

Louisiana's Resource Center On Aging With Developmental Disabilities

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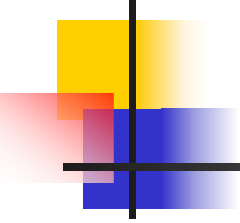


“Sportsman's Paradise”

Home of Mardi Gras and Great Food !!!



“Laissez bon le temps!”



We're living in the days of the baby boomers.
It affects all of us who were born between
1946 and 1964.





We're aging ...

- Baby boomers will begin to reach the age 65 in 2011 – just 7 years from now.
- Baby boomers include all of us – persons without disabilities and persons with disabilities – everyone!



Show me the numbers ...

- 526,000 adults age 60 years and older with developmental disabilities.
- By 2030, this number will double to 1.1 million.



The bottom line ...

- People with disabilities are living as long as their peers who do not have disabilities.



January 12, 2004

- Louisiana made history by installing its first female governor – The Honorable Governor Kathleen Babineaux Blanco of Lafayette.
- Louisiana made history by opening the doors to its first inclusive Resource Center on Aging with Developmental Disabilities, and naming Mike Harrell as director.



Honorable Governor Kathleen Babineaux Blanco

Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals

Office for Citizens with Developmental Disabilities

Columbia Developmental Center
Resource Center on Aging with
Developmental Disabilities



Our primary customers

- Persons aging with developmental disabilities
- Family members of persons aging with developmental disabilities
- All providers – public and private
- Practitioners in our communities such as physicians, gerontologists, nurses, physical, occupational and speech therapists, psychiatrists, psychologists, ICF/MR facility administrators, nursing home administrators, direct support professionals, and social workers.
- University students



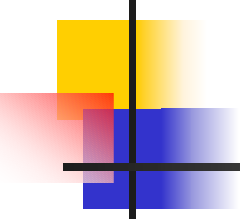
Our Mission

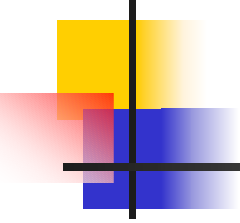
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Our primary activities

- Develop and provide capacity building through conferences, educational materials, consultations, technical assistance, and limited direct services.

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- Build partnerships and collaborative relationships with providers, community professionals, families, other state agencies, educational institutions, professional organizations, and other stakeholders to efficiently target gaps and improve multiple efforts.

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- Accomplish publication and promote research in regards to identifying supports for persons aging with developmental disabilities.



Future partnerships

- The American Geriatric Society
- The Louisiana Geriatric Society
- The Governor's Office of Disability Affairs
- The Governor's Office of Elderly Affairs
- The National Family Caregivers Support Program
- LSU Human Development Center and Health Sciences Center

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