

2007 Gaps Analysis County Profile: Polk County

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

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

Adult Protection
Behavioral Programming
Fiscal Support Entities (CDCS)
Guardianship/Conservatorship
Supportive Employment
Transportation

Services where Polk 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*

Insurance Counseling/ Forms Assistance
Non-County Case Management
TBI STructured Day Program
Transitional Work Opportunities at School

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

Behavioral Programming (Age 22 - 64 on a waiver, Under age 21)
Companion Service (Under age 65 on a waiver)
Crisis Consultation from Public/Private Vendor (Under age 65 on a waiver)
Crisis Respite Bed Services from Public/Private Vendor (Age 65 and older, Under age 65 on a waiver)

Services that *exceed demand*

None

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

Increased funding for DD waiver together with the State safety net being made available to Polk Country

Highest Priority for HCBS Development:

Further development of TBI services within the region together with the continued development of fully accessible housing.

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?

Yes

of New Buildings: 5
of New Units: 16

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*

Local builders/contractors with accessibility remodeling/new construction expertise¹
Local county staff with experience in promoting accessibility modifications
Subsidies for low-income persons who need home modifications

Resources for Accessible Housing that *exceed demand*

None

Housing Options

Housing Options that are *not available*

Market rate corporate adult foster 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*

Subsidized rental apartments with supervision/health care services

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 Polk County?

Given the distance required to travel within the County, the full range of housing options may not be available near ones home town. ub/dhs_id_026119.hcsp

Highest Priority for Housing Development

Fully accessible housing options

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*

None

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

None

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

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

Transportation continues to be a major barrier. When one family member must access a Nursing Homes Specialty Bed, it may be at some distance from the home of origin resulting in other family members having difficulty in supporting/visiting the primary person

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

Housing and caregivers. Even when Corporate Foster Care option is utilized, a major barrier is recruiting staff to meet the needs of the consumer.