

**Administration on Aging
and
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services**

Aging and Disability Resource Center Grant Program

Organization Name: Guam Department of Integrated Services for Individuals with Disabilities

Project Title: Guam Community Choice Resource Center Network

Total Project Period: 9/30/2005 – 9/30/2008

Total Award Amount: \$800,000

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Project's Overall Design: The Department of Integrated Services for Individuals with Disabilities is the lead agency for the ADRC and has established a partnership with Guam's Developmental Disabilities Council to monitor project activities. The goal of the proposed project is to create a highly visible "Community Choice" Resource Center to serve the aging population as well as people with physical or developmental disabilities in the 26 village region of Guam. Guam possesses limited community services and consumers have been hampered in accessing even those services due to lack of information and application assistance. The proposed Community Choice Resource Center Network will build on Guam's 20 Community/Senior Centers across the island and will enable rural consumers to find, access, and enroll in home and community-based services more easily. The objectives of this project are 1) to create Guam's first publicly accessible, online directory of long term care services and information to be accessed through Resource Center locations; 2) to establish 20 physical Resource Centers co-located within the island's Community/Senior Centers; 3) to hire and train out-stationed counselors who will serve the outlying areas and 4) to implement an Internet-based information, referral, screening and assistance (I&R/A) tool that will serve as a screening tool and client management information system for the project. The I&R/A tool will enable Resource Center staff to manage and coordinate services for the elderly and people with disabilities across the territory and provide the data to identify service needs and gaps to develop an effective community long-term care service system and a meaningful alternative to institutional care. The Community Choice Resource Center Network will serve as the primary entry point to the long term care (LTC) system

Target Population:

- Year One – individuals aged 60+
- Year Two & Three – 60+ and adults with physical and developmental disabilities

Anticipated Outcomes:

- Improved access to services for seniors and individuals with disabilities,
- Enhanced consumer choice
- Increased coordination of services across agencies
- A reduction in the number of individuals placed in off-island institutions

Involvement of Stakeholders and Community Based Organizations:

Advisory Council: Department of Public Health & Social Services, Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse, Guam Housing and Urban Renewal Authority, the University of Guam, Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities Education, Research & Services, Guam Legal Services Lay Corporation-Protection and Advocacy, Consumer Task Force, the Developmental Disabilities Council, advocates, the Senior Citizens Advisory Council, the Guam Diabetes Council, Coral Life (HIV/AIDS Advocacy and service group), Guam Cancer Support Group, Family Service Center, the Lighthouse Recovery Center operated by the Salvation Army, Oasis Women's Empowerment Center and the Guam Vocational Rehabilitation Workshop Center.