

Community Living Program Grants

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Project Abstract:

The Wisconsin Department of Health Services proposes to develop a Community Living Program (CLP) in partnership with the Greater Wisconsin Agency on Aging Resources and the Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) of Kenosha County. We are also proposing a Veteran Directed Home and Community Based Services program, in cooperation with the Milwaukee VA Medical Center.

The *goal* of Wisconsin's CLP program is to develop the capacity of the State's aging network to help people who are not eligible for Medicaid avoid unnecessary or premature nursing home placement and impoverishment.

Our *objectives* are: 1) to develop and pilot a CLP model that facilitates use of personal resources supplemented with public funding to secure individually-tailored services to help people through situations that put them at immediate risk of nursing home admission; and 2) to better understand the situations that lead to private pay nursing home admissions and spend down, the impact of options counseling and care management on admissions decisions, the types of services that will effectively help people avoid institutionalization and spend down; and the cost of providing those services.

The expected *outcomes* will be: 1) at risk individuals will live at home longer and maintain maximum control over their lives; and 2) the State will have documentation to support future policy and funding decisions regarding use of ADRC, Older Americans Act and other funding.

The *products* will include: 1) tools and protocols for identifying at risk individuals, assessing needs, prioritizing and authorizing services, accessing public funding for services, and facilitating self direction; 2) client-specific outcome data; and 3) a detailed evaluation report.