

## Community Innovations for Aging in Place

### Project Summary

**Grantee Organization:** Easter Seals New Hampshire, Inc.

**State:** New Hampshire

**Project Title:** Seniors Count Coordination Initiative

**Project Period:** September 30, 2009 to September 29, 2012

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Easter Seals New Hampshire and *Seniors Count* propose a three year *Seniors Count* Coordination Initiative in collaboration with the Catholic Medical Center, Elliot Senior Health Center, Dartmouth-Hitchcock, the Bureau of Elderly & Adult Services, Manchester Department of Public Health, and the Aging and Disability Resource Center.

#### **Goals and Objectives:**

The overall goal of this initiative is to create and implement a replicable person-centered model that enhances coordination between medical services, community living/social services, and caregiver support for frail seniors in the Manchester service area. As part of this initiative, the Project Workgroup and Advisory Committee's objectives will be to 1. develop the infrastructure and tools needed to make the model successful; 2. hire and train staff; 3. implement the initiative; 4. evaluate the effectiveness of the initiative; and 5. disseminate project information.

#### **Outcomes and Products:**

The expected outcomes of the project are: seniors and caregivers will indicate satisfaction with the initiative; seniors and caregivers will agree that the program helped to prolong the senior's ability to age in place; seniors will experience a decrease in revolving-door hospitalization and emergency room visits; and caregivers will indicate that the initiative decreased their stress level and possibility of burnout. The products from this project are: a final report, including evaluation results; a website; articles for publication; an annual symposium; and presentations at national venues.