

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

Aging and Disability Resource Center Grant Program

Organization Name: West Virginia Bureau of Senior Services

Project Title: West Virginia Resource Center Program

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

Total Award Amount: \$798,975

CMS Award: \$423,457

AoA Award: \$375,518

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Project's Overall Design:

West Virginia will establish two comprehensive pilot Resource Centers, one in an urban area and one in a rural area of the state, which will be implemented by local senior programs. The Centers will integrate access to all long-term care programs – both public and private pay – and develop uniform and standardized processes to determine level of need, eligibility and care plans. Programs integrated into the Resource Centers include the WV SHINE (a health and wellness program), family caregiver support, and Alzheimer's disease caregiver support services as well as the traditional long-term care services. The Bureau of Senior Services will partner with the West Virginia University Center on Aging to evaluate the effectiveness of the two pilots to inform expansion to a statewide network of Resource Centers.

Target Population:

- Year One – Persons 60 and older and adults over age 18 with physical disabilities
- Year Two & Three – Persons 60 and older and adults over age 18 with physical disabilities

Anticipated Outcomes:

- Public understanding of the existence and functions of Resource Centers
- Responsiveness to the unique needs of individuals
- Assure individual choice in coordination with eligibility for publicly funded programs, ability to pay privately, and availability of community resources.
- Inform state policy to promote a more balanced system of long-term care based on consumer choice.
- Promote quality aging and healthy lifestyles for seniors and adults with disabilities.

- Assure protection for vulnerable individuals identified through the Resource Centers.

Involvement of Stakeholders and Community Based Organizations:

- **Advisory Committee:** A State Resource Center Oversight Council will be established to serve as the statewide advisory committee. Membership will include state and local agencies and organization involved in long term care for the elderly and people with disabilities. Local Coordinating Councils will be convened for each pilot community and will include program participants, providers, business community representatives, and local governmental agencies.
- **Partners:** State Resource Center Oversight Council – West Virginia University Center on Aging, Bureau of Senior Services, and State Medicaid Agency.