

CT ADRC Options Counseling and Assistance Programs Executive Summary

The State Unit on Aging is applying for the 2010 ADRC Options Counseling and Assistance Programs Grant offered by the Administration on Aging for the purposes of strengthening and expanding Connecticut's Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRCs) specifically in the area of Options Counseling. Grant partners for this proposal include: Agency on Aging of South Central CT (AAA), Center for Disability Rights (CIL), Western CT Area Agency on Aging (AAA), and Independence Northwest (CIL). This potential 2-year (Oct. 2010 – Sept. 2012) funding opportunity will serve older adults and persons with disabilities known as Community Choices. The average grant award is expected to be \$500,000 per state.

One project outcome will be completion of federal reports & participation in federal workgroups / conference calls / & attend one national meeting on the subject of Options Counseling. The grant will support State projects to strengthen, develop and/or implement a comprehensive set of standards they can use to guide, monitor and continually improve the delivery of Options Counseling and Assistance with the ADRC system. Options Counseling delivery policies and procedures will become standardized. Another outcome will be to identify and invest in staff training and preparation. We will be implementing common client tracking procedures for assessing the performance of Options Counseling statewide. The grant is also intended to produce a set of minimum national standards for ADRC Options Counseling and Assistance to guide, monitor & improve ADRCs across the country.

This grant would not allow for the expansion into a new region and development of a new ADRC.