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ADRC of Waukesha County Sees 9% Increase in Incoming Contacts

Waukesha, WIS. – On April 1, 2009 the Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) of Waukesha County celebrates its first year anniversary. The ADRC opened in 2008, merging the Department of Senior Services and the Long Term Care Division of the Department of Health and Human Services. As of February, 2009 there were 30 operational ADRCs covering 47 counties in Wisconsin. These ADRCs were formed as a part of Wisconsin’s effort to reform Long Term Care services and costs for eligible seniors and adults with disabilities.

Core services provided by ADRCs include information and assistance, long-term care option counseling, short-term case management, financial and functional eligibility screening, emergency referrals, elderly and disability counseling, health promotion, prevention and early intervention programs. The ADRC of Waukesha County also provides services to adults age 60 and above through Older Americans Act programs and Elder Abuse/Neglect Direct Services prevention programs, and to Caregivers through the Older Americans Act Family Caregiver Support Program. Specialized transportation programs are subsidized for adults with disabilities and eligible older adults age 65 and above through Wisconsin Department of Transportation and county programs.

During 2008, the ADRC and the previous Department of Senior Services received over 29,000 incoming requests for information and assistance, a 9% increase from 2007.

Cathy Bellovary, Director, said she sees the operation of the ADRC as a, “real team effort. The county is proud to have a facility that can assist seniors, the disabled, families and professionals.”

The ADRC is located in the Human Services Center at 500 Riverview Avenue in Waukesha and can be reached locally at 262-548-7848 or toll free at 1-866-677-ADRC or 1-866-677-2372.

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