

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

Aging and Disability Resource Center Grant Program

Organizational Name: Arizona Department of Economic Security

Project Title: Arizona Aging and Disability Resource Center

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

Total Award Amount: \$750,000

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Project's Overall Design: The Arizona Department of Economic Security, in partnership with Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System, will implement the Arizona Aging and Disability Resource Center (AzADRC). This ADRC will create a single, coordinated system of information, assistance, and access for all persons seeking long-term care services. A web-based tool, the Uniform Assessment Instrument (UAI), will be used for eligibility determination across all target populations and across all agency services to streamline services for consumers. Established community sites will provide counseling services and assistance with long-term care options. These sites will be housed at traditional locations such as Area Agencies on Aging and senior centers. However, libraries, community colleges and other community venues will be utilized for the purposes of visibility and community outreach.

Target Population:

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

Anticipated Outcomes:

- Effective sustainability plan to support the project when grant funds are terminated
- Web portal reflects needs expressed by consumers, stakeholders, and project staff
- Web portal provides comprehensive information regarding LTC and aging services and is user friendly
- Effective AzADRC MIS system
- High level of consumer and public knowledge of AzADRC location functions, website and phone number
- Finalized UAI that meets the needs of all provider agencies
- High usage of the UAI by consumers and providers

Involvement of Stakeholders and Community Based Organizations:

Advisory Committee and partners: Area Agencies on Aging; Independent Living Centers; Division of Developmental Disabilities; AHCCCS (administers Medicaid long-term care system); Arizona ARC; Alzheimer's Association Desert Southwest Chapter; Governor's Council on Aging and Advisory Council on Developmental Disabilities; ABIL; Arizona Library Association; and the Arizona Community College Association