

FACT SHEET - NURSING HOME DIVERSION PROGRAM (06/24/2008)

- The Arkansas Division of Aging and Adult Services is one of 12 state units on aging nationwide to be awarded a \$500,000 grant from the Administration on Aging for a new and innovative Nursing Home Diversion Program.
- This 18-month grant (9-30-07 to 3-30-09) helps Arkansas build on current long term care efforts and re-engineer how Older Americans Act funded services are provided by:
 - targeting those at risk of nursing home placement, impoverishment, and Medicaid spend-down;
 - employing person-centered planning (PCP) and self determination which gives consumers more affordable choices and greater control over the services they receive;
 - helping people spend their own resources more wisely;
 - improving consumer access to aging services through a single entry point; and
 - allowing flexibility in how federal Older Americans Act and state revenue funds are used so they may support a range of options for people at high risk of nursing home placement.
- Two Area Agencies on Aging have been selected to work with Division of Aging and Adult Services in carrying out program goals and objectives. These agencies CareLink (Faulkner County) and AAA of NW AR (Boone County).
- Client income level: Individual: \$48,000 Couple: \$68,000
- Spouses and legal guardians may be paid caregivers.
- Serving non-Medicaid clients and clients on Medicaid spend-down.