

2007 Gaps Analysis County Profile: Cook County

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

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

Caregiver/Family Support and Training
End-of-life, Hospice, Palliative Care
Fiscal Support Entities (CDCS)
Long Term Care Consultation/ Community Assessment
Training and Support Services (ILS, SLS, In-Home Family Support)
Transitional Services/Housing Access Coordination

Services where Cook 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*

Adult Day Care/ Adult Day Care Bath
Behavioral Programming
Day Training and Habilitation
Non-County Information/Referral and Assistance
Non-County Case Management
Supportive Employment
TBI Structured Day Program

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

Chore Service (All Populations)
Companion Service (All Populations)
Consumer Training and Education (All Populations)
Crisis Consultation from Public/Private Vendor (All Populations)
Employment Opportunities Promoting Meaningful Jobs, Careers, Self-Sufficiency (All Populations)
End-of-life, Hospice, Palliative Care (All Populations)
Guardianship/ Conservatorship (All Populations)
Homemaker Service (All Populations)
Insurance Counseling/ Forms Assistance (All Populations)
Respite Care, In Home (All Populations)
Respite Care, Out of Home (All Populations)
Training and Support Services (All Populations)
Transportation (All Populations)

Services that *exceed demand*

None

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

Our limitations are availability of caregivers, transportation, and perhaps training/support of paid and unpaid caregivers. We do not have specialized services to meet the needs of the most handicapped persons--eg DT/H, sufficient number of foster homes, rehabilitation programs. We do not have but need assisted living services for adults.

Highest Priority for HCBS Development:

This is subjective-- I think we need to develop a 24/7 assisted living site for both low-income and privately paying seniors. We also need to increase the paid caregiver labor force.

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*

Subsidies for low- income persons who need home modifications

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 no services

Market rate rental apartments with support services only

Market rate rental apartments with supervision/ health care services

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

Subsidized rental apartments with support services only

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

Housing Options that are *limited*

Market rate adult family foster care

Market rate corporate adult foster care

Subsidized rental apartments with no services

Subsidized rental apartments with supervision/ health care services

Subsidized adult family foster care

Subsidized corporate adult foster care

Housing Options that *exceed demand*

None

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 Cook County?

We have limited subsidized apartments for low-income seniors and disabled adults. We do have a contract with HRA in Duluth for Section 8 certificates/vouchers but the market rental rate is very high. It

ishard to locate affordable housing for any person in Cook County who isnot wealthy. In my opinion, low income and disabled persons aresegregated--eg trailer courts, old cabins, apartment buildings.

Highest Priority for Housing Development

Affordable housing and housing with services.

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

Heavy care, complex medical management

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

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

We have one Care Center with an open environment. It is difficult to provide care for frail elders, patients with dementia and behavior issues. The most handicapped person (dementia) often are placed out of county.

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

Safe housing and staffing of safe housing.