

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF ELDERLY AFFAIRS

Quarterly Report to the DD Council

June 2013

Update/progress on agency initiatives

LouisianaAnswers

The web page www.LouisianaAnswers.com has a Respite Care tab which contains information about resources and information regarding respite service. This site offers information on a variety of services and links regarding where families may find information or agencies that provide services.

Suggestions and comments are welcome in the contact us box located on the left side of the main page.

Adult and Disability Resource Centers

Act 19 of Regular Session 2013 retained the budget for the Aging and Adult Resource Centers (ADRC) for Fiscal year 2014. We have nine ADRCs and they assist citizens of all ages with information and resources.

From July 2012 – May 2013, the Adult and Disability Resource Centers received 11,913 calls requesting assistance and 5,593 of these callers reported they had a disability. The individuals were assisted with links to medications, housing, transportation, in home services and legal assistance.

SenioRx Program

Callers are provided assistance with pharmaceutical applications for free medication. Clients assisted either do not have prescription insurance or have reached the gap in their Medicare Part D insurance.

During the Medicare open enrollment callers are assisted choosing the insurance company that meets their needs for health care and Medicare Part D (Prescription program).

July 1, 2012 – March 31, 2013

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| • Number of new individuals assisted with medication | 3,998 |
| • Number of individuals who received prescriptions | 70,947 |
| • Value in dollars of prescription medication | \$11,090,249 |
| • Clients assisted with Medicare Part C & D | 10,048 |

Status of agency's activities/participation on DDC plan initiatives and impact

Status of Council recommendations to agency

- The Louisiana Executive Board on Aging (LEBA) will be reviewing new applications for the Executive Director position.
- HB 352 was signed by the Governor and is Act 384 which creates the Department of Elderly Affairs and "becomes effective upon the effective date of the abolition of one or more of the twenty departments in the executive branch of state government or upon the effective date of a constitutional amendment that authorizes creation of an executive branch department in addition to the twenty departments authorized by Constitution Article IV, Section 1(B), whichever such effective date is earlier."