

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

**Aging and Disability Resource Center Grant Program**

**Organization Name:** Alabama Department of Senior Services

**Project Title:** Alabama Aging and Disability One-Stop Centers

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

**Total Award Amount:** \$800,000

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**Project's Overall Design:** Alabama Aging and Disability One-Stop Centers will be accessible to every community through ElderConnect, allowing individuals to make informed choices through a single point of entry access to long-term care (LTC) support programs and services. Alabama's *ADRC* project, in conjunction with partnering agencies, will empower individuals to make informed decisions regarding LTC living support programs and services by offering information and access to an array of local resources at a single point of entry. The Alabama Department of Senior Services will be responsible for oversight and coordination, and will 1) establish two ADRCs: Pilot I- housed in the South Central Alabama Development Commission AAA comprised of six counties. Pilot II- housed in the East Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission AAA comprised of ten counties; 2) create standardization of state-wide screening and eligibility tool for LTC; 3) expand existing management information system, Elder Connect, to capture and disseminate pertinent information of services for the elderly and mentally disabled that fully supports the functions of the ADRC grant; 4) Advance outreach and 5) Establish state and local advisory boards.

**Target Population:**

- Year One – individuals aged 60+
- Year Two & Three - 60+ and persons with mental disabilities

**Anticipated Outcomes:**

- Alabamians will have easy access information regarding LTC and will enjoy the freedom to choose the services that best fit their needs.
- Reduction of transferring persons to agencies several times, by streamlining access and eligibility process, raising client satisfaction, and providing better management of private/ public resources.
- Awareness of the ADRCs' services through several aggressive outreach strategies

- Variety of agencies/organizations will have access through *ElderConnect* to the same single, coordinated methods of intake, and eligibility that is integrated with a resource database.
- State and Local governments will have an improved system to link clients to program services and support.
- Reduction of intake, screening, eligibility determination processes, and time that clients must currently experience to receive information and/or services.

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

State: Aging Network, Alabama Nursing Home Association, Rehabilitation Services representatives, 211 Voluntary Action Agency, Medicaid representatives, Alabama Department of Public Health, Alabama Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation, Alabama Department of Rehabilitation, Alabama Department of Human Resources, Alabama Department of Veteran Affairs, Alabama Nursing Home Association, Alabama Hospital Association, Governor's Task Force: "Strengthening Alabama Families", and the Olmstead Core Advisory Committee, consumers and family caregivers. Stakeholder groups will also be formed at the local pilot sites.