

Governor's Office of Elderly Affairs

Quarterly Report to the DD Council

July 2015

Update/progress on agency initiatives

The web page www.LouisianaAnswers.com continues to be updated and we are looking for information that can 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 2014 – June 2015, the nine regional **Adult and Disability Resource Centers** (ADRC) responded to 10,453 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 Office of Elderly Affairs is working with ADRCs and the Area Agencies on Aging to provide education regarding assistance with their Medicare premiums and assistance with the Medicare Part D. Collectively the AAAs and ADRCs have conducted 192 events with 6,348 individuals attending. The number of applications for Low Income Subsidy was 1,676 with 49% of the applicants determined eligible. The Medicare Savings Program had 1,688 applications and 46% who applied were determined eligible. The savings amount each applicant qualified for varies but potentially it could mean up to \$4,000 annually. They also assisted 1,454 individuals with Part D enrollments.

The Governor's Office of Elderly Affairs has completed the stakeholder meetings for the No Wrong Door planning grant. GOEA with DHH Office of Aging and Adult Services conducted stakeholder meetings in New Orleans, Shreveport, Monroe, Lake Charles and Baton Rouge. This grant will develop a three year plan to submit at the end of the one year grant period.

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