

BETTER AGING FOR OKLAHOMA'S 21ST CENTURY FACTS ON ADULT DAY SERVICES AGING IN OKLAHOMA



Adult Day Services is a valuable service that helps to keep older persons and adults with disabilities in their community as long as possible.



THE BASICS . . .

Geriatric Day Care became Adult Day Services at the January 27, 1998, meeting of the Oklahoma Commission for Human Services. Adult Day Services is one of Oklahoma's first attempts to provide community-based service options to persons who wish to remain at home. It is a dual-purpose program that provides services to older persons and adults with developmental or other types of disabilities.

The program is designed to serve persons age 60 and older. Through an individualized plan of care, a structured, comprehensive program provides a variety of health, social and related support services in a protective setting for some portion of the day. An age waiver is granted by Aging Services Division of the Oklahoma Department of Human Services (OKDHS/ASD) for persons under age 60 if the adult has any form of dementia, or another degenerative condition, either physical or mental. Participants and their families determine how many hours and what days the services are used.

Three criteria are considered in determining eligibility: need, age and income. Additionally, one of the following conditions has to be met: Services allow the caregiver to continue employment or to experience respite; or Services provide beneficial socialization and access to required therapy for the participant.

TODAY . . .

Today, the OKDHS/ASD administers the program. Oklahoma has 37 adult day services centers today; 34 have OKDHS/ASD contracts.

Aging Services Division staff are responsible for the policy development of adult day services, and the following functions:

- Providing technical assistance to communities, organizations, and individuals interested in the development of adult day services;
- Providing local staff with training and guidance pertaining to the adult day services program;
- Providing applications for contracts to potential adult day services centers;
- Performing site evaluations to assure that applicant facilities meet minimum standards;
- Providing ongoing monitoring and evaluation of facilities that hold contracts with OKDHS/ASD.

During fiscal year 2004, OKDHS/ASD provided funds for 648 individuals to attend adult day care and 276 individuals to attend adult day health, a Medicaid ADvantage Waiver Program. The Adult Day Services program received almost \$2.8 million to support it. Each adult day services center also provides additional funding through other sources including local fundraising, grants and participant fees.

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To obtain a current listing of centers in Oklahoma, call 405-521-4214 or 800-498-7995.

