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ABA/ NLADA 2008 Equal Justice Conference

**Equal Justice for Older Adults: Outreach and Community Education
Programs Conducted by Innovative Community Partnerships
Funded by the Partnerships and Law and Aging Program**

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Brief Description:

Recent recipients of Partnerships in Law and Aging Program grants will describe their collaborative partnerships addressing the unique legal problems of older adults through outreach and community education programs in a variety of settings and activities. The programs highlighted in this workshop specifically address the access needs of low-income older adults and older adults with disabilities.

Topical Outline:

- I. Introduction to Partnerships in Law and Aging Program
 - a. Funds new, collaborative, community-based projects to enhance the legal awareness of older persons and improve their access to the legal system. Grants fund both community education activities as well as direct client representation.
 - b. Application process includes a narrative answering 15 questions, and submission of a budget. Program awards 8 grants of \$10,000 for 12 month period from July 1st to June 30th. Keys to success are well-written, innovative, responsive proposals that are true collaborative partnerships, meet identified legal needs and are easily replicated.
 - c. Information available on ABA Commission on Law and Aging website, <http://www.abanet.org/aging/partnershipandgrants/home.shtml>

- II. Partners for Elder Legal Aid Project, Texas RioGrande Legal Aid Inc.
 - a. Overall Project Goal: Educate Low-Income Seniors in Central Texas on their legal rights in various areas of civil law
 - b. Conducted 11 on-site workshops
 - c. Conducted two presentations with other non-profits serving low-income seniors
 - d. Published comprehensive brochure on legal rights of seniors in English and Spanish
 - e. Lessons Learned and Recommendations for Similar Projects

- III. Self-Advocacy and Rights Information and Education for Older Individuals with Disabilities, Equip for Equality
 - a. Overall Project Goal: Conduct outreach, disability rights education and training to seniors with disabilities and their families in the Chicago area.
 - b. Produced a guide for seniors and their families titled “Protecting Your Housing Rights”
 - c. Conducted eight training seminars and outreach activities to educate seniors with disabilities about their legal rights
 - d. Adapted training curriculum to reflect the needs of senior participants
 - e. Lessons Learned and Recommendations for Similar Projects

- IV. Northwestern Legal Services “Partnerships in Law and Aging Program”
 - a. Overall Project Goal: Create a community legal education and outreach initiative to focus on issues confronting older residents of Erie County, PA and the NWLS Elder Law Project
 - b. Conducted community outreach events for older audiences
 - c. Conducted “Older and Wiser” workshops in partnership with area legislators and local pro bono attorneys
 - d. Produced, directed and edited television programs broadcast on Erie Cablevision (Channel 2) as part of the “Access to Justice” series created by NWLS
 - e. Produced radio shows on commercial station WJET AM 1400 using a “talk radio” format
 - f. Developed a media blog on the NWLS Website (www.nwls.org) to make clips from TV and radio shows available to general public
 - g. Lessons Learned and Recommendations for Similar Projects

- V. Group Discussion

Bibliography & Website Links:

- 1. <http://www.abanet.org/aging/partnershipandgrants/home.shtml>