



2012 Disability Services LTSS Gaps Analysis County Profile: Cass County

The following is a summary of the Long-Term Services and Supports Gaps Analysis survey responses submitted by Cass County to provide local information about the capacity and gaps in services and housing needs of persons with disabilities of all ages in Minnesota. For more information about the Gaps Analysis survey please refer to the [Disability Services Division Gaps Analysis web page](#).

Part 1: Current Capacity and Change in Services since 2011

Cass County reported on their current capacity across a range of home and community-based long-term services and supports (LTSS). They were also asked about any changes in the availability of the service in the prior two years. Attachment 1 includes a description for any services that are reported as “Available/Limited” or “Not Available”.

Coordination and Management Services	Current Capacity (Dec. 2012)	Change in Capacity since 2011	Age Groups Impacted ¹
Case Management	meets demand	no change	
Case Management Aide	not available	no change	
Housing Access Coordination	not available	no change	1, 2, 3
Specialty Services	not available	no change	1, 2, 3

Caregiver Support	Current Capacity (Dec. 2012)	Change in Capacity since 2011	Age Groups Impacted
Caregiver Living Expenses	meets demand	no change	
Caregiver Training & Education	meets demand	no change	
Crisis Respite	meets demand	no change	
Family Training and Counseling	meets demand	no change	
Respite	meets demand	no change	

Day Services	Current Capacity (Dec. 2012)	Change in Capacity since 2011	Age Groups Impacted
Adult Day Care	available but limited	no change	1
Adult Day Care, Bath	not available	no change	1, 2
Consumer Training and Education	not available	no change	1, 2, 3
Day Training & Habilitation	not available	no change	1, 2, 3
Prevocational Services	not available	no change	2, 3
Structured Day Program	not available	no change	1, 2, 3
Supported Employment Services	available but limited	no change	2, 3

Home / Residence Services	Current Capacity (Dec. 2012)	Change in Capacity since 2011	Age Groups Impacted
24-hour Emergency Assistance	meets demand	no change	

¹ 1=Age 65 and older; 2=Under age 65 & on a waiver; 3=Under age 65 & not on a waiver



Adult Companion Services	meets demand	no change	
Chore Service	meets demand	no change	
Customized Living Services	meets demand	no change	
Customized Living Services, 24-hour	meets demand	no change	
Extended Personal Care Assistance	meets demand	no change	
Home Delivered Meals	meets demand	no change	
Homemaker	meets demand	no change	
Night Supervision Services	meets demand	no change	
Personal Support	meets demand	no change	
Residential Care Services	meets demand	no change	
Residential Habilitation	meets demand	no change	

Accommodations	Current Capacity (Dec. 2012)	Change in Capacity since 2011	Age Groups Impacted
Assistive Technology	available but limited	no change	1, 2, 3
Environmental Accessibility Adaptations	meets demand	no change	
Specialized Supplies and Equipment	meets demand	no change	
Transitional Services	available but limited	no change	1, 2, 3

Home Care Services and Supports	Current Capacity (Dec. 2012)	Change in Capacity since 2011	Age Groups Impacted
Home Health Aide (HHA)	meets demand	no change	
Private Duty Nursing (PDN)	meets demand	no change	
Skilled Nurse Visit (SNV)	meets demand	no change	
Home Care Therapies (PT, OT, SLP, RT)	available but limited	no change	1, 2, 3

Other Services	Current Capacity (Dec. 2012)	Change in Capacity since 2011	Age Groups Impacted
Behavioral Programming/Support	available but limited	no change	1, 2, 3
Consumer Directed Community Supports (CDCS)	meets demand	no change	
Foster Care	meets demand	no change	
ILS Therapies	meets demand	no change	
Independent Living Skills (ILS) Training	meets demand	no change	
Transportation	not available	no change	1, 2, 3



Part 2: Capacity to Serve Culturally Diverse Communities

Cass County was asked to provide their perspective on how prepared, in general, disability service providers are to deliver care that is culturally competent to individuals in the following communities.

Cultural Community	How Prepared	Description
Racial/ethnic minority communities	very prepared	
New American/ immigrant/ refugee communities	somewhat prepared	
Gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender communities	very prepared	
Other cultural community (details below)		

Part 3: HCBS System Improvement

Cass County was asked to rate the level of improvement within their jurisdiction for elements of the HCBS system, based on the [Vision, Values and Goal of Continuing Care](#), with 1= no improvement, and 5=significant improvement. A score of “1” may indicate that the county’s needs were already being met.

HCBS System Improvement	Score
Choice and Independence for people with disabilities	4
Stewardship of human services resources	4
Self-determination and personal responsibility by people with disabilities	4
Integrity by Continuing Care Administration at the Minnesota Department of Human Services and others	3
Diversity because of differences make us strong	4
Partnerships and collaboration with clear roles, responsibilities and accountability for ourselves and others	4
Accountability	4

3b. What issues/barriers are currently most critical to overcome in Cass County to ensure that persons with disabilities have home and community-based support options?

Affordable housing with services options, Dependence upon small number of providers, Distance/isolation, Transportation for non-medical needs

3c. Highest priority for HCBS development for upcoming biennium (2014-2015):

No



Part 4: Housing Options

Cass County was provided a list of resources that could be used to modify current housing stock (private homes and apartments) to accommodate the needs of persons with disabilities. They were asked to assess their capacity of these resources that enhance accessibility.

Resources for Accessible Housing	Availability
Local builders/contractors with accessibility remodeling/new construction expertise (i.e. ramps, elevators, enlarged doorways and hallways, technology for temperature control, lighting, security, etc.)	available but limited
Builders/contractors willing to take on environmental accessibility modifications	available but limited
Adequate reimbursement under the waiver program for needed modifications	available but limited
Other (if indicated, see description below)	

4b. Cass County was asked to indicate the variety and availability of specific subsidized and market-rate housing options.

Capacity of Housing Options	Availability
Subsidized rental apartments with no services	available but limited
Subsidized rental apartments with support services only	available but limited
Subsidized rental apartments with supervision/health care services	available but limited
Subsidized Adult Family Foster Care	meets demand
Corporate Adult Foster Care	meets demand
Other subsidized housing options (Board & Lodging, Board & Care, Residential Care)	available but limited

4c. Indicate the issues/barriers to relocation of persons into the home of their choice in Cass County:

Limited resources, Lack of housing, Access to transportation

4d. Relocation into the Community

Question	Details
Are there any persons receiving disability services in Cass County who could move to their own home <i>from provider-controlled housing</i> if they had adequate supports available?	Yes
Systematic strategy for relocating persons <i>from congregate settings</i> to the community in Cass County	
Systematic strategy for relocating persons receiving disability services <i>from provider-controlled housing</i> into the community in Cass County	Don't know/Unsure



Part 5: Employment

5a. Please list the barriers to increasing employment for persons receiving disability services in Cass County:

a. Person does not want to work (or believes they can't work), c. Access to transportation, d. Lack of employment supports such as access to effective supported employment services, h. Lack of support network to enable success at work

5b. Is there a systematic strategy to increase competitive employment and earnings for persons receiving disability services in Cass County?

No

5c. Is there a strategy to incorporate benefits planning in your work with persons receiving disability services in Cass County?

No

5d. Does your agency have the capacity to incorporate the use of DB101 into a service for people? If so, are people who are receiving disability services also receiving referral to or access to DB101 or other benefits planning tools?

No

Part 6: Consumer Directed Community Supports (CDCS)

6a. Is there a systematic strategy to offer the CDCS option to persons receiving disability services in Cass County?

No

6b. Indicate any barriers to transitioning persons receiving disability services in your jurisdictions to CDCS:

b. Lack of knowledge/education about CDCS, c. Lack of resources to support individual

Part 7: Final Comments: Accomplishments and Challenges within HCBS LTSS

HCBS LTSS: Summary of Accomplishments and Challenges	
Accomplishments, Achievements and Best Practices	
Major/Priority Issues or Challenges	Transportation



7b. Indicate how Cass County is striving to improve on the following priorities of the Disability Services Division focus on the CHOICE domains of a meaningful life:

Priorities	Methods of improvement
Community membership	
Health, wellness and safety	
Own place to live	
Important long-term relationships	
Control over supports	
Employment earnings and stable income	



**Attachment 1: Description for Services Reported as “Not Available”
or “Available but Limited”**

Adult Day Care: Limited providers and travel distance

Adult Day Care, Bath: No provider available