



**North Central Texas Aging & Disability Resource Center (NCTADRC)
Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Among Partners**

In order to accomplish the goals of the North Central Texas Aging and Disability Resource Center, the attached signatories, as members of, and on behalf of the NCTADRC advisory group, agree to commit ourselves, singly and jointly, to provide the following supports (check all that apply to you based on your agency's guidelines):

- Attend advisory group meetings and serve as an advisor for NCTADRC activities
- Assist in creating a unified network of partners committed to fulfilling the needs of older adults, individuals with disabilities, family caregivers, and veterans in the 14 counties surrounding Dallas and Ft. Worth
- Send staff to NCTADRC and/or partner agency training events
- Make staff available to provide subject-matter presentations at NCTADRC educational events
- Provide educational materials and brochures for distribution at NCTADRC events
- Provide your agency's content information for the NCTADRC website
- Work cooperatively with the NCTADRC advisory group to expand funding/grant opportunities within the 14-county area (ex: writing letters of support)

Name of Agency, Organization or Individual: _____

Authorized Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ **E-mail:** _____

Submit completed form to Jan Henning at jhenning@nctcog.org

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North Central Texas Aging & Disability Resource Center (NCTADRC) Description, Purpose and Goal Statement

Aging and Disability Resource Centers are a collaborative effort of the U.S. Administration for Community Living, U.S. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, U.S. Veterans Health Administration, and states for the purpose of streamlining consumer access to long-term services and supports. ADRCs were authorized by the federal government in 2003, with funding awarded to Texas in late 2005 and North Central Texas in late 2008. ADRCs are now active throughout the entire state of Texas.

ADRCs help facilitate the restructuring of services and supports for older adults, all persons with disabilities, family caregivers, and veterans. ADRCs build on the strength of existing community agencies, such as area agencies on aging, local authorities, and centers for independent living, to provide a single, more coordinated system of information and access for all persons seeking long-term services and supports. ADRCs emphasize community living, personal choice, and independence.

ADRCs strive to create a No Wrong Door system that addresses the barriers and frustrations many consumers and their families experience when they seek information and access to services and supports.

The overall goal of ADRCs is to empower individuals to effectively navigate their health and other long-term services and support options. ADRCs accomplish this goal by:

1. Serving as visible and trusted sources of information regarding available long-term services and supports
2. Providing personalized and objective information and support to empower people to make informed decisions about their support options
3. Providing streamlined access to all publicly funded long-term services and supports through coordinated intake, assessment and eligibility determination processes
4. Providing information, resources and support for people wishing to transition from hospitals and other institutional settings into the community
5. Maintaining rigorous quality assurance processes
6. Serving families with private resources, which may prevent “spend down” to Medicaid or unnecessary institutionalization.