



Aging and Disability Resource Center **Link to Aging and Disability Resources** **Statewide Expansion**

Goals

- ❖ Information, Referral and Awareness\Full Range of Long-Term Services & Supports
- ❖ Options Counseling and Assistance\Decision Support
- ❖ Streamlined Eligibility Determination for Public Programs
- ❖ Person Centered Transition Support
- ❖ Partnerships and Stakeholder Involvement
- ❖ Quality Assurance and Continuous Improvement

Outcomes to be Accomplished

- ❖ Coordination of Aging and Disability service systems
- ❖ Established formal partnerships between aging, disability & Medicaid agencies & stakeholder groups
- ❖ Individuals of all income levels are served
- ❖ Management information systems that facilitate service delivery, supports integration of data, streamlines access to information and options
- ❖ Comprehensive statewide web resource database – searchable & accessible
- ❖ Expansion of Link Networks in PA from 12 counties to all 67 counties by September 2011

PA Link History

- 2003 grant: The Allegheny and The Cumberland Link to Aging and Disability Resources started formation. (Opened in late 2005)
- Free standing - not a part of aging or disability services. Centralized bricks and mortar sites.

- 2008-2009 PA begin to establish decentralized Link to Aging and Disability Resources Networks
 - Phase One: Dauphin, Perry, Mifflin/Juniata
 - Phase Two: Lancaster, Lebanon, Adams, Franklin, York, Delaware
 - Phase Three: Blair, Clearfield
 - Statewide roll out of ADRC starting January 2011
 - **Currently every county in PA is in ADRC development process**

Link Core Partners – Area Agencies on Aging, Centers for Independent Living, OLTL Nursing Home Transition agencies and previous enrolling agencies, as well as SHIP provider within the county when not included in AAA.

Collaborative Partner – Community Agencies that are included in the LINK Collaborative Committee because they provide services and supports that impact individuals over the age of 60 and adults with disabilities.

- ❖ The intent of the decentralized network model is NOT to create a new entity, but rather to pull existing and known entities together.
- ❖ The Link to Aging and Disability Resources is designed to be a coordinated network of Core and Collaborative Partner agencies which allows for the consumer to initiate contact with any Link Network partner and, generally speaking, experience the same intake to access information, assistance, and resources.
- ❖ A consumer should directly or seamlessly be connected to the information and services needed, no matter the initial point of entry into the system.
- ❖ The “no wrong door” approach attempts to minimize duplication of efforts by consumer and providers.

Example of Decentralized Network:

