

ADRC-TAE May 4, 2006 Newsletter

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I. Today's May Monthly Call - Program Sustainability Discussion

May's standing grantee call will be held **today, May 4, from 2:30-4 PM (EST)** on the topic of program sustainability. Lewin will present key themes from the recently completed ADRC sustainability site visits as well as preliminary findings gleaned from the current semi-annual report (SART) regarding sustainability strategies and challenges. The ADRC-TAE will then propose several TA products/resources that could be developed to assist grantees with planning and implementing sustainable programs (e.g., case studies, self-assessment tool, planning template, peer work group) and will solicit ideas from both state- and pilot-level grantees as to what would be the most useful substantive issues to cover and product formats to produce. Grantees are encouraged to contact the ADRC-TAE with ideas if you are unable to join the call.

Call resources may be accessed at <http://www.adrc-tae.org/tiki-index.php?page=MonthlyCall>. Call-in information is included below:

- Toll Free Number: 888-791-2132
- Passcode: LEWIN
- Leader: Lisa Alecxih

II. Congressional Hearing on OAA Reauthorization Held

The U.S. House Subcommittee on Select Education held a hearing to discuss potential legislation to reauthorize the Older Americans Act, the chief federal law governing the organization and delivery of a number of social services for older Americans on May 2nd. ADRCs were highlighted. Specifically, legislation expected to be introduced later this week would support community-based efforts to assist low-income and limited-English speaking populations in enrolling in the Medicare Drug Discount Card and launch Aging and Disabilities Resource Centers in all 50 states to create a single point of access to the range of programs and services available seniors, including the new Medicare Drug Discount Card. For more information go to <http://edworkforce.house.gov/press/press109/second/05may/oaa050206.htm>.

III. Last Week to Provide Feedback on the NFI Conference ADRC Intensive

Thank you for your attendance and participation at the NFI Conference ADRC Intensive on April 12, 2006. We enjoyed seeing all the grantees and want to thank everyone for helping make the meeting a success.

Your feedback is critical to the success of future meetings and technical assistance because it helps us plan the next meetings around your needs. Please provide us with your feedback by selecting the following link: http://www.adrc-tae.org/tiki-take_survey.php?surveyId=38. You must be logged in to the website using your case and space sensitive username and password to access this link.

ADRC-TAE will hold a random drawing for a dinner for two among those who respond to the feedback survey. Three winners of past dinner drawings, Mary Anderson of Iowa, Lauren Burby of Georgia, and Phyllis Madachy of Maryland, can attest to the benefits of filling out your surveys!

IV. Keeping Up-to-Date: New ADRC-TAE Web Site Resources and Improvements

In addition to the page indicated, all new resources may be accessed via the home page under the "What's New on ADRC-TAE.org" article or www.adrc-tae.org/tiki-read_article.php?articleId=3. If you receive an error message after selecting this link, please log in using your case and space sensitive username and password.

A. New “Resources by Topic”

1. **Example Site Visit Discussion Guide:** An example of the one-page discussion guides Lewin distributed to grantees before each site visit. This document is available under [Resources by Topic > Stakeholder Input and Partnerships > Sustainability](#).
2. **A Framework for Assessing Sustainability Slides:** Provides an overview of the theoretical framework used for ADRC sustainability study. This document is available under [Resources by Topic > Stakeholder Input and Partnerships > Sustainability](#).
3. **Summary of Sustainability Narrative: October 2005 Semi-Annual Report:** This document aggregates and summarizes the narrative related to sustainability that the 2003 and 2004 grantees included in their October 2005 Semi-Annual Reports. This document is available under [Resources by Topic > Stakeholder Input and Partnerships > Sustainability](#).
4. **Facilitators of ADRC Sustainability: Lessons from the Field:** This document summarizes the most common conditions, features and characteristics that the states in our study identified as being facilitators of sustainability. This document is available under [Resources by Topic > Stakeholder Input and Partnerships > Sustainability](#).

V. Coming Soon . . .

A. Notes from ADRC Intensive at February NFI Conference

The notes from the plenaries and consultancies at the ADRC Intensive will be available within the next two weeks.

B. ADRC-TAE Resource: Accessible Kiosks

The Lewin Group is researching information related to designing accessible kiosks in response to grantee requests.

C. ADRC-TAE Streamlining Access Self Assessment with State Examples

The goal of this self assessment is to help Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRCs) serve as leaders in systems change in the area of streamlined access. It outlines the several hoops that individuals often have to jump through to gain access to information about long-term care services beginning with the initial call. Several examples from current ADRC grantees offer context for each of the hoops about how they have improved and streamlined systems. It can be used as a tool for developing a clear strategy for streamlining access and may be helpful to 2005 grantees preparing their streamlining access plans.

VI. Upcoming Events and Dates of Interest

*Out of courtesy for other callers, please do not place ADRC-TAE conference calls on hold, as previous calls have been disturbed by hold music. In addition, while listening to the call, please mute your phone by pressing either your mute key or *6 on your keypad. Below, events that may assist grantees but are not sponsored by TAE are listed as Non-TAE.*

A. May Events

1. **TODAY: May 4th Standing Grantee Call at 2:30 PM ET**
 - Topic: Program Sustainability Discussion
 - Objective: Lewin will present key themes from the recently completed ADRC sustainability site visits as well as preliminary findings gleaned from the current semi-annual report (SART) regarding sustainability strategies and challenges. The ADRC-TAE will then propose several TA products/resources that could be developed to assist grantees with planning and implementing sustainable programs (e.g., case studies, self-assessment tool, planning template, peer work group) and will solicit ideas from both state- and pilot-level grantees as to what would be the most useful substantive issues to cover and product formats to produce. Grantees are encouraged to contact the ADRC-TAE with ideas if you are unable to join the call.
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2. **Non-TAE Event: May 8th-12th Florida Governor's Hurricane Conference**
 - Additional Information: <http://www.flghc.org/>
3. **May 11th Streamlining Access Peer Workgroup Call at 2:30 PM ET**
 - Topic: Streamlining Access for People with Hearing Loss, with Paige Berry at the Helen Keller National Center for Deaf-Blind Youths and Adults
 - Call-in Information:
 - Toll Free Number: 877-492-7762
 - Passcode: 164294#
 - Additional Information: <http://www.adrc-tae.org/tiki-index.php?page=IntakeAssessmentWorkGroup>
4. **Non-TAE Event: May 11th-12th Access U 2006 - Knowbility's Fourth Annual Web Design Accessibility Training Conference**

- Participants will gain needed information to comply with Section 508 and Texas HB 2819 web accessibility mandates, learn about new technology to make websites more accessible for people with disabilities, and interact with leading experts in the accessibility industry. Register today to strengthen your web accessibility skills and network with industry experts at <http://www.knowbility.org/conference/?content=regStart>. Knowbility expects sessions to fill quickly.
 - Additional Information: <http://www.knowbility.org/conference>
5. **May 18th Pilot Sites Peer Workgroup Call at 2:30 PM ET**
- Topic: Sustainability Strategies for Pilot Sites
 - Objective: The next pilot sites workgroup call will focus on sustainability strategies for pilot sites. Pilot site staff should be thinking about strategies that will allow their efforts to sustain past the grant period from the time their pilot site is established. We will have speakers from two 2003 grantee states who will comment on the efforts they have made to build partnerships with community organizations and libraries and also about strategies to engage volunteers in ADRC efforts.
 - Call-in Information:
 - Toll Free Number: 877-492-7762
 - Passcode: 164294#
 - Additional Information: <http://www.adrc-tae.org/tiki-index.php?page=PilotSitesWorkGroup>
6. **May 25th Evaluation Peer Workgroup Call at 2:30 PM ET**
- Topic: Measuring Streamlined Access
 - Call-in Information:
 - Toll Free Number: 877-492-7762
 - Passcode: 164294#
 - Additional Information: <http://www.adrc-tae.org/tiki-index.php?page=EvaluationWorkGroup>

B. June Events

1. **June 1st Standing Grantee Call at 2:30 PM ET**
- Topic: Options Counseling
 - Call-in Information:
 - Toll Free Number: 888-791-2132
 - Passcode: LEWIN
 - Leader: Lisa Alecxih
2. **Non-TAE Event: June 4th-7th AIRS I&R Annual Training and Education Conference**
- AIRS goals are to provide attendees with the skills necessary to:

- Work collaboratively with other community organizations to build coordinated systems of service delivery that encourages cooperation, collaboration and responsible use of limited resources;
- Maximize the strengths of each of our organizations; and
- Advance the effectiveness of I&R professionals by providing workshops that focus on the basics necessary to efficiently and effectively provide information and referral (I&R) services, and the skills, abilities, knowledge and technology necessary to serve our communities.
- Location: Hyatt Regency Hotel, Milwaukee, WI
- Additional Information:
http://www.airs.org/events/events_conference.asp

3. Non-TAE Event: June 5th-23rd Online Course on Olmstead: Transition from Nursing Homes to Community

- Topic: This course will provide participants with an in-depth perspective on assisting people with disabilities as they make the transition from nursing home to community. The course will address key phases of transition and provide useful information for working with people who experience several secondary disabilities that often have an effect on transition. Presented by IL Net training and technical assistance project for centers for independent living and statewide independent living councils, the course is available for \$65 per participant, and the registration deadline is May 26, 2006.
- Additional Information:
http://www.ilru.org/html/training/online/class_transition.htm

4. June 8th Multiple Agency Peer Workgroup Call at 2:30 PM ET

- Topic: TBD
- Call-in Information:
 - Toll Free Number: 877-492-7762
 - Passcode: 164294#
- Additional Information: <http://www.adrc-tae.org/tiki-index.php?page=MultipleAgenciesWorkGroup>