

Project: **Aging Well**

Applicant: Alliance for the Betterment of Citizens with Disabilities

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Abstract: As with the rest of society, the lifespan of people with developmental disabilities is lengthening. This dynamic change in demographics will affect how the public sector delivers supports and services.

The aim of this project is to develop a comprehensive, competency-based curriculum on aging-related care issues for direct support professionals (DSPs), which can be used by all provider agencies and the State. The project will also implement a train-the-trainers program across the State, based on the principles of adult learning and development.

The training will teach DSPs and others, including care managers, how to take a more active role in monitoring the functional, social, and health status of consumers as the age, including the warning signs of significant health problems. The training will also address multiple areas of providing supports and services to aging individuals with developmental disabilities