

**Tarrant County  
Coalition on Aging and Disability Services (CADS)**

**COMMITMENTS**

**WHEREAS,** The members of CADS have identified as their mission to create and expand a highly effective and easily accessible system of community services composed of partners that are committed to exceptional customer service, and

**WHEREAS,** The members of CADS share the vision that by 2011: Tarrant County has an easily accessible, highly effective system of community services as demonstrated by:

- Accurate and timely information
- An array of choices
- People get the level of services and supports when and where they need them
- Unprecedented level of partnership among community organizations
- Exceptional Customer Service, and

**WHEREAS,** The Texas Department on Aging and Disability Services (DADS) issued a request for proposal (RFP) to support the development of Aging and Disability Resource Centers that would include many of the Essential Service Components that CADS members have identified;

**THEREFORE,** in order to accomplish the mission and vision stated above, and to submit a proposal to DADS for the development of an Aging and Disability Resource Center in Tarrant County, the attached-signatories, as members of, and on behalf of Tarrant County Coalition on Aging and Disability Services, agree to commit ourselves, singly and jointly, to provide the following supports (check all boxes that apply to your organization):

- Attending Coalition Meetings
- Send staff to CADS training events
- Assist in preparation of a Aging and Disability Resource directory
- Provide staff resources at the Resource Connection ADRC
- Providing information brochures and other materials for the Resource Connection ADRC
- Provide input and feedback to develop protocol for interagency referrals
- Provide input and feedback to develop protocol for information sharing
- Provide input and feedback on common data elements to be exchanged or accessed through a Central Data Repository
- Provide content information for CADS public website
- Provide input and feedback on marketing plan for CADS member services
- Work cooperatively to assist with the DADS grant proposal or other funding opportunities that may be identified

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Coalition on Aging and Disability Services of Tarrant County  
 Commitment of Partners  
**Addendum**

CMS and AoA have funded a grant for DADS to develop three Aging and Disability Resource Centers in Texas, one of those in Tarrant County. The purpose of the Aging and Disability Resource Centers is to provide one-stop access to public and privately funded benefits, including Medicaid and Medicare services and Older Americans Act programs, for older persons and persons with one or more physical, developmental, or cognitive disability. The ADRCs have been charged with piloting system-change processes that will seamlessly provide information and assistance to individuals needing either public or private resources, professionals seeking assistance on behalf of their clients, and individuals planning for their future long term care needs. The ADRCs will work collaboratively in their communities to develop streamlined processes and protocols that will simplify access to services and benefits for the clients in the target populations to achieve the following:

<b>CADS Mission, Vision, and Essential System Components</b>	
<b>Mission</b>	<b>To create and expand a highly effective and easily accessible system of community services composed of partners that are committed to exceptional customer service.</b>
<b>Vision by 2011</b>	<b>Tarrant County has an easily accessible, highly effective system of community services as demonstrated by:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Accurate and timely information</b></li> <li>• <b>An array of choices</b></li> <li>• <b>People get the level of services and supports when and where they need them</b></li> <li>• <b>Unprecedented level of partnership among community organizations</b></li> <li>• <b>Exceptional customer service</b></li> </ul>
<b>Essential System Components</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Commitment of partners / Memoranda of Understanding (MOU) for "no wrong door" system</b></li> <li>• <b>Agencies have "liaison function" for communication with all partners</b></li> <li>• <b>Common data elements that are shared</b></li> <li>• <b>Web Site / Intranet / Data Repository</b></li> <li>• <b>"Virtual community resource coordination group" for partners</b></li> <li>• <b>On-going training of community and increased service knowledge for all partners</b></li> <li>• <b>Unified marketing plan</b></li> <li>• <b>Regular meetings</b></li> </ul>

By signing below as a CADS (Coalition on Aging and Disability Services) Partner, we commit to a streamlined access process for ADRC clients by sharing access and intake/eligibility data across systems under the **ADRC of Tarrant County** umbrella.

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