

**UWGMC 2008-2010 Grant Cycle
Vision Council Project Descriptions**

Caring for Seniors & People with Disabilities (CSPD)

Project Connect

Lead Agency:

Mercer Street Friends

Collaborative Partners:

Catholic Charities

Enable

Interfaith Caregivers of Trenton

Jewish Family & Children's Service (JFCS)

Mobile Meals of Trenton/Ewing

Mount Carmel Guild

The ARC/Mercer

Project Mission:

To help seniors (persons over age 60 experiencing age-related difficulties) and people of any age with physical, mental or developmental disabilities living in the greater Trenton area (the "southern" part of the county) to live in health, independence and dignity through a centralized, coordinated care management system.

Project Description:

Services include care coordination, home health care, mental health and substance abuse, transportation, socialization and recreation, respite care, home modifications, home-delivered meals, and individualized volunteer support. The project will utilize "no wrong door" and NORC (naturally occurring retirement communities) approaches that facilitate access to services; a standardized common screening/intake tool and consent form for all project clients; and special Care Coordinators for each target population at JFCS (seniors) & Enable (disabled) who provide centralized coordination of services. UW funds will be used for clients with no insurance and to fill gaps in services.

Clients to be served are persons age 60 and above and any person with a disability (physical, mental or developmental) who are experiencing life difficulties. Expected number of clients served is 250, with over 14,500 units of service (total number of various services delivered to all clients served over one year).

Clients can initiate services through any of the eight project partners, receive a standardized assessment, and start working with one of the two project Care Coordinators without being put on a waiting list or referred out without follow up.

Partners in Caring

Lead Agency:

Jewish Family & Children's Service

Collaborative Partners:

American Red Cross of Central NJ

CONTACT

Enable

Greater Mercer TMA Ride Provide

Princeton Senior Resource Center

RSVP (Retired Seniors Volunteer Program)

Project Mission:

To provide integrated, client-centered social services to low and middle-income older adults and individuals with disabilities who reside in the "northern" communities of Mercer County (outside the Greater Trenton area) through a centralized, coordinated care management system.

Project Description:

The project's goal is to increase resiliency and to reduce the risk factors that lead to frailty, loss of independence, and residential placement. Services include case management, mental health/substance abuse, home-delivered meals, caregiver support, accessibility services, transportation, nursing, and volunteer support.

Clients to be served are persons age 60 or above and those of any age with disabilities who require care coordination to remain in their own/family homes. The project expects to serve 300 unduplicated clients, but projected units of service indicate that over 1,400 people will receive at least one unit of service. Over 50,000 total units of service are projected, including 21,000 meals and 54,000 reassurance telephone calls. Clients can access services through any one of the project partners, who will assess need and refer to appropriate partner services without being put on a waiting list.

The project will provide a common, interdisciplinary screening/assessment process and tool, common client release form and data-sharing mechanism, and special Care Coordinators at 3 partner agencies.