

2007 Gaps Analysis County Profile: Ramsey County

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

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

Adult Day Care/ Adult Day Care Bath
Chore Service
Guardianship/Conservatorship
Home Health Aide
Homemade Service
Modifications and Adaptations
Non-County Case Management
Respite Care, In Home
Respite Care, Out of Home
Skilled Home Nursing Care
Transitional Services/Housing Access Coordination

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

Adult Protection

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

Services that are *not available*

Consumer Training and Education
Crisis Consultation from Public/Private Vendor
TBI Structured Day Program

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

Adult Protection (All Populations)
Guardianship/Conservatorship (All Populations)
Insurance Counseling/ Forms Assistance (Age 65 and older, Under age 65 on a waiver)
Respite Care, Out of Home (Age 65 and older, Under age 21)

Services that *exceed demand*

Adult Day Care/Adult Day Care Bath
Caregiver/Family Support and Training
Companion Service
Day Training and Habilitation/Prevocational Services
Home Health Aide
Homemaker Service
Modifications and Adaptations
Respite Care, In Home
Skilled Home Nursing Care
Training and Support Services
Transitional Services/Housing Access Coordination

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

For those on the CAC, CADI and TBI waivers, the most critical barrier is the DHS form 3543. This form is not high priority for the financial assistance folks and it prevents us from being able to assign a waiver slot to clients who may very well be eligible. This form holds up services and prevents needy people from getting the services they need. Another barrier is the lack of affordable assisted living beds. Since providers can set their own rent and are only required by Ramsey County to set aside 10% of their beds as GRH/low income, as more and more people spend down, they are no longer able to afford the market rate rent and the few affordable beds that the provider is required to provide the county is taken, people have to move out. Since there is a shortage of low income assisted living beds overall, people have to move back to live with their family, go to nursing homes or live in other congregate settings.

Highest Priority for HCBS Development:

- 1) Affordable residential settings (assisted/customized living, foster care, etc.)
- 2) Culturally appropriate adult day care
- 3) Technology so people can maintain to live in their homes

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: 6

of New Units: 87

Resources for Accessible Housing

Resources for Accessible Housing that are *not available*

None

Resources for Accessible Housing that are *limited*

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*

None

Housing Options that are *limited*

Subsidized rental apartments with no services
Subsidized rental apartments with support services only
Subsidized rental apartments with supervision/health care services

Housing Options that *exceed demand*

Market rate rental apartments with no services
Subsidized adult family foster care
Market rate adult family foster care
Corporate adult foster care
Market rate 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 Ramsey County?

We need more affordable housing options for elderly and people with disabilities. We are faced with assisted living facilities only able to take a certain number of people at a lower rent rate or at the GRH rate and once that capacity is reached, they cannot take any more people. This means if someone had lived there for years and was able to afford it but now they run out of money and all their county contracted beds are filled, that person will have to move out. We have tried to develop but with each assisted living building development, the provider is only required to give us 10% of their beds and those beds fill up quickly. There is not enough affordable beds to meet the need of all the people we serve and all the people who were currently residing there and are now spending down. Providers are charging high rent amounts making it hard for our clients to remain living there with the limited fixed income they have. It would help if there was any kind of subsidy through the S

Highest Priority for Housing Development

We plan to issue a RFP for housing with services providers who can provide low income housing for our elderly and disabled clients. We'll be looking for apartment buildings and corporate foster care sites. We are also developing a customized living site for people under 65 who have a mental illness and high medical needs. We are currently encouraging existing providers to contract with us so we can obtain more affordable housing options for our clients.

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

Additional note: Ramsey County has one nursing home that specializes in serving the Hmong population.

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

Not sure.

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

Finding affordable housing.