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What is the Aging and Disability Resource Collaborative of Northwest Michigan (ADRCNM)?

The ADRCNM is a network of over 30 Partner organizations across northwest Michigan, *empowering people to make informed decisions about support services for older adults and disabled persons of any age, and helping individuals easily access those services.*

What services does the ADRCNM offer?

The ADRCNM offers two direct client services that benefit older adults or disabled individuals. There are no fees for these services.

Information and Assistance (I&A) – Specialists provide information about resources available in the community for older adults and disabled persons. A Specialist can also make connections to agencies or organizations on behalf of individuals.

Options Counseling – Unbiased counselors discuss individual needs and help develop a plan to access supports and resources. The plan may include options for financing needed services. There is no obligation to implement the plan.

How do I refer someone to the ADRCNM?

The ADRCNM is available 8-4:30 on normal business days by calling **1-866-642-4582** or through email at **info@adrcnmi.org**. The service is staffed by Specialists at the Area Agency on Aging of Northwest Michigan and by Disability Network Northern Michigan.

You may refer an individual to the ADRCNM by

- 1) Contacting the ADRCNM on behalf of the individual
- 2) Providing the individual with ADRCNM information (**1-866-642-4582** or **info@adrcnmi.org**)

What happens when a person is referred to the ADRCNM for service?

A Specialist will talk or meet with the individual to understand his or her unique needs and circumstances. The Specialist will work with the individual to identify and help access support services in a manner that honors the desires of the individual.

Specialists often hold social work degrees and have a vast knowledge of community resources and systems. Through the ADRCNM, the Specialist may also draw upon a network of agencies dedicated to services for older adults and the disabled.

Who might benefit from the ADRCNM?

The ADRCNM is available to help individuals find resources for older adults or disabled persons of any age. Some examples -

- Individuals wanting to maintain independence and needing help – home making, meals, social opportunities, medical home care, medication management...
- Persons needing a supportive living environment when home is no longer an option.
- Someone wishing to transition from a nursing facility to a home environment with necessary supports.
- Those requiring assistive devices, home modifications or other accommodations to maintain quality of life.
- Individuals needing assistance with Medicare, Medicaid or Social Security Disability Income applications.
- Caregivers desiring more support.
- Children of older parents looking for resources to care for mom or dad.
- Parents or grandparents of children with learning or developmental disabilities that need help navigating community resources or school systems.
- Organizations or healthcare providers that want to find additional resources for their clients or patients.

Where can I find out more about the ADRCNM?

Go to **www.adrcnmi.org**.

You may also email **adrc.nwmi@gmail.com** to be added to our informational mailing list, for educational presentations about the program or for brochures, flyers and business cards to distribute.

What else does the Collaborative do?

The Collaborative is comprised of health and community organizations across 10 counties in northwest Michigan that serve older adults and persons with disabilities. The intent is to leverage the great work that organizations already do by providing a forum 1) to make it easier for clients to access information about community resources and services, and 2) enhance inter-agency coordination to meet client needs.

The Collaborative has five core functions

- 1) Providing services
- 2) Networking to enhance inter-agency coordination
- 3) Educating about topics relative to older adults and persons with disabilities
- 4) Maintaining the ADRCNM website including a community resource database
- 5) Problem-solving community issues – current focus is the Traverse Bay Hoarding Task Force

Why does the Collaborative exist?

The ADRCNM was established as part of federal and state initiatives to coordinate aging and disability systems, making it easier to find and access support services. It is led by Area Agency on Aging of Northwest Michigan and Disability Network Northern Michigan.