

# HCBS 1915(k) Waivers: Community First Choice

## What is the Community First Choice (CFC) Program?

The CFC Program is a way for people to receive their services in the community. Services are based on functional needs and emphasize consumer direction, which means that people receiving services have more input about who provides their services and how they pay for services.

The CFC Program is similar to other Medicaid Waivers, such as the Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) waivers. The CFC Program, however, cannot be limited to a certain number of “slots.” Everyone who qualifies for the CFC Program would receive services through this program.

## Why is the CFC Program good for people with disabilities receiving services?

- No time limit or expiration date (part of State Plan)
- Statewide eligibility
- Focus on consumer direction
- More people can have community-based services

## Why is the CFC Program good for states?

- Increased federal match (6%)
- Can work to develop best practices for other states
- Save money by increasing community-based services

