

Community Options Programs

Unified Community Services offers several programs that help people remain in their own homes, if they so choose, rather than live in a nursing home. The programs serve a variety of individuals including persons who are physically disabled, developmentally disabled, frail elderly, chronically mentally ill, abusers of alcohol or other drugs, and victims of Alzheimer's disease or other forms of dementia. The programs also include respite services for caregivers and funding for assisted living placements.

ELIGIBILITY

Am I Eligible? If you are eligible for nursing home care, you are probably eligible for an options program. If you believe you may qualify, you can request a free assessment and case plan. The program coordinator will meet with you, your family, service providers, and other interested persons to gather information regarding your eligibility and to determine which services are necessary to enable you to remain in the community.

BENEFITS

What Services Might Help Me Stay In The Community?

- If you may be at risk living independently, the program offers you a free assessment and a free case plan outlining the services necessary to enable you to continue living in the community, rather than being moved to a nursing facility.
- If you are found eligible, and if funding is available, you can receive a variety of services including supportive home care, respite care, meals on wheels, an emergency response system (Lifeline), home modifications, transportation and care management.

What Is The Cost?

- If your income is low or you are receiving Supplemental Security Income, you need not contribute to the cost of your care. If your resources are greater, you will be asked to pay a share of the costs. If you live in an assisted living facility, you will be asked to pay a monthly contribution toward your care.

APPLICATION

To get more information contact call Unified Community Services at 608-935-2776 or visit in person at 1112 Professional Drive, Dodgeville, WI 53533. Hours are Mon 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Tues, Wed, Thurs 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Fri 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.