

Human Services Committee
Public Hearing March 1, 2012

The Connecticut Association of Agencies on Aging support **Senate Bill 230, An Act Concerning Community CHOICES for Long Term Care and Disability Services.**

- Establishing a Single Point of Entry for information and services concerning aging and disability issues will help Connecticut's citizens navigate complex systems of support for long term care.
- The Single Point of Entry will improve access to information and linkages to long term supports and chronic care service for Connecticut's elderly and adult persons with disabilities. All linkages and assistance will be provided in a consumer-centric manner with an emphasis on building the individual's capacity for independence and dignity.
- The Single Point of Entry will identify interventions for individuals at risk of entering an institution with the goal of providing them with information and counseling that will allow them to make informed choices about the long term supports they receive.
- The Single Point of Entry will collect, coordinate and disseminate timely and accurate information about the availability and quality of services supporting individuals with disabilities.
- The Single Point of Entry will help streamlining the intake, assessment, and eligibility determination process for long term support services funded through Medicaid, the Older Americans Act, or state revenue to maximize the likelihood that individuals in the midst of a long term crisis will be able to receive the support they need to stay in the community.
- The Single Point of Entry will collect comprehensive information as part of the area plan process about services that individuals with disabilities need or desire and identifying gaps within the service delivery system.
- The Single Point of Entry will assist the state in maximizing limited resources by matching needs and preferences of older adults and individuals with disabilities to the most cost effective setting.
- The Single Point of Entry will allow the State to maximize federal funding opportunities by meeting statewide Aging and Disability Resource Center criteria.

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