

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

Aging and Disability Resource Center Grant Program

Organization Name: Michigan Department of Community Health

Project Title: Michigan's Aging and Disability Resource Center Initiative

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

Total Award Amount: \$800,000

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Project's Overall Design: The Michigan Office of Long Term Care Supports and Services, in partnership with the state unit on aging and the single state Medicaid agency, proposes to create a network of aging and disability resource centers (ADRC). This will be accomplished through the realignment and enhancement of existing infrastructure. Grant funds will support development of organizational and operational templates that will guide establishment of the pioneer sites and the eventual realignment in the remainder of the state. The goal of the project is to establish ADRCs to serve as a comprehensive resource on long term care and provide information and assistance in accessing services, planning for long term care financing and delivery, benefits outreach and proactive choice counseling for the general population. ADRCs will serve as the single point of entry (SPE) for elderly and physically disabled adults to Michigan's Medicaid-funded long term care system. In this capacity, the ADRC will conduct medical and facilitate financial eligibility determination for Medicaid-funded supports and services provided in nursing facilities and the MI Choice waiver. Use of the ADRC/SPE will be mandatory for individuals seeking access to Medicaid-funded nursing facility level of care programs. For this population, ADRC/SPEs will perform the key functions of assessment, planning, supports coordination and service authorization. Objectives include 1) offer consumers the opportunity to explore options and make informed decisions; 2) establish quicker access to services through streamlined eligibility and assessment; 3) reduce unnecessary institutionalization through diversion and transition planning; and 4) integrate the consumer's voice into organizational governance. Financial assistance provided through this grant will be used to support local collaborations in designing and implementing ADRCs, establish a toll-free, geo-routed telephone line, develop databases to drive print and web-based resource directories, acquire staff training and certification in I&R and benefits planning, and enhancement of information technology to support ADRC activities through implementation of a consumer driven system.

Target Population:

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

Anticipated Outcomes:

- Information about long term care options is readily available and comprehensive
- Increased numbers of individuals who are being provided long-term care supports in the community
- Decreased numbers of individuals who are being served in the institutional setting
- Print and web based directory of long-term care resources
- Creation of modular assessment tool to be used across programs/systems/settings
- Financial eligibility determination meets federal standard of promptness requirements
- Fragmented intake processes integrated into a single coordinated process
- Increased numbers of individuals being provided long-term care supports in the community as a result of diversion activities
- Decreased numbers of individuals who are being served in the institutional setting as a result of transition services
- More consumers being involved in the long-term care supports system
- More collaboration and involvement of local organizations in the long-term care supports system
- Service decisions are consumer driven
- Reimbursement of services is based on self-determination principles
- ADRC has materials available in multiple languages
- ADRC/SPE demonstrates ability to overcome language barriers

Involvement of Stakeholders and Community Based Organizations:

State: Department of Community Health, Medical Services Administration, Office of Services to the Aging and Office of Consumer-Directed Home and Community Based Services, the Department of Human Services, the State Long Term Care Ombudsman Office, AARP, the Michigan Quality Community Care Council, Michigan Disability Rights Coalition, and the Michigan State Housing Development Authority

Local: Area Agencies on Aging, departments of human services (social services), Centers for Independent Living, county boards of commissioners, county commissions/councils on aging, organizations serving persons with disabilities, disease based organizations, faith based organizations, residential care providers, local service provider agencies, and local 211 coalitions.