



Cajun Area Agency on Aging

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Name of Project: Portable File Cabinet – Emergency Preparedness

Name of Organization: Cajun Area Agency on Aging, Inc.

Description of Program:

There were many lessons learned from the gulf storms of 2005 and replacing lost or destroyed documentation was a major complication. In most cases individuals had to wait months for replacement documentation. Many people left their homes planning to return in a day or two or left their homes in a hurry with no time to gather important information. By providing individuals with this portable “file cabinet” all paperwork is conveniently located, including a list of emergency phone numbers, medicines and medical conditions. The organization of important documents can also be helpful when paperwork is needed for legal consultation, medical and insurance issues, and family intervention.

The main goal of this program is ensuring that older adults have legal documentation available, in one location, when necessary. To achieve this goal Cajun Area Agency on Aging, Inc. attends senior activity centers and events to distribute folders and educate individuals of the importance of having important documents conveniently available to prevent the problems presented when these documents are lost or destroyed. Cajun Area Agency on Aging, Inc. coordinates with in-home care service agencies to ensure homebound clients receive this information and have proper documentation in order and filed as necessary.

Cajun Area Agency on Aging, Inc. promotes the importance of avoiding legal entanglement by not having appropriate documents available when needed. Case in point is the Louisiana Road Home program. Many recipients could have avoided the time consuming task of having birth and death certificates replaced, as well as bills of sale, titles and insurance documents that were detrimental in receiving eligible funds. The portable “file cabinet” will help alleviate the chances of lost documents.

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