

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

**Aging and Disability Resource Center Grant Program**

**Organization Name:** Washington Department of Social and Health Services, Aging and Disability Services

**Project Title:** Washington Aging and Disability Resource Center

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

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

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**Project's Overall Design:** Through the successful establishment of one Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) pilot site, Washington State will expand the capabilities of the state's aging information and referral/assistance (I&R/A) system to serve persons of all ages, disabilities, and financial circumstances and to connect them seamlessly to relevant home and community based supports and services. The objectives of this project include 1) developing a model Aging & Disability Resource Center; 2) implementing a fully functional aging and disability I&R/A resource database/client management system; 3) creating seamless coordinate between the pilot ADRC and specialized entry points that require financial eligibility determination, needs assessment and/or individualized service authorization; and 4) expanding BenefitsCheckUp (BCU) in our state to serve the full spectrum of people, regardless of age or particular disability. Proposed interventions include providing technical assistance and training to the ADRCs, building partnerships and employing.

**Target Population:**

- Baseline – individuals age 60+
- Year One – adults with functional disabilities
- Year Two – adults with functional disabilities and people of all ages with developmental disabilities
- Year Three - people of all ages with functional disabilities and developmental disabilities

**Anticipated Outcomes:**

- Successful model of an ADRC that can be replicated;
- A state-wide “virtual” Resource Center combining I&R resource database/client management software, coordinated with Medicaid eligibility determination, the Benefits CheckUp technology and 2-1-1, and incorporated into the CARE Tool;
- Compelling policy direction to continue ADRC program development statewide.

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

Advisory Board: older people (State Council on Aging); people with disabilities (Centers for Independence, Governor's Committee on Disability Issues and Employment), and people with developmental disabilities (Arc of Washington, Developmental Disabilities Council).

Membership will also include Area Agencies on Aging, State Health Insurance Benefits Advisors, WIN 2-1-1, and AARP.