

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

**Aging and Disability Resource Center Grant Program**

**Organization Name:** Vermont Department of Disabilities, Aging and Independent Living

**Project Title:** Vermont Aging and Disability Resource Center

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

**Total Award Amount:** \$800,000

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Project's Overall Design: The Vermont Department of Disabilities, Aging and Independent Living [DAIL] proposes to develop a system of ADRCs to provide seamless access to long-term care information, referral and assistance (I/R/A) for older Vermonters, younger adults with physical and developmental disabilities or traumatic brain injury by improving and expanding the I/R/A functions performed by the Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs). DAIL is the lead agency for long-term care services for the target populations and is part of the Agency of Human Services, Vermont's single state Medicaid agency. This proposal builds on DAIL's history of strong partnerships with other state agencies and non-profits. Consumer and key stakeholder input will inform every part of the project. Key partners include AAAs, the Vermont Center for Independent Living [VCIL], the Office of Vermont Health Access, the Department for Children and Families and Vermont 2-1-1. Year 1 goals include 1) improving the I/R/A system for older Vermonters; 2) establishing two pilot ADRCs that will serve additional populations; 3) designing a streamlined eligibility process for Medicaid and Medicaid long-term care; and 4) designing a seamless link between the ADRCs and Medicaid eligibility determinations.

**Target Population:**

- Year One – Individuals age 60+
- Year Two – 60+ and adults with physical disabilities and traumatic brain injury (TBI)
- Three – 60+, adults with physical disabilities, TBI and developmental disabilities

**Anticipated Outcomes:**

- Informed choice of LTC options for elders and younger adults with disabilities
- Streamlined access to LTC eligibility for elders and younger adults with disabilities
- Easier access to home- and community-based services

- A sustainable ADRC model that can be expanded statewide

**Involvement of Stakeholders and Community Based Organizations:**

Statewide ADRC Planning Council: Professional Caregivers Task Force; Real Choice Advisory Board; I/R/A Task Force; Traumatic Brain Injury Advisory Board; DAIL Advisory Board; AAAs; Vermont Centers for Independent Living; the Vermont Coalition for Disability Rights; the SHIP; Long Term Care Ombudsman; the Assistive Technology Project; Vermont 2-1-1; the Office of Vermont Health Access (the Medicaid division); the Department of Children and Families/Economic Services Division; Vermont Health Care Association (nursing facilities); the Vermont Assembly of Home Health Agencies; Senior Centers; Adult Day Centers; the Community of Vermont Elders; the Developmental Disabilities Council; Green Mountain Self-Advocates; hospital discharge planners; the Vermont Public Transportation Association; Housing and Supportive Services (HASS) Service Coordinators; public housing authorities; the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation; the Division for the Blind and Visually Impaired and/or the Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired; the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services Coordinator and the Autism Specialist.

Local ADRC Planning Councils: housing providers; transportation providers; hospital discharge planners; AAA; VCIL; nursing home providers; residential care home providers; home health agencies; adult day programs; consumers; advocates and HASS Service Coordinators.