

Adult Day Health Care Center counting on state funding

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A local adult day health care center in Santa Maria is hoping it will get the state funding it needs to stay open.

Governor Jerry Brown's budget allocates \$85 million for the disabled and elderly who depend on adult day health care, but coordinators say it's still unclear how the money will be used. The Santa Maria Wisdom Center provides recreational and social activities along with medical monitoring for many people who would otherwise be stuck at home.

"Before I was coming here, it was like being in a little prison. You don't go out of the house. You don't go out of the yard," said Richard Stowell, a program participant.

Program leaders would like to see the centers funded through the federal government. The Wisdom Center serves about 60 people. The program serves 37,000 people statewide.