



HCBS STRATEGIES, INC.

IMPROVING HOME AND COMMUNITY BASED SYSTEMS
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Principal

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Andrew Cieslinski has over 11 years of experience working directly with federal, state, and local agencies to improve the national landscape of home and community-based support systems. Andrew has supported long term service and support (LTSS) systems change efforts in over 20 states, including Alabama, Alaska, Colorado, Delaware, the District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Illinois, Indiana, Louisiana, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, Oregon, Rhode Island, and Texas, as well as with the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), the Administration for Community Living (ACL), and ADvancing States.

Andrew has expertise in a wide range of LTSS areas and has led or supported over a dozen complex, large scale systems change efforts. Specific experience includes strategic planning and operational reviews; developing standardized tools for intake, screening, assessment and support planning; development and redesign of 1915(b),(c),(i),(k) and 1115 waivers; creating, piloting, and operating Medicaid Administrative Claiming (MAC) initiatives to gain Federal Financial Participation (FFP) funding; successfully working with states and other entities to procure a variety of competitive grants and other funding opportunities; planning and implementing major projects with States to meet the requirements for federally-funded programs including No Wrong Door (NWD) and Balancing Incentives Program (BIP); and implementing and enhancing Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRCs).

Prior to joining the HCBS Strategies team, Andrew worked as a clinical research assistant at the University of Michigan's Institute of Gerontology. He also has experience working as a lead resident care provider in an adolescent residential psychiatric facility and as a resident aide at an assisted living facility.

Education

University of Michigan School of Public Health, Ann Arbor, MI

2014

- Master of Public Health, Health Behavior and Health Education

Grand Valley State Frederik Meijer Honors College, Grand Rapids, MI

2010

- Bachelor of Science in Psychology

Experience

Principal, HCBS Strategies, Inc

Jan 2013-Present

- Assist state, federal, and private sector entities with enhancing Medicaid home and community based services (HCBS) programs
- Experience working with Alabama, Alaska, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Illinois, Indiana, Louisiana, Maryland, Minnesota, Nebraska, Oregon, Rhode Island, and Texas as well as with the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), the Administration for Community Living (ACL), and ADvancing States to implement, enhance, and expand processes for improving Medicaid funded HCBS for older adults, individuals with intellectual and physical disabilities, and medically fragile children.

Clinical Research Assistant, University of Michigan Institute of Gerontology

Aug 2012-May 2013

- Collected data through physical and cognitive testing with elderly subjects.
- Evaluated long-term effects of aspirin on vascular dementia and blood pressure.

Lead Resident Care Provider, Pine Rest Christian Mental Health Services

Aug 2010-Aug 2012

- Worked in a locked residential facility with adolescents with psychiatric illnesses and traumatic histories.
- Led peer counseling groups, performed physical management, and acted as a mentor.

Resident Assistant, Oak Crest Assisted Living

Mar 2009-Nov 2009

- Assisted 25 older adults with activities of daily living including showering, dressing, toileting, and eating.

Recent Publications

- *Final Alzheimer's Disease Program Initiative Evaluation Report*, Prepared Alzheimer's Resource of Alaska, August 2024
- *Final Alzheimer's Disease Program Initiative Evaluation Report*, Prepared for the Central Alabama Area Agency on Aging (CAAC), July 2024
- *National Analysis & Recommendations for Cost Share in Delaware*, Prepared for the Delaware Division of Services for Aging and Adults with Physical Disabilities, June 2024
- *Priority Score Algorithm Report*, Prepared for the Hawaii Executive Office on Aging, November 2023
- *Final Alzheimer's Disease Program Initiative Evaluation Report*, Prepared for the Middle Alabama Area Agency on Aging (M4A), May 2023
- *Recommendations Report for Improved Efficiency for Atlanta's Aging & Disability Resource Connection Unit*, Prepared for the Atlanta Regional Commission, June 2022
- *Recommendations Report for Updates to the Nebraska Intrastate Funding Formula*, Prepared for the Nebraska State Unit on Aging, February 2022
- *Using a Random Moment Time Study to Claim Medicaid Administrative Match for Case Management*, Prepared for the Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing, November 2021
- *Proposed Initiatives for Supporting Transitions Among Individuals with Disabilities*, Prepared for the Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing, November 2021