

Tempe Community Council

Programs for Those with Disabilities; Senior Programs

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Programs for Those with Disabilities

- Definition of Developmental Disabilities
 - Life-long disabilities attributed to mental and/or physical impairments, manifested prior to age 18
- Definition of Disabilities
 - An umbrella term, covering impairments, activity limitations, and participation restrictions

Dynamics of a Disability

- A disability does not just happen to an individual; it happens to the whole family
- A disability does not go away like acute illness does
- How the family responds to the disability affects the life course and development of the person with the disability
 - Some adapt well
 - Others struggle and experience more problems

Disability Stats

- Across Arizona, close to 775,000 residents ages five and older have a type of disability
- And in Tempe, estimated 33,000 residents have some sort of a disability

Disabilities

e-Cimpact Data FY 10/11

- Funded \$26,000 = 3% of COT funding
- 3 agencies in service category
 - Foundation for Blind Children
 - The Centers for Habilitation
 - The ARC of Tempe
- Typical Tempe Client FY 08/09
 - Anglo, male, aged 31-59, yearly income \$0-\$4,999

Senior Centers...

- “Focal point” concept still being central to the development of programs and services in the center
- Centers provide unique services
- Centers must provide high quality programming, programs
- Seniors exhibit healthier behaviors

Definition of a Senior Center

- A community focal point on aging where older persons as in individuals or in groups come together for services and activities that enhance their dignity, support their independence and encourage their involvement in and with the community.

Types of Programs

- Health and wellness programs
- Transportation services
- Arts and humanities programs
- Volunteer opportunities
- Meal programs
- Educational opportunities
- Employment assistance
- Financial assistance
- Recreation assistance
- Intergenerational programs
- Information, referral, and counseling
- Social and community action opportunities

Senior Stats

– Tempe Senior Statistics

- 7.3% of Tempe is 65 and over
- 9.1% of Tempe seniors 65 and over whose income in the past 12 months is below the poverty level
- Average life expectancy
 - In year 1900 = 47 years
 - In year 2000 = 77 years
- Between the years 2000 and 2020, the number of Arizonans over age 85 will increase by 102%

Senior e-Cimpact Data FY 10/11

- Funded \$235,000, which is 23% of overall COT funding
- 4 agencies in service category
 - Area Agency on Aging
 - East Valley Adult Resources
 - Shared Living Village
 - Tempe Community Action Agency
- Typical Tempe Client FY 08/09
 - Anglo, female, aged 75+, yearly income of \$10,000-\$24,999

Questions?