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About ADvancing States

Our mission:
To design, improve, and sustain state systems delivering long-term services and supports for older adults, people with disabilities, and their caregivers.

- Represents the nation’s 56 state and territorial agencies on aging and disabilities.
- Supports visionary state leadership, the advancement of state systems innovation, and the articulation of national policies that support long-term services and supports for older adults and people with disabilities.
Providing Leadership, Technical Assistance, and Policy Support to State LTSS Systems in the Following Areas

- Promoting Community Integration
- Encouraging Health & Wellness
- Supporting Consumer Access
- Promoting Sustainability
- Preventing Abuse and Exploitation
- Measuring Quality
ADvancing States helps states

- Lead
- Innovate
- Collaborate
- Advocate
- Inform
- Convene
- Consult
Engage with ADvancing States

• Seek leadership opportunity on our board
• Participate in public policy and ad hoc committees
• Participate in the MLTSS institute
• Participate in the Alumni club
Innovate

Helping states to change and design systems to support their LTSS
National Core Indicators – Aging & Disability (NCI-AD)

NCI-AD Provides:

- Service recipient quality of life and outcomes survey
- Focused on seniors and adults with physical disabilities receiving publicly-funded services
- Offers an overview of state program performance
- State and national results available on
- Interested states can enroll now!
What is ConnectToCareJobs.com?

ConnectToCareJobs.com is a free, national website that provides individuals looking for jobs with an easy way to connect with potential employers. The tool uses a matching algorithm to pair licensed and/or trained workers with employers that are in need of their specific skills. This website was created by ADvancing States, in partnership with participating States/Territories, through the support of Centene Corporation.

Interested in learning more about ConnectToCareJobs.com? Visit the website or email info@connecttocarejobs.com with additional questions.
Infographics on Aging, Disability, Caregivers, Oral Health, and Medicare

**Working Age Adults:**
- Employment Rate Ages 18-64: 74%
  - % with Disabilities: 34%
  - Median Earnings Ages 18+: $30,728
    - % with Disabilities: $20,785

**Funding for Seniors Not Keeping Pace:**
- From 1980 to 2015:
  - Increase in Population Aged 65+: 86%
  - Increase in Funding: 64%
  - Decrease in Funding: 36%

**Caregivers: The Stressors:**
- Emotional: 55% feel overwhelmed by the amount of care family members need
- Health: 1 in 5 report physical strain due to caregiving duties
- Financial: Family caregivers are 2.5 times more likely to live in poverty
- 1 in 5 retirees left workforce early to care for family

**Programs Supporting Low-Income Beneficiaries:**
- Medicaid and the Medicare Savings Programs
- Helps with Medicare costs through the Medicare Savings Programs
- Help with Prescription Costs

**Challenges:**
- A significant proportion are not enrolled in Medicare Savings Programs because the application process can be complex.

**What Happens as a Result?**
- Periodontal Disease: 80% of adults with disabilities
- Tooth Loss: 1 in 3 adults age 65+ have lost all of their teeth
- Poor Nutrition: Older adults have changes in chewing ability, untreated tooth decay, or missing teeth, making it more difficult to consume a healthy diet.

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Collaborate

ADvancing States believes that collaboration with partners is the key to success
Some of our partners

NCIL  
American Association on Health and Disability

ANCOR  
American Network of Community Options and Resources

ncoa  
National Council on Aging

n4a  
advocacy | action | answers on aging

CMS.gov  
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

NASDDDS  
National Association of State Directors of Developmental Disabilities Services

CHCS  
Center for Health Care Strategies, Inc.

University of Minnesota

NADRO  
Protection & Advocacy for Individuals with Disabilities

ACL  
Administration for Community Living

ASAN  
Autistic Self Advocacy Network
Advocate

Engaging with states to develop a strong public policy platform that supports state flexibility and funding support in LTSS

Representing states before Congress and the administration
Aging and Disabilities Information Technology Systems: What You Need to Know
Inform

Providing timely, accurate information and resources to states
Friday Update

Friday Update
October 23, 2020

About the Friday Update
The Friday Update is a free weekly newsletter from ADVancing States that contains federal, state, and local policy updates on a broad range of topics pertaining to aging and disability services. View archived versions of previous Friday Updates here.

You can see an overview of the sections included in this Friday Update in the left-hand column. Some highlights from this week’s edition include:

- The 2020 Virtual HCBS Conference agenda;
- An ADVancing States issue brief on nutrition initiatives during COVID-19;
- A report from CHCS and Speire Healthcare Strategies about COVID-19 response efforts from states and health plans that offer integrated care programs for dually eligible individuals; and
- A GAO study on FLSA home care rule impacts.

Click here to subscribe to the weekly Friday Update.

- Free weekly e-newsletter
- National, federal and state updates on a broad range of topics pertaining to aging and disability policy and services
- Over 12,000 recipients!
- Sign up at www.advancingstates.org
COVID-19 Resources

- **ADvancing States Resources**: Advocacy letters to Congress and ideas for addressing social isolation.

- A list of **CMS Waiver Approvals**.

- **Federal guidance** from our partners, including ACL, CMS, and the CDC.

- **State Materials** produced by health departments and agencies.

- **Business Solutions** to help support state agencies during COVID-19.
COVID-19 Reports & Letters

Addressing Social Isolation for Older Adults During the COVID-19 Crisis

Updated as of 3/20/2020

Reopening the Aging & Disability Network: Considerations for State Leaders

Introduction

Introduction to the Aging & Disability Network: Considerations for State Leaders

Considerations for States

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State Administration

- Considering state policies related to COVID-19, including how COVID-19 affects older adults and people with disabilities

- What are the implications for state policy and practice?

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Conversation Tips Toolkit

About the Toolkit

This toolkit is a collection of tips for people volunteering with older adults. These tips are designed to be shared with volunteers over a period of time to support the abilities of a volunteer.

- Building Trust: Tips for building trust and rapport with seniors
- Engaging Conversation: Tips for creating engaging conversation
- Access to Information & Resources: Tips for accessing information and resources and setting expectations about their roles
- Caring for Yourself: Self-care tips for volunteers
Convene

Save the date!

ADvancing States
Spring Meeting 2021

Coming May 2021
For more information, contact info@advancingstates.org

Save the date!

HCBS Conference 2021
Washington, DC
Aug. 26 - Sept. 3, 2021

More info coming soon
info@advancingstates.org
Consult

ADvancing States staff are subject matter experts in long-term services and supports and offer consulting services under separate contractual arrangements intended for larger scale work such as:

- Older Americans Act and State Agency Operations
- Organizational Transformation
- Medicaid Managed Long-Term Services and Supports (MLTSS) and LTSS System Redesign
HCBS Clearinghouse

HCBS.org is the premier clearinghouse promoting the development and expansion of home and community-based services by gathering resources and tools for research, policymaking and program development into a one-stop online library.
ADvancing States iQ

Online Courses about Aging and Disability Programs, Resources and Services
ADvancingStatesIQ.org

Courses Now Available

- Adult Protective Services
- Affordable Housing for Older Adults and People with Disabilities
- Certification for Community Resource Specialists in Aging/Disabilities (CRS-A/D) Training
- CPS-A/D Train the Trainer
- Developing Cultural Competence to Serve a Diverse Aging Population
- Disability for I&R Specialists
- Essential Components of the Aging I&R/A Process
- Introduction to Elder Abuse

- Introduction to the Independent Living Movement
- Medicaid 101: What You Need to Know
- Medicaid Managed Care 101
- The Role of MIPPA: Helping Older Adults and Individuals with Disabilities Afford Medicare
- Strengthening Cultural Competence in I&R/A Work with Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) Older Adults
- Strengthening Disability and Cultural Competence in I&R/A Work with People with I/DD and their Families

Benefits to ADvancing States iQ

- Free online courses that help strengthen participants’ knowledge of aging and disability networks, systems, and services
- Complements and enhances training for new staff, and helps seasoned staff stay up-to-date on program developments and trends in the field
- Provides professional development opportunities to meet training requirements
- Assists aging and disability professionals to prepare for and maintain their credentials
National Information & Referral Support Center

Services

• Technical Assistance Webinars: free monthly
• Training: Online training; AIRS certification training; and Train the Trainer
• Distribution lists: sharing information and resources
• National surveys: Aging and Disability I&R/A Networks
• National training events: including the Aging and Disability Symposium at the annual AIRS I&R Conference

Goal

• To build and promote continuing development of aging and disability information and referral sources nationwide.
HCBS Business Acumen Center
Consulting and Resources to Sustain Disability Organizations

**Resources**

- Webinars
- Documents and guides
- Promising practices
- Peer-to-Peer exchanges
- Telephone and e-mail assistance
- Customized consulting services

**Share Your Expertise!**

- Access and contribute resources to the HCBS Business Acumen Center
- Share experiences developing or growing your community-based organization such as:
  - Developing relationships with payors, partners, and others
  - Creating operational efficiencies
  - Navigating organizational change
Business Acumen Toolkit
MLTSS Institute

A collaborative effort between states and health plans to:

• Drive improvements in key MLTSS policy issues,
• Facilitate sharing and learning among states, and
• Provide direct and intensive technical assistance to states and health plans.
Resources on Managed Long-Term Services and Support
Medicaid Integration Tracker

Focuses on the status of the following state actions:

- Managed LTSS
- Duals Demonstrations
- Medicare-Medicaid Coordination Initiatives
- Balancing Incentive Program (BIP)
- Medicaid State Plan Amendments under 1915(i)
- Community First Choice Option under 1915(k)
- Medicaid Health Homes
Long-Term Care Ombudsman Resource Center
MIPPA Initiative

Issue briefs related to COVID-19:

- Benefits Access and Enrollment During COVID-19: Findings from State Aging and Disability Agencies

- Process and Application Changes to Benefit Enrollment Systems During COVID-19: Findings from State Aging and Disability Agencies

- Nutrition Initiatives During COVID-19: Findings from State Aging and Disability Agencies
Join ADvancing States as we pull in the best and brightest former LTSS and HCBS state and federal staff!

• Join in professional networking opportunities
• Stay involved and utilize your expertise in public programs and policies
• Provide a support network for alumni transitioning from public sector life

Want to learn more? Contact

ADvancing States Alumni Leadership Network is for former:

• ADvancing States board members and general members
• State aging agency staff
• State disability agency staff
• State Medicaid agency staff
• Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services staff
• Administration on Community Living staff
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Aging Policy and Programs

Map of State Plans on Aging

Please Click on Your State Below:
“Binders” for New Aging & Disability Directors

Includes resources such as federal agency information, a list of key acronyms, state plan resources, and more!
Agenda for the Day

- Overview of Advancing States
- Overview of the Older Americans Act
- An Informative and Interactive Session with ACL
- Break – transition to part 2
- The SLTCOP
- CBO Partners
  - NCIL
  - N4a
- Break
- Aging & Disability Director Panel