

From Institutions to Independence: How LIFTT's MFP Program Is Changing Lives



Sometimes success looks like a number on a spreadsheet. More often, it looks like a door opening to a new home.

At LIFTT, we are proud to share that our Money Follows the Person (MFP) program is not just active. It is thriving. Thanks to the dedication, expertise, and persistence of Dineva Bower, individuals across our service area are transitioning from institutional settings into homes of their own.

This work is changing lives, one move at a time.

What Is Money Follows the Person (MFP)?

Money Follows the Person is a Medicaid-funded program designed to help people who are living in nursing facilities or other institutional settings return to the community. The program recognizes a simple but powerful truth: most people want to live in their own homes, not institutions, when the right supports are in place.

MFP helps make that possible by:

1. Supporting the transition from an institution to community living
2. Assisting with housing search and move-in coordination
3. Helping individuals access services and supports they need to live independently
4. Providing transition funding that follows the person, not the institution

In plain terms, MFP helps people move home and stay there successfully.

What Success Looks Like at LIFTT

Because of the work of LIFTT's MFP team, individuals are moving into safe, stable housing and reclaiming control over their lives. Each transition represents not just a change of address, but a shift toward dignity, choice, and independence.

Behind every successful move is careful planning, advocacy, coordination, and trust. Dineva Bower, working closely with Pamela Ramirez and Holly Hanson, has been leading this effort with remarkable skill and commitment. Together, they turned a complex program into real outcomes for real people.

This progress also strengthens LIFTT's ability to continue and expand services, ensuring that the program remains sustainable and responsive to community needs.

Who May Qualify for MFP?

You or someone you know may qualify for the Money Follows the Person program if they:

1. Are enrolled in Medicaid
2. Are currently living in a nursing facility or other qualifying institutional setting
3. Want to move back into the community
4. Can live safely in the community with appropriate supports

Every situation is different, and eligibility is determined individually. Asking questions is the first step.

Why MFP Matters

Living in the community is about more than housing. It is about choice, autonomy, and belonging. MFP allows individuals to:

- 1.** Live closer to family and friends
- 2.** Make everyday decisions about their own lives
- 3.** Participate more fully in their communities
- 4.** Rebuild independence after long periods of institutionalization

This is what independent living looks like in action.

Know Someone Who Might Benefit? Or Think You Might Qualify?

If you think you or someone you know may qualify for the Money Follows the Person program, we encourage you to reach out. Referrals are welcome, and conversations are confidential.

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Sometimes independence begins with a single conversation. At LIFTT, we are ready to have it.