

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

**Aging and Disability Resource Center Grant Program**

**Organization Name:** Alaska Housing Finance Corporation

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

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

**Total Award Amount:** \$799,581

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**Project's Overall Design:**

Alaska will establish five regional Resource Centers operated by the State Centers for Independent Living (SILC) to provide citizen-centered “one-stop shopping” entry to long term support services for seniors and people with disabilities statewide. Two regional centers will be established in the first year and three will be established in year two. The Resource Centers will offer information and referral services, eligibility screening, assistance in gaining access to long term support services for private pay consumers, comprehensive assessment for those seeking publicly funded services, programmatic eligibility determination for long term support services, and access to the Division of Public Assistance for Medicaid financial eligibility determination. The SILC will work with the Division of Senior and Disability Services and the Senior Housing Office to develop a management information system that tracks consumer intake, needs assessment, care plans, utilization, and costs. Formative and summative evaluations will be conducted by the Center for Human Development.

**Target Population:**

- Year One – Persons 60 and older and persons with disabilities of all types
- Year Two and Three – Persons 60 and older and persons with disabilities of all types

**Anticipated Outcomes:**

- Resource Centers will be effective in streamlining access to long term support services
- Resource Centers will be effective in reaching out to underserved populations
- Resource Centers will be effective in empowering individuals in need, or planning for long term supports, to make informed choices
- Resource Centers will be effective in tearing down barriers to community living and supporting consumer-driven, home and community based service options

- Resource Centers will be effective in increasing the knowledge of health and long term support professionals and others providing services to the elderly and people with disabilities

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

- Advisory Committee: The Real Choice Systems Change Consumer Task Force will serve as the advisory board for Aging and Disability Resource Centers. The task force includes 17 seniors, individuals with disabilities and/or family members.
- Partners: State Independent Living Centers, Division of Senior and Disability Services, Senior Housing Office, Older Persons Action Group, Governor's Council on Disabilities and Special Education, Center for Human Development, Division of Health Care Services, Commission on Aging, Alaska Mental Health Board, AARP, Division of Behavioral Health, Division of Insurance, Mental Health Trust Authority, Alaska Association of Developmental Disabilities, Senior Provider Network, and others.