Practicum Opportunity with an

Aging and Disability Resource Center

Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRC) support state efforts to develop *No Wrong Door* systems at the community level that will help people make informed decisions about their service and support options and serve as the entry point to the long-term support system (LTSS).

ADRCs provide five key functions[[1]](#footnote-1):

* Information and referral/ awareness: ADRCs provide information about services, resources, and programs in areas such as disability and long-term care, living arrangements, health and wellness, and more.
* Options Counseling, Advice and Assistance: ADRCs help consumers and their caregivers assess their needs, understand the full range of LTSS options available, and evaluate how these options relate to their circumstances.
* Streamlined eligibility determination for public programs and streamlined access to services: ADRCs are to serve as single points of entry to all publicly financed LTSS, including Medicaid, the Older Americans Act, and other federal and state programs and services.
* Person-centered transition support: ADRCs create formal linkages between and among the major pathways that people travel while transitioning from one setting of care to another or from one public program payer to another.
* Quality assurance and continuous improvement: ADRCs develop and implement measurable goals and indicators related to their visibility in the community, helping consumers access services, and efficiency and effectiveness.

Most of these functions are carried out by information specialists, nurses or social workers, a multidisciplinary team, or other trained staff.

As a student placed in the ADRC network, you will have opportunities to:

* PROGRAMS COMPLETE THIS SECTION

For additional information about this placement opportunity, including available stipends,

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1. O'Shaughnessy, C.V. (2010). Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRCs): Federal and State efforts to Guide Consumers Through the Long-Term Services and Supports Maze. Retrieved from [www.nhpf.org/library/background-papers/BP81\_ADRCs\_11-19-10.pdf](http://www.nhpf.org/library/background-papers/BP81_ADRCs_11-19-10.pdf) [↑](#footnote-ref-1)