

THE IMPACT AND SUCCESS OF MONEY FOLLOWS THE PERSON

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Iowa's Money Follows the Person (MFP) Program was launched in 2008 to demonstrate that people with disabilities could live full lives in the communities of their choice with the right supports and services.



In 2019, a national survey of all MFP programs showed **Iowa ranked third per capita** of people with intellectual disabilities moving to community living.



By the end of 2025, **1,150 people** had made the transition to community living across the lifetime of the MFP program.



In Fiscal Year 2025, **96% of the people** who transitioned were still living in the community at the end of their 365-day demonstration year.



A DIFFERENT MEASURE OF SUCCESS

MFP participants enjoy doing things for the first time in their lives. Moving out of a facility into a home in the community allows them to choose their own daily activities. Like running errands and using a debit card, getting a job and heading to work, or going to school to earn a degree.

With the support of MFP, participants have celebrated many other "firsts":

- Slept in my own bed
- Dressed myself
- Learned how to cook
- Washed the dishes
- Cleaned the house
- Took out the garbage
- Did my own laundry
- Went to church
- Went to a birthday party
- Joined a gym
- Opened a bank account
- Rode a bike
- Rode the bus
- Shoveled snow!

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