231.64 Aging and disability resource center.

1. The aging and disability resource center shall be administered by the department consistent with the federal Act. The department shall designate area agencies on aging to establish, in consultation with other stakeholders including organizations representing the disability community, a coordinated system for providing all of the following:

   a. Comprehensive information, referral, and assistance regarding the full range of available public and private long-term care programs, options, service providers, and resources within a community, including information on the availability of integrated long-term care.

   b. Options counseling to assist individuals in assessing their existing or anticipated long-term care needs and developing and implementing a plan for long-term care designed to meet their specific needs and circumstances. The plan for long-term care may include support with person-centered care transitions to assist consumers and family caregivers with transitions between home and care settings.

   c. Consumer access to the range of publicly-supported long-term care programs for which consumers may be eligible, by serving as a convenient point of entry for such programs.

2. The aging and disability resource center shall assist older individuals, persons with disabilities age eighteen or older, family caregivers, and people who inquire about or request assistance on behalf of members of these groups, as they seek long-term care living services and community supports.