

# **Governor's Office of Elderly Affairs**

## **Quarterly Report to the DD Council**

**April 2016**

### **Update/progress on agency initiatives**

The web page [www.LouisianaAnswers.com](http://www.LouisianaAnswers.com) continues to be updated with information to assist citizens who need information regarding Respite Care or other information and resources. This site offers information on a variety of services and links regarding where families may find information or agencies that provide services.

From July 2015 – January 2016, the eight regional **Adult and Disability Resource Centers** (ADRC) responded to 4,165 calls from clients who reported they have one or more disabilities. The types of services they requested were: information on public and private long term care planning, transportation, dental care, wheelchair ramps, home repair, housing, Medicaid services, Medicare Part D assistance, Alzheimer's disease, health insurance, pharmaceutical assistance, congregate meals, respite care and options counseling.

The Aging and Disability Resource Centers and the Area Agencies on Aging (AAA) provide education regarding assistance with Medicare premiums and assistance with the Medicare Part D during open enrollment and also when a senior turns 65 and applies for Medicare. The ADRCs assisted 626 individuals with their enrollment for Medicare Part D.

From January 2016 – March 2016 the AAAs assisted 1,236 individuals with assistance with Low Income Subsidy Program and Medicare Savings Plan applications and 38% of the applications were determined to be eligible to receive assistance. The aging network hosted events with over 1900 individuals attending to hear about the LIS and MSP criteria.

The Governor's Office of Elderly Affairs and DHH are continuing to work on a three year plan for the No Wrong Door grant. The plan is in the final edit stages and will be submitted to the Administration on Living.

### **Status of agency's activities/participation on DDC plan initiatives and impact (if applicable)**

None

### **Status of Council recommendations to agency (if applicable)**

None

### **No Council recommendations to the Office of Elderly Affairs**

None