

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

Aging and Disability Resource Center Grant Program

Organization Name: Montana Aging Services Bureau

Project Title: One-Stop Aging/Disability Resource Center

Total Project Period: 9/30/2003 – 9/29/2006

Total Award Amount: \$699,284

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Project's Overall Design:

Montana will establish a One-Stop Aging/Disability Resource Center in Yellowstone County. The Center, operated by the Area Agency on Aging, will be open 362 days a year with four counselors who will assist consumers in determining their eligibility for long-term care services, benefits and employment counseling and will provide referrals to federal, state, local and private agencies. A web-based eligibility and application process and a management information system that tracks client intake, needs assessment, care plan, utilization and costs will provide the infrastructure for the Resource Center functions.

Target Population:

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

Anticipated Outcomes:

- Consumers will be informed, effective and empowered members of Yellowstone County's continuum of care.
- Consumers will recognize and utilize the Center to resolve questions or problems with the full array of long-term care services.
- Long-term care services will be effectively managed through a system that tracks client intake, needs assessments, care plans, utilization and costs across programs.

Involvement of Stakeholders and Community Based Organizations:

- Advisory Committee: established at the community level – two regional licensed and certified hospitals and long-term care facilities; representatives from hospice, respite care, community mental health, senior centers, transportation, legal services, adult protective services, home health, homemaker, personal care,

chore, meals on wheels, and durable medical equipment; Indian Health Service; Bureau of Indian Affairs, Alzheimer's Association Chapter; Nursing Home Ombudsman; State Health Insurance Assistance Program volunteers; Home and Community-Based Waiver team; eligibility technician from the Office of Human Services (Medicaid); District Social Security Administration; consumers (including elderly and physically disabled) will be identified and invited.

- Partners: an advisory board established at the state level – State Executive Office on Aging, State Health Insurance Assistance Program, State Nursing Home Ombudsman, Adult Protective Services, Aging Services Bureau, Community Services Bureau, Senior and Long-Term Care Division; Disability Determination Services, Vocational Rehabilitation, Blind and Low Vision, and Developmentally Disabled, Disability Services Division; Child and Adult Health Resources Division; Governor's Coordinator on Indian Affairs; Governor's Advisory Council on Disabilities; Veterans Affairs Division, and the Department of Labor and Industry. In addition, the Executive Directors of the Montana Hospital Association, Nursing Home Association, Developmental Disability Council, Mental health Planning Council, Independent Living Centers Senior Employment, and Employment Networks. Citizen representation and involvement will come from: Statewide Independent Living Council, AARP, Montana Senior Citizen's Association, and Montana Advocacy Program.