

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN WISCONSIN
AGING AND DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTERS
AND
INDEPENDENT LIVING CENTERS

This agreement represents a mutual understanding and establishes a partnership for meeting the goals of Wisconsin's Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) grant. The grant targets the elderly and adults with disabilities and their families who are accessing publicly or privately funded long term care services, services provided by the community organizations and other public assistance programs.

PARTIES

The parties to this understanding are the ADRCs and the eight Independent Living Centers (ILCs) in the areas of Wisconsin that the ADRCs are existing and/or being implemented.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- 1.) ADRCs embrace the principle of "Nothing About Us Without Us")
 - a. This includes a commitment to consumer control, consumer direction, self-determination, autonomy and dignity of risk for all consumers.**
 - b. It also means that policy decisions about serving people with disabilities must include the disability community.****
- 2.) All ADRCs must serve seniors and people of all disabilities from day 1.
 - a. Existing ADRCs that have not adhered to this and all key elements will include adherence during the next federal fiscal year.****
- 3.) All ADRCs implement the "No Wrong Door" model versus the "Single Point of Entry" model.**
- 4.) All ADRCs' design, development and implementation are required to include a mandatory partnership between the senior agencies and ILCs, unless one entity chooses not to participate.**

GENERAL RESPONSIBILITIES OF PARTIES

ADRCs - all ADRCs are to provide the following services:

Information and Assistance - which includes the resource data base
Long Term Care Options Counseling – which includes Pre Admission
Benefits Counseling
Emergency Response
Prevention and Early Intervention
Access to the Family Care Benefit – which includes the LTC Functional Screen (and if found eligible the enrollment into a Managed Care Organization), or MS FFS, or Private Pay

ADRCs are **unique** in that they serve as the primary access point for publicly long term care and can determine and facilitate public Health Care Benefits.

ILCs – all ILCs are to provide the following services:

Information and Referral
IL Skills training
Peer Support
Individual and Systems Advocacy
Transition from institutions into the Community, and transitional services for youth to adult
Assistive Technology
WisLoan

ILCs are **unique** in that they:

- are consumer controlled which means that their governing Boards, decision makers, and staff are composed of more than 50% of people with disabilities.
- provide services statewide.
- Provide their services to all ages and all disabilities
- Provide individual and systems advocacy through grassroots coalitions, including legislative advocacy

What ADRCs & ILC do:

Provide a welcoming, accessible place where aging and people with disabilities can go for information, advice, and assistance in accessing services
Provide reliable and objective information about a broad range of community resources of interest to aging and people with disabilities
Assist people to understand the various long term care options available to them
Assist people to make informed, cost effective decisions about long term care
Assist people with conserving their personal resources, health and independence

Reduce the demand for publicly funding for long term care by delaying or preventing the need for potentially expensive long term care

Assist people to apply for eligibility for programs and benefits, and use their communities' resources

Serve as access points for publicly funded long term care

What ADRCs can do for ILCs:

- clarify the roles and services of ILCs and other agencies to persons with disabilities and family members
- provide appropriate referrals
- purchase ILC FFS

What ILCs can do for ADRCs:

- clarify the roles and services of the ADRCs to persons with disabilities and their family members
- provide appropriate referrals to ADRCs
- provide candidates for ADRC governing boards
- provide grassroots advocacy (including legislative)
- share resource data information with ADRCs

ILC FFS:

- SDS Training
- Disability Awareness Training
- Cross Disability Training
- AT and Home Modifications Assessments
- Benefits Counseling
- Personal Care Services
- Targeted Outreach
- Emergency response Planning
- Nursing Facility Relocations
- ADA/504 Assessments (Architectural, Programmatic and Communication Compliance)
- Transportation, Employment and Housing Assistance

Signatures

Changes to this MOU will be made as deemed necessary and agreed to by the signing parties.

_____, Administrator, ADRC Date

_____, Executive Director, ILC Date