

Toolkit: Placement Savings Forecaster

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Overview

Placement Savings Forecaster Defined

- This tool helps counties develop thoughtful targets to support right-sizing their use of congregate care by comparing a county's current placement array and its cost with a forecasted placement array without the overreliance on group care. The tool is designed to first calculate the percentage each placement type represents of your overall budget, and then adjust those expenditures to a new forecasted placement array in a right-sized scenario. The tool allows the county to estimate how much money would be available to reinvest in strategies to promote family-based care, for example, for therapeutic foster homes, aftercare supports, kinship specialists, professional support staff, enhanced rates and so on. Use of the tool requires inputting some data, and further instructions can be found on the spreadsheet tool and the instructions summary.

Overview of Steps in Using the Placement Savings Forecaster

- Determine whether you would like to use a per diem or total annual cost to start the calculations
- Input actual fiscal data for each placement type
- Input actual and forecasted care days by placement type
- Estimate and evaluate priorities for how you could enhance rates for caregivers in the forecasted scenario
- Evaluate the total net cost saved

Toolkit documents can be found at <https://redlichhorwitz.egnyte.com/fl/Te3J7L9Jk5> and include:

1. Instructions on Completing the Placement Savings Forecaster
2. Placement Savings Forecaster spreadsheet
3. Reinvestment Case Study power point presentation (Onondaga County)