

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

Aging and Disability Resource Center Grant Program

Organization Name: University of Wyoming Institute for Disabilities

Project Title: Wyoming 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: The Wyoming Institute for Disabilities (WIND) proposes to develop a one-stop Aging and Disability Resource Center in Wyoming that will assist individuals, their family members or those planning for long term care. The project represents a collaboration between the Wyoming Department of Health's Divisions on Aging, Developmental Disabilities, and Medicaid, the Department of Family Services, and Wyoming Independent Living as well as other stakeholders. The Wyoming ADRC approach is two-fold: the development of a pilot ADRC in central Wyoming and the enhancement of WIND's human services database, Connect Wyoming. WIND will partner with Wyoming Independent Living & Rehabilitation (WILR), an established Center for Independent Living with an extensive history of working with the target population of older adults (50+), and adults (21+) with physical and developmental disabilities to develop an ADRC in Casper with a satellite office in rural Glenrock. This will allow the project to benefit from the resources of a large community and test the model in a small town. Connect Wyoming will be enhanced to become the statewide web based database for long-term care information and referrals. WIND will administer the grant, develop marketing, evaluation, and management information systems; create memorandums of understanding with key state partners; and enhance Connect Wyoming to become a sustainable, statewide information resource. WILR will be contracted to plan, implement and operate the Casper and Glenrock ADRCs, work with a local task force of stakeholders, train staff and develop the one-stop concept. Wyoming ADRC goals include improving access to long-term support services; increasing consumer choice; and transforming information technology.

Target Population:

- Year One – Individuals age 50+
- Year Two – 50+ and adults with physical and developmental disabilities
- Year Three – 50+ and adults with physical and developmental disabilities and serious mental illness

Anticipated Outcomes:

- Continuing increase in the number of individuals who access the services of the one-stop center over the grant period
- Decrease in unnecessary institutionalizations
- Increase in the use of home and community-based care services
- High level of satisfaction among stakeholders and consumers
- Increasing number of users of the Connect Wyoming services information
- Decrease in the time/steps consumers take to access long-term services
- Individuals report that supports and services were planned in accordance with individual needs, preferences, and decisions
- Increase in number of Medicaid beneficiaries who choose self-directed service
- delay in long-term institutional care or reducing acute care episodes

Involvement of Stakeholders and Community Based Organizations:

ADRC Advisory Council; Wyoming Senior Citizens, Inc. (SHIP); Ombudsman program; Wyoming Gerontological Association; Alzheimer's Affiliation of Wyoming; the Alzheimer's Association, Great Plains Chapter; Wyoming Advisory Council on Aging; Mountain-Pacific Quality Health Foundation (QIO); Brain Injury Association of Wyoming ;AARP Wyoming; Adult Protective Services; APS Healthcare; Wind River Legal Services; Wyoming Guardianship Corporation; Wyoming Primary Care Association; consumers and family members.