

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

**Aging and Disability Resource Center Grant Program**

**Organization Name:** DC Department of Health, Medical Assistance Administration

**Project Title:** District of Columbia Aging and Disability Resource Center

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

**Total Award Amount:** \$629,507

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**Project's Overall Design:** The District of Columbia Department of Health proposes to expand its current Resource Center for Aging and Persons with Disabilities to continue the process of systems change for citizens seeking long term care options. The goal of the proposed project is to greatly expand public awareness of the Center and its services to older persons, those with disabilities, their caregivers, and providers of such services. The proposed approach will boost the visibility of the new Resource Center, further develop and significantly enhance its proposed website, begin planning for sustainability, and address identified housing issues of people with long term care needs, such as those with dementia. Addressing housing issues is an example of the identification and documentation of a significant gap in services, coupled with a plan for resolution of the gap. The project involves four objectives: 1) expanding public awareness and marketing of the Resource Center by hiring an outreach coordinator; 2) streamlining access to long term care by upgrading the planned beta website to make it interactive, with future online application capacity; 3) initiating a sustainability plan by obtaining consultation regarding a fee schedule for private payers for those above Medicaid eligibility, and 4) addressing long term care choices by conducting a strategic analysis of the housing needs of the target population, with recommendations for change.

**Target Population:**

- Year One - Individuals age 60+ and adults with physical disabilities
- Year Two & Three – 60+ and individuals with physical disabilities, dementia, developmental disabilities/mental retardation

**Anticipated Outcomes:**

- Increased collaboration among providers of services to the aging and people with disabilities;
- a three year marketing and public awareness plan will be developed and implemented;
- the number of requests for information and referral to services will increase
- the number of persons enrolled in home and community-based services will increase;

- actuarial guidance and consultation on the feasibility and proposed charges for private pay clients will be obtained;
- an analysis of the housing resources and unmet needs of citizens seeking long term care options will be completed and recommendations for change made.

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

Department of Health Medical Assistance Administration, Resource Center Advisory Committee (consumers, advocates, government agencies, providers), Department of Mental Health, Income Maintenance Administration.