

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

Aging and Disability Resource Center Grant Program

Organizational Name: Mississippi Department of Human Services; Division of Aging

Project Title: Mississippi 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 Mississippi Department of Human Services' Division of Aging and Adult Services, in collaboration with the Governor's Medicaid Division and the Mississippi Department of Rehabilitation Services will create an ADRC with a single point of entry for culturally competent coordinated services where consumers can get information and advice about a wide range of long-term care resource. Resources concerning health care, income security, housing, and financial management will also be provided via a streamlined, easy to access one-stop pilot in Central Mississippi that will service seven rural and urban counties with diverse consumer populations. The University of Southern Mississippi's Institute for Disability Studies will provide technical assistance, collaboration development, and training for disability sensitivity and project evaluation.

Target Population:

- Year One – Persons 60 and older
- Year Two & Three – Persons 60 and older and adults with disabilities

Anticipated Outcomes:

- Sustainable single coordinated system of information and access for all persons seeking long-term support
- Increased numbers of people, with higher customer satisfaction, use of single point of entry system due to streamlined access
- Increased numbers of elderly/disabled individual living in their own homes in their own communities
- Increase in early planning for long-term care
- Technology system, forms, software and other necessary tools in place to provide streamlined access to all long-term care services

Involvement of Stakeholders and Community Based Organizations:

Advisory Committee and Partners: Governor's Office; Division of Medicaid; Department of Rehabilitation; University of Southern Mississippi Institute for Disability Studies; State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP); and Central Mississippi Area Agencies on Aging (CMAAA). A consumer task force will be comprised of elderly and disabled individuals from diverse backgrounds, aged and disability advocates, and representatives from service provider organizations.