

3.A. STRATEGY REQUEST
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Agency code: 539 Agency name: AGING AND DISABILITY SERVICES

GOAL: 1 Long-term Care Continuum

Statewide Goal/Benchmark: 3 3

OBJECTIVE: 4 Community Care - State

Service Categories:

STRATEGY: 5 Promoting Independence from an Institution into the Community

Service: 26 Income: A.1 Age: B.3

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Objects of Expense:

2009 OTHER OPERATING EXPENSE		\$95,961	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
3001 CLIENT SERVICES		\$575,050	\$400,000	\$1,300,000	\$1,300,000	\$1,300,000
TOTAL, OBJECT OF EXPENSE		\$671,011	\$400,000	\$1,300,000	\$1,300,000	\$1,300,000

Method of Financing:

1 GENERAL REVENUE FUND		\$671,011	\$400,000	\$1,300,000	\$1,300,000	\$1,300,000
SUBTOTAL, MOF (GENERAL REVENUE FUNDS)		\$671,011	\$400,000	\$1,300,000	\$1,300,000	\$1,300,000
TOTAL, METHOD OF FINANCE (INCLUDING RIDERS)					\$1,300,000	\$1,300,000
TOTAL, METHOD OF FINANCE (EXCLUDING RIDERS)		\$671,011	\$400,000	\$1,300,000	\$1,300,000	\$1,300,000

FULL TIME EQUIVALENT POSITIONS:

STRATEGY DESCRIPTION AND JUSTIFICATION:

This strategy implements the Texas Promoting Independence Plan, developed in response to the US Supreme Court ruling in Olmstead v. Zimring and two Governor's Executive Orders GWB99-2 and RP13. Activities include community outreach and awareness and relocation services. Community outreach and awareness is a systematic program of public information developed to target groups who are most likely to be involved in long term care decisions. Relocation services involve assessments and intense case management to assist individuals in nursing facilities that choose to transition to community-based care. It includes funding for Transition to Living in the Community (TLC) services to cover establishing and moving to a community residence.

Statutory Authority: Olmstead v. Zimring, 527 USC 581 (1999).

EXTERNAL/INTERNAL FACTORS IMPACTING STRATEGY:

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To be successful, transitioning adults and children residing in nursing facilities to the most integrated community setting of their choice requires a thorough assessment, intensive case management, housing assistance, and funds to set up a community residence. Intensive case management is needed to help build and implement the service and support systems for adults and children so they can return to the community. With limited income and resources, Medicaid recipients in facilities may need help to set up community households, such as rent deposits and purchasing household goods and groceries. Children need permanency planning to achieve a return to living with an enduring, nurturing family in the community. Relocation assistance, housing vouchers, and transition funding in combination or individually will allow more individuals to return to the community. Community outreach activities will raise awareness and improve processes for informing decision makers about long term care options.

This would allow additional adults and children residing in nursing facilities to transition back to community living.

On December 1, 2003, the Medically Dependent Children Program began processing the permanency planning reviews. No funding was allocated for this activity and the process demands travel and staff time.

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