



**KNOX HOUSING PARTNERSHIP  
WORKING WITH  
MONEY FOLLOWS THE PERSON**

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# This is the story of Mr. Roberts Comes Home

- Mr. Roberts had been living in a senior adult complex
- Mr. Roberts suffered a stroke and was moved into a nursing home
- The senior adult community was unable to hold Mr. Roberts' unit and he wanted to come back to his community. He needed a new place to call home



# Background on the MFP program or Basic MFP 101...

# What is Money Follows the Person?

## *MFP- Rebalancing Demonstration Fund*

- **The largest demonstration fund in the history of Medicaid established from the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005. It initially provided \$1.75 billion in funding to states to achieve the following objectives:**

# Objectives of MFP

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- Increase the use of home and community based services

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- Eliminate barriers that restrict the use of Medicaid


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- Strengthen the ability of Medicaid programs to provide HCBS to people who choose to transition out of institutions

# Objectives continued

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**Continuity of Services** – Increase the ability of the State Medicaid program to assure continued provision of home and community-based long-term care services to eligible individuals **who choose to transition** from an institutional **to a community setting**.



Which FAHE states are participating  
in MFP?

# All of our states are participating!

- **Alabama** – announced in August 2013 ready to move forward with the MFP program
- **Kentucky**- “Kentucky Transitions” - 2007
- **Tennessee** – “Choices” TennCare – 2011
- **Virginia** – “Money Follows the Person” - July 1, 2008
- **West Virginia** – “Take Me Home West Virginia” - 2011



# How long is Demonstration?

- MFP has been extended through Sept 30 2016
- An additional \$2.25 Billion (\$450 million for each FY 2012-2016).



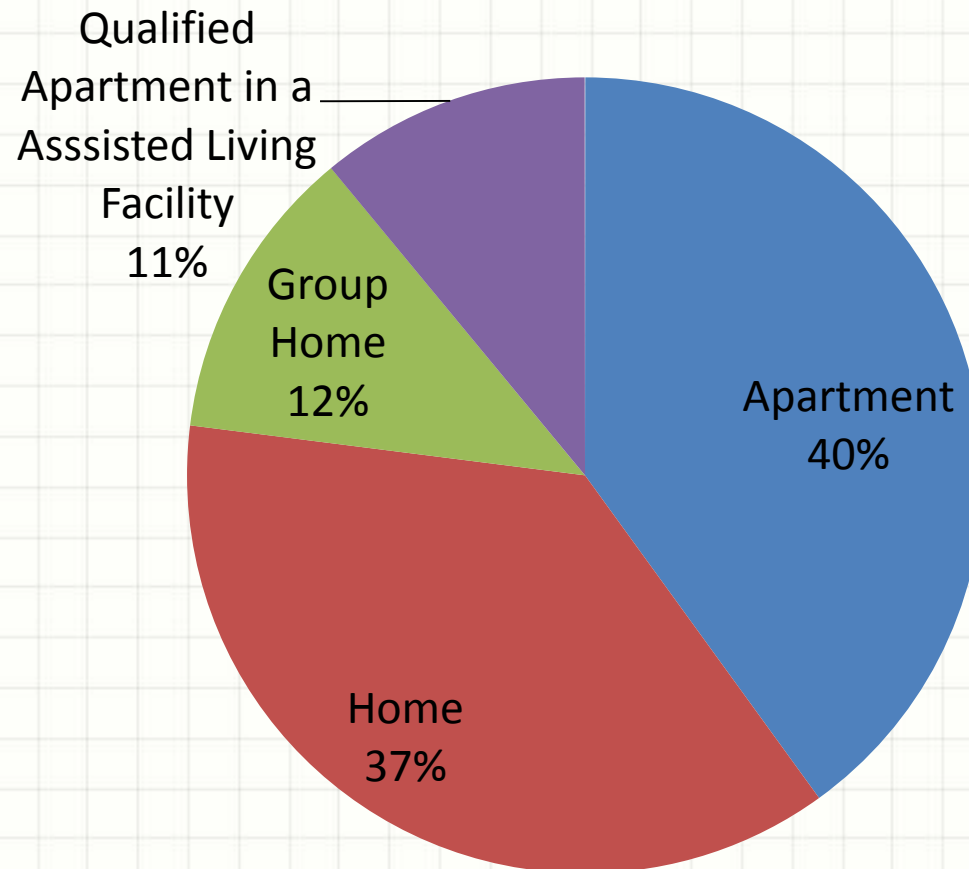
# What is one of the biggest needs?

**Quality, affordable housing** for people coming out of nursing homes or institutional settings

# Housing For MFP Participants

Percentage of New MFP Participants Who Transitioned to Each Type of Qualified Residence, July to December 2012

Source: Mathematica Policy Research



# How did Knox Housing Partnership connect with the Choices program?

- Attended the HAC Vermont Conference learned about the Supports and Services at Home (SASH) model and about Leading Age
- Met with the Choices staff at the TennCare Bureau to discuss how we might work together
- Choices has a Housing Coordinator that works with their Managed Care Organization (MCO)- each state may have a similar position

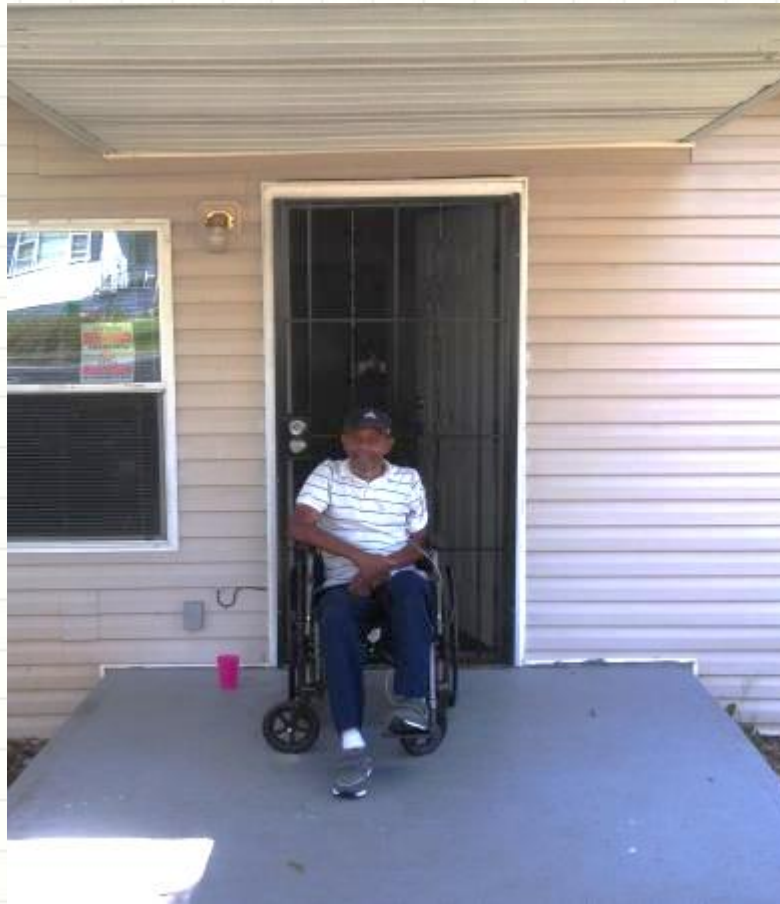
# Connecting with the players in MFP

- Offered our rental homes as an option for their Choices enrollees
- Choices Housing Coordinator had their MCO coordinator contact KHP
- We moved in our first Choices participant within a short time frame from connecting with the Choices staff

Modifications to home are paid for through the MFP program



One happy resident at a time...



# Resources

- <http://www.medicaid.gov/Medicaid-CHIP-Program-Information/By-Topics/Long-Term-Services-and-Support/Balancing/Money-Follows-the-Person.html>
- [http://medicaid.alabama.gov/news\\_detail.aspx?ID=8061](http://medicaid.alabama.gov/news_detail.aspx?ID=8061) – Alabama program update
- <http://chfs.ky.gov/dms/mfp.htm> - Kentucky website
- [http://www.tn.gov/tenncare/long\\_mftp.shtml](http://www.tn.gov/tenncare/long_mftp.shtml) - Tennessee website
- <http://www.olmsteadva.com/mfp/> - Virginia Website
- <http://www.dhhr.wv.gov/bms/MFP/Pages/default.aspx> - West Virginia website
- <http://www.leadingage.org> – aging services national organization





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