

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

Aging and Disability Resource Center Grant Program

Organization Name: Arkansas Division of Aging and Adult Services

Project Title: Community Choice Aging and Disability Resource Center

Total Project Period: 7/1/2004 – 6/30/2007

Total Award Amount: \$793,262

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Project's Overall Design:

Arkansas will develop a Community Choice Resource Center that serves older people as well as people with physical or developmental disabilities in a 12-county region of the state. The Area Agency on Aging of Southwest Arkansas will establish a physical Center co-located with partner agencies in an existing community center; provide out-stationed counselors to serve the 12-county region, develop and implement an internet-based consumer assessment, referral, enrollment and reporting tool that will serve as the project management information system. Arkansas will develop a procedures manual on how to operate a Resource Center to encourage replication of the model across the state.

Target Population:

- Year One – Persons 60 and older
- Year Two & Three – Persons 60 and older and individuals with physical or developmental disabilities

Anticipated Outcomes:

- The Community Choice Resource Center will:
 - Integrate programs,
 - Improve access,
 - Coordinate services,
 - Manage program information, and
 - Enhance choice.

Involvement of Stakeholders and Community Based Organizations:

- Advisory Committee: includes key stakeholders from the state and local level – Area Agency on Aging Association, AARP, advocate/parent, Alzheimer’s Association, Arkansas People First, Faith in Action and RSVP, Governor’s Developmental Disabilities Council, Independent Living Centers, Senior’s Health Insurance Assistance Program, SHARE Foundation, State Long-Term Care Ombudsman.