

2007 Gaps Analysis County Profile: Koochiching County

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

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

Caregiver/Family Support and Training
End-of-life, Hospice, Palliative Care
Long Term Care Consultation/ Community Assessment
Modifications and Adaptations
Non-County Information/Referral and Assistance
Relocation Service Coordination
Transportation

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

Chore Service

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
Consumer Training and Education
Crisis Consultation from Public/Private Vendor
Non-County Case Management
TBI Structured Day Program
Transitional Work Opportunities at School

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

Caregiver/Family Support and Training (Age 65 and older)
Chore Service (All Populations)
Companion Service (Age 65 and older)
Crisis Respite Bed Services from Public/Private Vendor (Under age 65 not on a waiver)
Employment Opportunities Promoting Meaningful Jobs, Careers, Self-Sufficiency (Under age 65 on a waiver)
End-of-life, Hospice, Palliative Care (All Populations)
Home Delivered Meals (Age 65 and older, Under age 65 on a waiver)
Home Health Aide (All Populations)
Homemaker Service (All Populations)
Insurance Counseling/ Forms Assistance (All Populations)
Respite Care, In Home (Age 65 and older, Age 22 - 64 on a waiver)
Respite Care, Out of Home (Age 65 and older, Age 22 - 64 on a waiver)
Skilled Home Nursing Care (All Populations)
Supportive Employment (Under age 65)
Transitional Services/Housing Access Coordination (All Populations)
Transportation (All Populations)

Services that *exceed demand*

None

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

Funding, staff who can make a living wage and get insurance, providers who will do rural care, lack of services such as chore and homemaking

Highest Priority for HCBS Development:

In 2008 a community needs assessment for senior services will be completed. We will have more information at that time.

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?

Don't Know/Unsure

Resources for Accessible Housing

Resources for Accessible Housing that are *not available*

Local county staff with experience in promoting accessibility modifications
Available resources (i.e., Housing Link) used to track available, accessible and affordable units

Resources for Accessible Housing that are *limited*

Local builders/contractors with accessibility remodeling/new construction expertise¹
Local builders/contractors willing to take on accessibility modifications
Adequate reimbursement under the waiver plans for needed modifications
Subsidies for low-income persons who need home modifications
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

Housing Options that are *limited*

Market rate rental apartments with no services
Subsidized rental apartments with support services only
Subsidized rental apartments with supervision/health care services
Other subsidized housing options (e.g. Board & Lodging, Board & Care, Residential Care)
Other market rate housing options (e.g. Board & Lodging, Board & Care, Residential Care)

¹ Such as ramps, elevators, enlarged doorways and hallways, technology for temperature control, lighting, security, etc...)

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 Koochiching County?

We need middle income rental units with a menu of services. We need upgraded rental units for those with Mental Illness issues and more options for the homeless population and transients.

Highest Priority for Housing Development

We are looking at converting an old school into housing units.

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

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

Dementia care

Heavy care, complex medical management

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

None

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

Funding for a specialty unit in dementia care. We currently have to send our residents to Beltrami County or further. Bemidji is 110 miles from us. Living wages and insurance for staff are important for continuity.

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

Lack of appropriate services, including transportation and lack of funding.