

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

**Aging and Disability Resource Center Grant Program**

**Organization Name:** Illinois Department on Aging

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

**Total Project Period:** 7/1/2004 – 6/30/2007

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

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**Project's Overall Design:**

Illinois will establish an Aging and Disability Resource Center in Rockford, to be administered by the Northwestern Illinois Area Agency on Aging, which will serve persons with developmental disabilities and older people. Illinois will establish a second Center in Decatur, to be administered by the East Central Illinois Area Agency on Aging, which will serve people with physical disabilities, older people and family caregivers. The Resource Centers will provide long-term care options counseling and comprehensive needs assessments through a person-centered planning approach. The Centers will expand caregiver support services to previously underserved populations such as grandparents raising grandchildren. The Department of Disability & Human Development at the University of Illinois will evaluate the effectiveness of the Centers to determine feasibility of statewide expansion.

**Target Population:**

- Year One – Persons 60 and older and individuals with physical and developmental disabilities
- Year Two & Three – Persons 60 and older and individuals with physical and developmental disabilities

**Anticipated Outcomes:**

- Maximize the abilities of older people, persons with physical disabilities and persons with developmental disabilities to make informed choices and to meet their long-term care needs.
- Provide direct assistance to family caregivers in planning for the future needs of family members who have physical disabilities and/or developmental disabilities.

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

- Advisory Committee: Representatives of aging and disability advocacy groups, Department on Aging, Department of Human Services, Department of Public Aid, Department of Public Health, Area Agencies on Aging, Benefit Planning Assistance Outreach Programs, State Health Assistance Program, One-Stop Employment Centers, Alzheimer's Association, Community service providers, Long-Term Care Ombudsman, Developmental Disabilities Council, Independent Living Center, State Assistance Technology Project, Housing Development Authority, AARP, Department of Disability & Human Development at University of Illinois.