

**Florida Department of Elder Affairs
2010 Davis Productivity Award Winners**

Nominations	Award Category
<p>The Senior Center Fixed Capital Outlay Team</p> <p>The Senior Center Fixed Capital Outlay Team received a <i>Commemorative Plaque</i> and recognition of achievement for implementing the Senior Center Fixed Capital Outlay Project. Beverly Friedberg, Connie Hall, Joyce Williams, and Shirley Kervin operationalized a system to implement the Senior Center Fixed Capital Outlay Project for construction, repair and renovation of senior centers in the state of Florida, involving 45 Department contracts valued at \$18,963,368. The system standardizes the process for handling fixed capital outlay contract management activities including tracking project status and expenditures. For the first time, the Department executed state General Revenue funded contracts with entities to construct, repair or maintain senior centers and is in a position to monitor the influence of these facilities in the lives of Florida's elders. The nominees work with the contractors continuously, ensuring program objectives are being met, based on the established need and justification for the facility. The work of the four-member team on this project is valued at more than \$24,000, 50 percent of a half-time staff person.</p>	<p>Plaque</p>
<p>The Dually Enrolled Transition Team</p> <p>The Dually Enrolled Transition Team in the Division of Statewide Community Based Services received a <i>Commemorative Plaque</i>. This 10-member team created a system to identify, notify, transition and track nearly 1,700 Home Care for the Elderly (HCE) and Medicaid Waiver (MW) dually enrolled program participants. The system facilitated development of a statewide policy to prohibit dual enrollment of MW participants in the HCE program. This system has reduced the HCE case load by 48 percent, which allows for enrollment of individuals on the waitlist, through attrition. The system has also enabled the Department to implement efficiencies associated with the 2008-2009 budget reduction (\$1,186,022), while maximizing resources by serving Medicaid Waiver-eligible individuals in the MW program. Team members are Beverly Friedberg, Connie Hall, David Oropallo, Eunice Medina, Jenny McNeely, Joyce Williams, Martha Creel, Mindy Sollisch, Sandi Smith, and Mary Hodges.</p>	<p>Plaque</p>

<p>The Statewide Public Guardianship Office Team</p> <p>A <i>Certificate of Commendation</i> was awarded to the Statewide Public Guardianship Office Team of Michelle Hollister, Frankie Leland, and Shaun Williams for its efforts in saving \$1.9 million in public guardianship offices. The Statewide Public Guardianship Office is responsible for the designation and oversight of Florida's public guardianship offices. Public guardianship is for the most vulnerable; it is for those persons who are indigent, incapacitated and alone. Prior to 2004, counties had the option of enacting an ordinance that allowed for an add-on filing fee to civil court cases. With the shift of court funding to the state level, this funding mechanism was repealed. Since 2005, another permanent funding mechanism has not been implemented resulting in no additional dollars for public guardianship. Without a surrogate decision maker, Floridians go without many necessities that may include medical care, appropriate housing, and adequate nutrition, just to name a few. Although a new permanent funding mechanism has not been secured and the program has been unable to enjoy significant expansion, the office can document an annual cost savings to Florida taxpayers of \$1.9 million.</p>	<p>Certificate of Commendation</p>
<p>The Suwannee River Flooding Disaster Relief Team</p> <p>The 13-member Suwannee River Flooding Disaster Relief Team received a <i>Certificate of Commendation</i> for their efforts which made a substantial difference in the lives of Florida's elders. The team responded to a call for assistance to relocate elder residents of Advent Christian Village who were at great risk due to flooding of the Suwannee River in April 2009. The volunteers mobilized and departed for Dowling Park, Florida, in the early morning on April 9 and stayed for more than seven hours, packing the residents' belongings, loading trucks and moving the seniors and their valuables to higher ground for safety. The team's previous disaster preparedness training and relief efforts proved helpful in successfully relocating of the elders quickly. "When situations like this arise, people's true character shows, and yours and the team's shined brightly," said Advent Christian Village President and CEO Craig Carter. Team members are Aubrey Posey, Brian Lee, Elizabeth Davis, Greg Rice, William Matthews, Jamie Clifton, Jerrika Pendleton, Priscilla Zachary, Kristen Longmore, Sam Rutledge, Sarah Ellis, Vida Hogan, and Fran Brooks.</p>	<p>Certificate of Commendation</p>