

MONEY FOLLOWS THE PERSON: HELP OLDER ADULTS AND PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES RETURN HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS

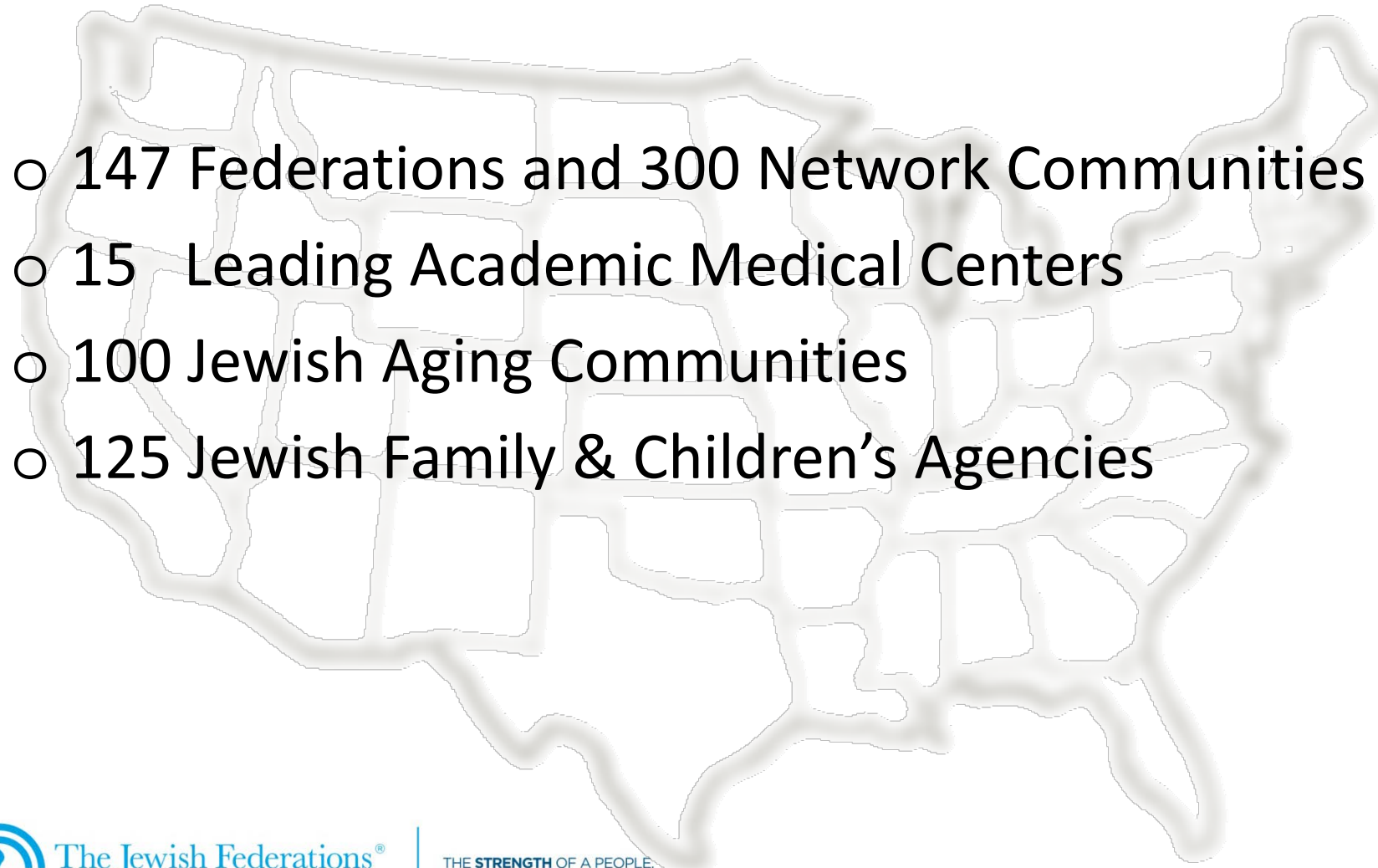
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JEWISH FEDERATIONS & PARTNER AGENCIES

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- 147 Federations and 300 Network Communities
 - 15 Leading Academic Medical Centers
 - 100 Jewish Aging Communities
 - 125 Jewish Family & Children's Agencies

STRATEGIC HEALTH RESOURCE CENTER

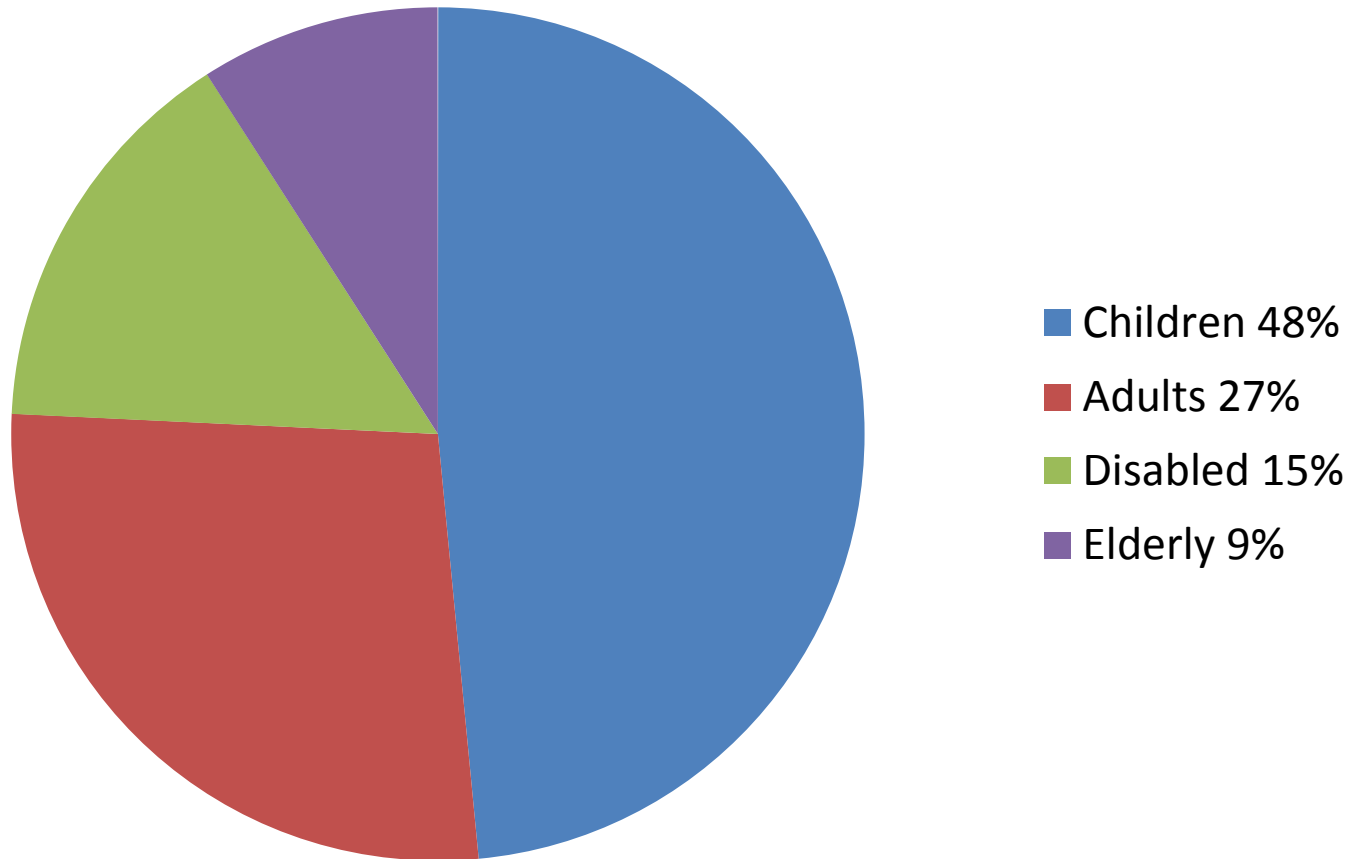
Core Mission

“Preserve the ability of Jewish communal health, behavioral health, and long-term care providers to serve as a critical health safety net.”

Key Health Policy Priorities

Medicaid, Medicare, and
Children’s Health Insurance Program

WHO DOES MEDICAID SERVE?



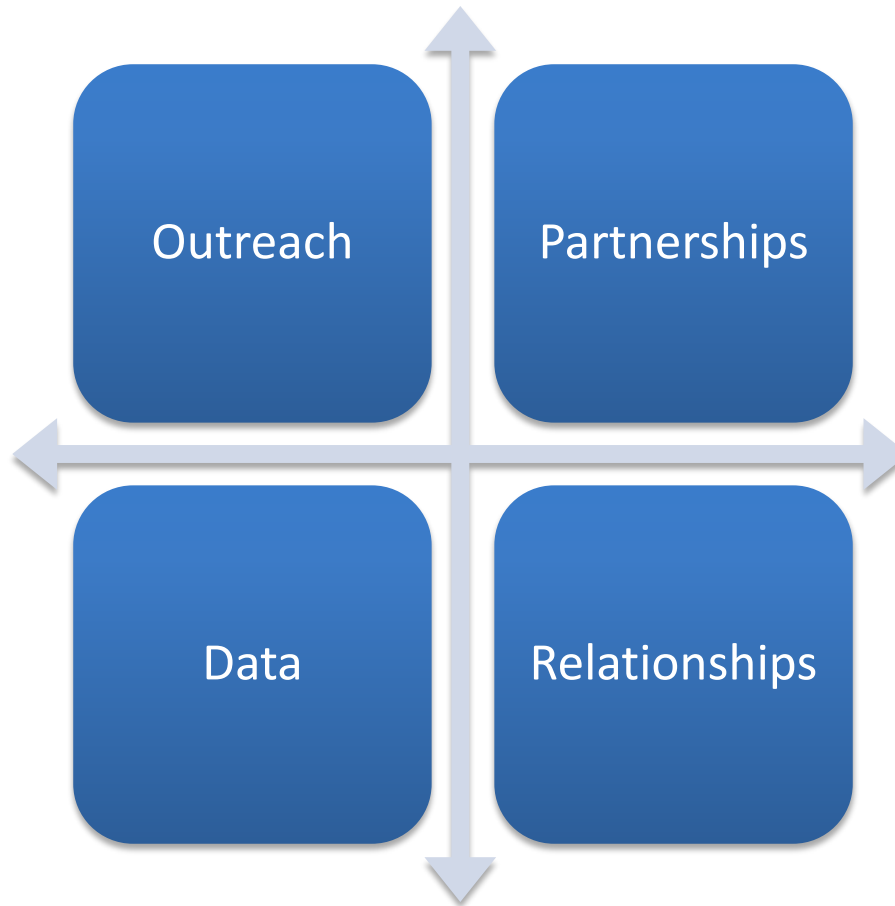
MEDICAID FUN FACTS

- Largest insurer of long-term services and supports in the country (62%)
- **Jewish provider agencies: \$6 Billion**

2018-2019 SHRC ADVOCACY: CONSEQUENCES

- Beneficiaries
- **Providers**
- States
- Economy

2018-2019 SHRC ADVOCACY: ACTING TOGETHER



MONEY FOLLOWS THE PERSON

- Stands on the shoulders of Medicaid
- Gets low-income older adults & people with disabilities back home
- Pays for transition costs (1st month's rent, furnishings, housing/services coordinator)
- 44 states; more than 88,000 beneficiaries
- Reduces Medicaid spending (20%)
- **September 30, 2016**
- **December 31, 2018**



MONEY FOLLOWS THE PERSON

Money Follows the Person Expired in 2016!

Where Does Funding in Your State Stand?

12 State MFP Programs Already Have Exhausted Their Funding

Delaware	New Hampshire
Illinois	North Dakota
Iowa	Oklahoma
Kansas	Texas
Massachusetts	Vermont
Michigan	Virginia

33 Remaining States Will Exhaust Their Funding by December 31, 2018

Alabama	Idaho	Montana	South Carolina
Arkansas	Indiana	Nebraska	South Dakota
California	Kentucky	Nevada	Tennessee
Colorado	Louisiana	New Jersey	Washington
Connecticut	Maine	New York	West Virginia
District of Columbia	Maryland	North Carolina	Wisconsin
Georgia	Minnesota	Ohio	
Hawaii	Mississippi	Pennsylvania	
	Missouri	Rhode Island	

Source: The Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services

What would be lost without this funding?

Dignity. Independence. Progress. Community Integration.

MONEY FOLLOWS THE PERSON: EMPOWER CARE ACT

“Ensuring Medicaid Provides
Opportunities for Widespread
Equity, Resources, and Care Act”
(S. 2227/H.R. 5306)

Reauthorizes and improves MFP

TAKING ACTION TOGETHER

- **Action Alert: Tuesday, November 27th**
 - Contact your Senators and Representative to urge passage of the legislation (focus on leadership)
- **Coalition Letters**
 - JFNA secured two major coalition letters
 - Leadership Council of Aging Organizations
 - Partnership for Medicaid
- **Direct advocacy** with elected officials in Washington and your own communities
 - JFNA staff have participated in dozens of meetings, some conducted jointly with local federation representation
- **Webinars** like this one



Shaping policy • Sharing solutions • Strengthening communities



ANCOR is...

A national nonprofit trade association advocating and supporting:

- Over 1,400 private providers of services
- 52 State Provider Associations
- Over 1m people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families
- And employing a workforce of over 600,000 direct support professionals (DSPs) and other staff
- Great diversity: agencies established in the 1800s to recent startups, faith-based organizations, Arc chapters, every UCP affiliates, Easter Seals, Goodwill, and more



What is Money Follows the Person?

- First authorized by in 2005 by Pres. Bush and reauthorized in 2010 by Pres. Obama, MFP is designed to:
 - Support Medicaid enrollees who want to transition from nursing facilities back to community-based settings;
 - and developing infrastructure to promote and enhance access to HCBS.



Impact of MFP

- About 80,000 people have moved into the setting of their choice.
- At least 47 states have improved access to home and community-based services (HCBS) for people with disabilities and older adults.
 - In FY05, states only spent approximately 37% of their LTSS expenditures on HCBS. According to the most recent data, states now spend over 53% on HCBS.



What is the current status of MFP?

- The program expired on September 30, 2016.
- There is not enough funding to sustain the program at current levels. Overall, states had to cut back approximately 40% on their plans submitted to CMS.
- Without additional funding, every state will stop transitioning new individuals this year.
- **All states will have exhausted their MFP funding by December 31, 2018.**



Why do we need MFP to continue?

- Significant variations remain across states and different populations who need HCBS.
 - HCBS accounted for 75% of spending in programs targeting people with developmental disabilities, compared to only 41% of expenditures for programs targeting older people, people with physical disabilities, and people with serious mental illness.
- Over 50,000 nursing home residents said they wanted to talk with someone about leaving their facility, but never received a referral to a local agency that could help them.
- States have learned lessons and can share promising practices with other states.



EMPOWER Care Act

- H.R. 5306 – Rep. Brett Guthrie (R-KY) & Rep. Debbie Dingell (D-MI)
 - Co-sponsors: 27 Republicans, 49 Democrats
 - 1 year reauthorization passed unanimously out of House Energy & Commerce Committee
- S. 2227 – Sen. Rob Portman (R-OH) & Sen. Maria Cantwell (D-WA)
 - Co-sponsors: 4 Republicans, 19 Democrats, 1 Independent
 - Currently in Senate Finance Committee



EMPOWER Care Act improves MFP

- Reduces how long someone must be in a nursing home before becoming eligible to transition from 90 days to 60 days.
- Enhances the reporting and accountability of MFP funding.
- Requires the federal government to identify and share the most effective state strategies for transitioning beneficiaries from institutional to qualified community settings.



Congressional Outlook

- Advocates remain optimistic for a one year reauthorization of MFP during Congress' Lame Duck session.
- Possible standalone bill or package of legislation with ACE Kids Act and/or reauthorizing spousal impoverishment provision of ACA.
- Cost for EMPOWER Care is approximately \$450 million over 10 years.
- No payfor is currently identified.



We need YOUR advocacy now!

- Pressure needed on House & Senate leadership in both parties.
 - Senate Democrats: Schumer (NY), Durbin (IL), Murray (WA), Stabenow (MI), Wyden (OR), Warren (MA), Warner (VA), Klobuchar (MN), Manchin (WV)
 - Senate Republicans: McConnell (KY), Cornyn (TX), Thune (SD), Blunt (MO), Barrasso (WY), Hatch (UT), Gardner (CO)
 - House Democrats: Pelosi (CA), Pallone (NJ), Hoyer (MD), Clyburn (SC)
 - House Republicans: Ryan (WI), McCarthy (CA), Scalise (LA), Walden (OR), McMorris Rodgers (WA)

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MONEY FOLLOWS THE PERSON: THE TEXAS EXPERIENCE

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JEWISH FAMILY SERVICE OF HOUSTON

- Jewish Family Service is a non-profit human service agency for people of all ages and all walks of life. Our goal is to provide **light, hope and help** to individuals struggling with life challenges.
- Offer mental health and support counseling, as well as disability services, senior adult services and case management, employment services, disaster response case management, and more.

MFP: TEXAS

- One of the earliest and largest MFP programs in the country
- Helped Texas “rebalance” its long-term services and supports system, shifting more to HCBS
- Achieved 110% of our goals
- Transitioned nearly 12,000 people (through 2016)
 - 4,362 older adults
 - 4,406 individuals with physical disabilities
 - 2,665 individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities

DISCUSSION & QUESTIONS

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THANK YOU FOR JOINING US TODAY

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