



THE MICHIGAN *OLMSTEAD* COALITION

Working to Make Community-Based Long Term Care Available To All Who Need It

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DID YOU KNOW

The Michigan Home Help Program

- As the nation's oldest consumer directed long-term care program, the Michigan Home Help program allows individuals to live in their own home and choose their caregivers.
- The Home Help program is managed by the Department of Human Services and their Adult Services Workers. The Michigan Quality Community Care Council (QC3) assists this program through a statewide registry of individual Home Help Providers, who have passed criminal history and reference checks. The QC3 also offers training and support programs to Providers and Consumers of Home Help Services.
- Home Help is the state's largest long-term care service program. Since 2005, the Home Help program has grown from serving 55,500 people to currently serving more than 64,000 of our state's citizens a year, allowing people who are aging and/or have disabilities, to remain in their homes and communities.
- Home Help is a Medicaid program that provides in home care, such as bathing, toileting, assistance with mobility, meal preparation, housework and several other daily living activities.
- The "average" Home Help recipient is under 60, needs help with 3 to 5 personal care needs and 1 or 2 household chores. There are more than 14 recipients older than 105.
- Home Help can serve people who require just a few hours a month of assistance, as well as those who would be eligible for a Nursing Home.
- The average cost of providing in-home assistance to an individual through the Home Help program in 2010, is estimated to be \$359 a month.
- Most Home Help providers are paid \$8.00 per hour.
- In 2010, over 47,000 individuals were employed delivering Home Help services. In addition, 479 businesses with an undetermined number of employees served the program.
- Every \$30 of general funds invested by the state in Home Help services, are matched by \$70 from the federal government, making Home Help one of the most cost effective forms of long term care to the state.

The Michigan Olmstead Coalition is a non-partisan, non-profit group that includes the Michigan Disability Rights Coalition; The Arc Michigan; UCP Michigan; Disability Network/Michigan; Area Agencies On Aging Association of Michigan; Michigan Campaign For Quality Care; Michigan Protection and Advocacy Service; Michigan Statewide Independent Living Council; Michigan Developmental Disabilities Council; Michigan Paralyzed Veterans of America; ADAPT of Michigan; Community Housing Network; National Multiple Sclerosis Society-Michigan Chapter; Developmental Disabilities Institute; PHI National; UCP of Metropolitan Detroit; Washtenaw Association for Community Advocacy; Disability Network/Lakeshore; Capital Area Center for Independent Living; Disability Advocates of Kent County; Ann Arbor Center for Independent Living; Disability Network/Mid Michigan; disability Connections; Disability Network/Southwest; Michigan Alliance of Direct Support Professionals, The Disability Network; and the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman.