

PROGRAMS FOR SENIORS WITH DISABILITY

Issues: The needs of seniors with sensory deficits, physical or mental disabilities, or difficulty performing some basic activities of daily living, require programs and services created with the specific goal of enhancing participation and supporting the individual at risk for loss of autonomy.

Public policies for active aging ensure and promote the rights of older persons with disabilities; act to remedy inequities in health; and promote specific measures to improve access to the basic services according to needs, including personal safety and protection against abuse and mistreatment.

Supports to be developed by the various sectors

EDUCATION	HOUSING	TRANSPORTATION	WORK/SOCIAL SEC.	SOCIAL AND LEGAL	HEALTH
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Educational material designed for people with poor vision or auditory problems or low literacy. 2. Training for health care and social assistance personnel to work with people with physical or mental disabilities. 3. Training for caregivers. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Adaptation of housing for the needs of older persons with disabilities. 2. Design of assisted living alternatives for persons with disabilities. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Transportation vehicles and services adapted for persons with disabilities. 2. Accessible transportation programs to enable persons with disabilities to participate in social and productive activities. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Opportunities for older persons with disabilities to continue contributing in as much as it is possible. 2. Creation of employment programs for persons caring for disabled seniors in their homes or in assisted living facilities. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Legal protection for persons with disabilities. 2. Co-ordination and management of community services. 3. Day services for older persons in the community to avoid premature institutional placement. 4. Home-delivered meals, personal care, and community based rehabilitation. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Management of chronic conditions. 2. Subsidies for basic medications. 3. Home health care. 4. Screening and management of mental health problems such as depression and dementia. 5. Programs for the prevention of falls, malnutrition, and drug-related complications.