

**Governor's Office of Elderly Affairs Update to Developmental Disabilities
Council
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Executive Director

Dr. Jay Bulot accepted a leadership role in the Georgia's Division of Aging in March. The Louisiana Executive Board on Aging is searching for a new director to recommend to the Governor.

Chronic Disease Self Management Program (CDSMP)

GOEA was awarded \$400,000 to implement the Stanford CDSMP in Louisiana. Forty-four other states were awarded funds from Federal ARRA grants and the Administration on Aging. CDSMP is an evidence based workshop where older adults can learn more about managing their chronic conditions. The workshops are facilitated by lay leaders. For more information, please contact Matt Estrade at 225-342-3570.

MIPPA

Louisiana Mippa Outreach Grant to outreach and assist in the enrollment process for the Low Income Subsidy Program (LIS), Medicare Savings Plan (MSP) and/or Medicare Part D. These are the "extra help" programs that assist with the medicare premiums and co-pays for eligible participants. This could be up to an approximate \$100 savings (medicare premium) for social security participants. For information, contact your local Council on Aging or ADRC/SenioRx. For more information, please call Michelle Guillory at 225-219-4260.

Meals

AAA/COAs received ARRA (Stimulus) funds for Congregate & Home Delivered Meals which the agencies have expended.

Louisiana Answers for Living at Home

This pilot program in DHH Regions 2 and 7 seeks to identify individuals in danger of Medicaid spenddown and facility placement and offer some home and community based services. The pilots are based at the Northwest ASDRC in Shreveport and the Capital ADRC in Baton Rouge. For more information, please contact Matt Estrade at 225-342-3570.

Statewide Legal Assistance System Grant

The Governor's Office of Elderly Affairs is collaborating with the Louisianan Civil Justice Center and the other legal service providers in Louisiana to develop a coordinated system of legal services to the 60 and older population. The goal is to increase seniors', with the greatest social and economic need, access to legal services utilizing the helpline and other legal services. For information, please contact Jane Thomas at janeathomas@msn.com.

Capital and Shreveport Single Point of Entry (SPOE)

Since Starting the Capital Area Agency on Aging's Single Point of Entry program on March 16, 2009, we have helped over 2,691 elderly and disabled clients access Louisiana's Medicaid long-term care programs. This is a partnership between GOEA, OAAS, and the ADRCs to work better across agencies and offer LTC Options Counseling across funding streams. For more information, please contact Sharon Buchert at 225-342-0107.

Potential Grants:

Lifespan Respite Grant- (Applied for) If awarded, this funding will seek to promote respite as an option for caregivers of all ages and all conditions. While the funds do not provide for direct services, the Lifespan Respite Coalition will raise awareness of respite and its benefits, encourage providers to offer and advertise respite, and enhance the Louisiana Answers web portal to include more respite providers and information.

ADRC Options Counseling and Assistance Programs- (Intend to apply for) If awarded, this funding will develop and implement standards for professionals offering LTC Options Counseling at the ADRCs.