

California Department of Aging

Alzheimer's Day Care Resource Center Program Narrative

Program / Element / Component -- 40.90.20

Description

Alzheimer's Day Care Resource Centers (ADCRC) provide services to patients with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias and their family caregivers. Center staff work together with families to determine how best to serve the clients' nursing and psycho-social needs. The centers also:

- Provide respite for families who care for these persons at home.
- Provide training opportunities for professionals and other persons caring for this population.
- Disseminate information to the public regarding Alzheimer's disease and related disorders.
- Serve as a resource to family support groups.
- Act as a source of information regarding services available to this population.

Persons in the moderate to severe stages of Alzheimer's disease whose care needs and behavioral problems make it difficult for them to participate in other care programs and family caregivers are eligible to participate in the program.

Benefits

Persons with dementia participate in day programs specifically designed to enhance cognitive impairments and improve their quality of life by eliminating isolation and minimizing behaviors associated with Alzheimer's disease, such as wandering and combativeness. Families benefit from the respite provided while the participant is at the Program. The ADCRC also serves as a community resource, informing caregivers of additional services which may be available to assist with the provision of care.

Eligibility

Participants must have a medical diagnosis of dementia to participate in the services provided by the ADCRC. There are no age or financial restrictions on participation.

Access

Information on the ADCRC Program and how to receive services can be obtained by calling the statewide toll free line at **1-800-510-2020**, or the local Area Agency on Aging listed in the blue-bordered pages of the Community Services Section of the telephone

book under Senior Information and Referral/Assistance, or access the California Department of Aging website at www.aging.ca.gov.

Background

The ADCRC Program started as a three-year pilot project authorized by CH 1600/84 (Mello). The sunset was extended to 6/30/88 by CH 1252/86 (Mello).

A Fiscal Year (FY) 1987/88 letter to the Budget Conference Committee by Senator Alquist requesting an additional appropriation resulted in an augmentation for eight new sites and additional funds for the eight existing sites.

In FY 1987/88, The California Department of Aging (CDA) received a federal grant from the Administration on Aging to build a state training program to enhance adult day health care for Alzheimer's victims. The project was completed in FY 1989-90.

Chapter 947/87 extended the Program's sunset to January 1, 1992.

CH 974/88 (Vasconcellos; requested by Senator Alquist) augmented the Budget Act to establish ten new rural centers and raise the annual funding for the original 16 centers.

The 1989/90 Budget Bill requested an additional funding (Alquist sponsor), of which 50 percent was vetoed, leaving limited funding an additional ten sites. Another request to fund overnight and weekend respite care was vetoed.

CH 121/90 (Mello) extended the sunset date to July 1, 1995.

Chapter 337 of 1994 (Mello) deleted the Program's sunset date.

AB 2800, the Mello-Grandlund Older Californians Act (Chapter 1097, Statutes of 1996), integrated seven distinct Community-Based Services Programs (CBSP) in one Community-Based Services Network and transferred responsibility for related contract administration from CDA to the Area Agencies on Aging. The ADCRC Program is one of these seven programs.

The Budget Change Proposal for FY 1998/99 added ten new ADCRC sites to expand services from 23 Planning and Service Areas (PSAs) to 33 PSAs.

The FY 1999/00 budget increased Area Agency administration for the six new sites established in FY 1998/99.

The FY 2004/05 budget cut staff positions directly assigned to CBSP administrative oversight, including the ADCRC Program, eliminating state-level oversight of the ADCRC Program.