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What is a LCA Options Counselor?

- A LCA is a Local Contact Agency
 Options Counselor
- A LCA presents information to hospitals, clinics, outreach workers, police and fire departments, and you the consumer about community-based long-term supports and services

ADRC/MFP

- ADRC
 - Aging & Disability Resource Center (ND uses LINK)

Links people who are older or who have a disability to services and supports to help them remain at home or in their communities

- MFP
 - Money Follows the Person
 Provides resources to assist people with disabilities move from institutions to homes and communities.

Future Planning/Don't Wait for a Crisis

- Many individuals do not plan for the future, or find it challenging to think ahead.
- To think you may need help can be daunting.
- Is your home manageable and accessible?
- Plan your own care and make your wishes known.

Who's there to assist you in planning

- Look to your family, and talk openly about future needs.
- If family is not available, friends are great supports.
- Is your home where you want to age?
- How comfortable are you with someone coming into your home?
- What might your financial situation look like?

Focus of Home and Community-Based Services

- Address Individual needs
- Choice of services
- Choice of who provides care
- Maintain as much independence as possible

Home and Community-Based Services (Cont'd)

- Services that can be provided to you, the consumer, in your home.
- Brochure: Live at Home Longer with Services and Support for Older Adults and People with Disabilities
- There are functional and financial eligibility criteria for programs provided through the county and state.
- There are individuals and agencies that can be privately hired to provide in-home care for self-pay consumers.

Who Can You Contact

- Aging & Disability Resource LINK
 - Toll-Free1-855-GO2LINK (1-855-462-5465

E-mail:

www.carechoice@nd.gov

Website:

www.carechoice.nd.gov

 (an online database you can search for available services)