

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

Aging and Disability Resource Center Grant Program

Organization Name: Virginia Department for the Aging

Project Title: Virginia Aging and Disability Resource Center

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

Total Award Amount: \$756,670

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Project's Overall Design: Virginia proposes to implement a “no wrong door” approach to long-term support through the creation of decentralized Resource Centers, piloted in nine regions, to improve client and community level outcomes for older adults, adults 18 and over with physical disabilities, and family caregivers. The Virginia Department for the Aging (VDA), in collaboration with the state Medicaid agency (DMAS), the Virginia Department of Social Services (DSS), and the Virginia Department of Rehabilitative Services (DRS) will partner on the ADRC initiative. The ADRC project unites all of the public sector components of Virginia’s long-term support system in partnership with the private sector including SeniorNavigator I&R, Dominion Virginia Power (Dominion), RTZ Associates, nine local area agencies on aging (AAAs) and many local private service providers. SeniorNavigator, a statewide private sector partner, will help each region coordinate its information and referral function by maintaining and expanding its online, award-winning database and by implementing and supporting a web-based information system. Tier 1 includes the Peninsula, Greater Richmond, and Central Shenandoah Valley regions. Each region will demonstrate a public-private partnership model incorporating Virginia’s Uniform Assessment Instrument, SeniorNavigator’s online database, GetCare (RTZ Associates’ web-based care management system), and local multi-disciplinary coalitions of public-private service providers. Each community will receive in-kind public relations expertise from Dominion’s corporate public relations office and a \$50,000 cash match for the project. Implementation of Tier 1 will be guided both by a Statewide Advisory Council and local advisory councils in each pilot region. The second and third years of the project will bring six additional regions into the statewide system being proposed under this grant.

Target Population:

- Year One – individuals age 60+
- Year Two & Three – 60+ and adults with physical disabilities

Anticipated Outcomes:

- Older adults, adults with disabilities, and family caregivers will know where to turn for long-term support information, assistance, and services.
- Resource Centers will honor and respect each individual's right to privacy and consumer choice in both the technology and human interfaces.
- Older adults, adults with physical disabilities, and family caregivers will have access to long-term support information and services from any entry point in the local coalition of providers.
- Older adults, adults with physical disabilities, and family caregivers will find the long-term support services they need.
- Older adults, adults with physical disabilities, and family caregivers will learn about the various public and private programs for which they might be eligible to receive services.
- Improved system-wide efficiency through the elimination of duplicative services and excessive paperwork and strengthening the network of providers through increased connection and communication with one another.

Involvement of Stakeholders and Community Based Organizations:

State: Statewide Advisory Council for the Integration of Community Based Services formed in 2005 will serve as the ADRC advisory board. Includes membership from every state agency or office involved in long-term care as well as the RCSC Consumer Task Force.

Local: Consumers; caregivers; departments of health and social services; community service boards; employment commissions; hospital discharge planners; transportation; housing; care management; adult day services; nursing facilities; assisted living; health care providers; and other service providers.