited*

Landlords willing to allow accessibility modifications on their property

Resources for Accessible Housing that *exceed demand*

None

Housing Options

Housing Options that are *not available*

Market rate rental apartments with support services only

Market Rate rental apartments with supervision/health care services

Market rate corporate adult foster care

Other market rate housing options (e.g. Board & Lodging, Board & Care, Residential Care)

Housing Options that are *limited*

Subsidized rental apartments with no services

Subsidized adult family foster care

Market rate adult family foster care

Housing Options that *exceed demand*

Market rate rental apartments with no services

Corporate adult foster care

What issues/barriers are currently most critical to overcome in order to ensure an appropriate supply of housing options for older persons and persons with disabilities in Benton County?

There is a lot of supply in Benton County regarding Nursing Home (LTC) beds (3 NH's and approx 400 beds) which are heavily used by surrounding counties and (5) assisted living facilities, plus (3) board and lodges, and a multitude of Foster Care Homes. More provider development becomes overwhelming without the potential for adding new staff - with the changes due to MSHO/MSD+ and the health plans, counties move clients to these facilities and transfer the service responsibilities to Benton. Supply of housing creates supply of case manager staff issues.

Highest Priority for Housing Development

(1) Rural development of Assisted Living with Long Term provider in Foley area. Initially, up to (10) beds, establish a Group Residential Housing agreement and contract with this provider. (1) Assisted living development in Sauk Rapids, to serve adults/seniors who are frail, with possible mental health/ behavioral issues. (Up to 18 beds). Work to attain Less than 24 hour assisted living service in subsidized rural housing setting, should time permit.

Part 4: Long-Term Care Specialty Beds/services- Nursing Homes

Long Term Care Specialty Beds/Services that are *not available*

None

Long Term Care Specialty Beds/Services that are *limited*

Dementia care

Long Term Care Specialty Beds/Services that *exceed demand*

None

Issues/barriers most critical to overcome in order to ensure an appropriate supply of Nursing Home Specialty Beds/Services

Utilization- beds are at times full. I don't know how to solve that.

Top two barriers in Benton County to relocating persons from nursing homes into the community

Accessible housing, provider issues/ training at times for staff of providers, staff retention of providers. Money - particularly for EW clients/ caps.