

# The ADRC Model – Learn More

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**DID YOU KNOW?** Residents in Placer County over 60 years old currently represent 30% of the county's adult population; and that projections show this older adult population will continue to grow dramatically for decades to come.

**DID YOU EVER WONDER:** What can be done to provide for the anticipated support and service needs of this population?

The Placer County Older Adult Advisory Commission, older adults, state, county, and local officials and older adult service providers have continued exploring and discussing this question for many months.

Many have concluded, that one answer to this question can be found in a new model for enhancing collaboration, coordination and cooperation of (and between) agencies serving older adults and persons with disabilities. This model is known as an **Aging and Disability Resource Connection (ADRC)**. The primary purpose of an ADRC is to provide older adults and persons with disabilities and their families an easily accessible, consistent, and customer friendly system of information, assistance, supports and services.

In spite of laudable efforts at cooperation and collaboration between agencies serving older adults and persons with disabilities, the current system of information, assistance, supports and services has remained fragmented and, for older adults and persons with disabilities, a sometimes perplexing and difficult system to navigate.

The purpose and scope of an ADRC includes: serving as a coordinated resource for older adult and disability related information, assistance, supports and services for people of all ages, disabilities, and income levels; and, making access to information, supports and services as seamless and easy as possible for older adults, persons with disabilities, and their families.

An ADRC will bring existing resources together to provide objective information about the full range of options that are available to older adults and persons with disabilities; empowering them in making informed decisions about how to define and meet their individual needs and goals.

Seeing the advantages of an ADRC, the Older Adult Advisory Commission and the (emerging) Placer County Aging and Disability Resource Connection (ADRC) are hosting a **Community Forum on the ADRC Model**. On September 15, 2015 from 1:00 to 4:00 PM, at the Community Development Resource Agency (Commissioner and Cypress Rooms) 3091 County Center Drive, Auburn, CA 95603.

The public is encouraged to attend the forum to learn more about this innovative and successful model for serving older adults and persons with disabilities.

Presenters will include Supervisor Jim Holmes, Placer County Board of Supervisors; Jeff Brown, Placer County Health and Human Services Department Director; as well as state, regional and local experts on the ADRC Model.

Please invite your friends and join this Community Forum. Since space is limited, those wishing to attend will need to RSVP by contacting Pauline Moreno at (530) 886-3680 or [pmoreno@placer.ca.gov](mailto:pmoreno@placer.ca.gov).

*It is the overall goal of the Placer Older Adult Advisory Commission to promote the well being and to enhance the quality of life for older adults of Placer County by advising the Placer Department of Health and Human Services and the Placer County Board of Supervisors on issues affecting the lives of older adults. Meetings are held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 1:00 PM. More information may be found online at:*

<http://www.placer.ca.gov/Departments/hhs/adult/OlderAdultAdvisoryCommission.aspx>

or by calling the Public Authority at (530) 886-3680.