

YEAR IN REVIEW



2025

OUR 2025 SUCCESSES

While the year brought many unique challenges, AAdvancing States successfully rolled out many new projects to support our members.

- **Direct Care Careers** launched in PA
- **Enabling Technology Engagement Network** had a launch of network meetings and an exhibit hall at HCBS Conference
- **NCI-AD and SOTW** saw increased participation
- The **UNC HCBS Certificate** program began with its pilot cohort
- The **I&R/A Support Center** hosted and supported webinars, trainings, and certifications for the consumer access workforce
- AAdvancing States' **MIPPA** team worked with NCOA to increase awareness of Medicare low-income subsidies
- AAdvancing States' **SHIP** team participated in a workgroup on difficult interactions and hosted a webinar on SHIP awareness
- AAdvancing States partnered with **USAging** to promote innovation in caregiver supports and navigation services
- The **Next Gen program** promoted mentorship and networking for another group of up and coming professionals



The years ahead will demand even greater adaptability—but they will also offer new opportunities to build systems that are more responsive and centered on the dignity and preferences of every person they serve.

- Martha Roherty, Executive Director

OUR MEMBERS



The core of our mission at ADvancing States is to design, improve, and sustain state systems delivering long-term services and supports for older adults, people with disabilities, and their caregivers.

Our members at the state agencies are a critical part of that mission and we are dedicated to supporting their efforts.

Technical Assistance

Our expert staff provided enhanced technical assistance to 23 states in 2025:

- Oklahoma
- Pennsylvania
- Kansas
- Arkansas
- Hawaii
- Washington
- New Hampshire
- Indiana
- Michigan
- Colorado
- Ohio
- West Virginia
- Massachusetts
- Missouri
- Maryland
- Arizona
- Delaware
- Michigan
- Kentucky
- Oregon
- Illinois
- Utah
- Georgia



ADvancing States hosted state working groups on:

Legal Assistance Developers (LAD), Title III/VI, No Wrong Door (NWD), Caregiving & Workforce Policy, Aging & Disability Policy, Medicaid LTSS Policy, Federal Updates

Interested in joining one of our groups? Email info@advancingstates.org



IN 2025, OUR TEAM ...

Provided support on HCBS quality measure set

Continued OAA Enhanced Technical Assistance with 11 states and their aging networks to come into compliance with the OAA guidance

Assisted in the development of State Plans on Aging

Conducted IR&A & No Wrong Door system assessments with stakeholder engagement

Performed assessment of states environmental and operational landscape for system improvements

Hosted a series of job fairs, connecting hundreds of jobseekers to employers in HCBS and LTSS

Facilitated stakeholder engagement across states and Area Agencies on Aging

Informed and supported members of the Caregiving and Workforce Policy Committee across multiple states



NOTABLE STATE PROJECTS



Pennsylvania

Facilitated stakeholder engagement with state partners and the Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs) Network

Michigan

Designed Michigan's Person Centered Options Counseling (PCOC) program including policies & procedures manual and trainings in-person and online

Ohio

Developed Ohio's aging summit and educational collateral, including fact sheets

Hawaii

Partnering with NASDDDS to deliver Access Rule TA to Hawaii

Kentucky

Supporting KY Participant Directed Services Working Group

Oklahoma

Supported Oklahoma to improve dually-eligible waiver recipient tracking to improve waiver case managers and D-SNP care coordination

Oregon

Studied feasibility of implementing Money Follows the Person Demonstration in Oregon

Maryland

Held "Difficult Conversations" training for state staff and AAAs in Maryland

Missouri

Continued facilitation of Missouri DSW Advisory Panel informing state policy decisions



*Interested in Enhanced Technical Assistance for your state agency?
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HOME AND COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES CONFERENCE & SPRING MEETING

In April 2025, AAdvancing States hosted our annual Spring Meeting in Austin TX, gathering state agencies senior leadership to confer on the latest in aging and disability policy.

ADvancing States also held the annual HCBS Conference in August 2026 in Baltimore MD, bringing together state, federal, and local policymakers and public, academic and nonprofit stakeholder to share practices and policies that improve state systems delivering long-term services and supports for all ages and abilities.

1,700+ attendees

at the HCBS Conference

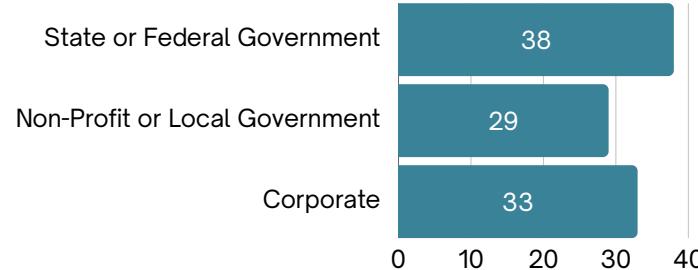
170 attendees

at the Spring Meeting

52 states & territories represented

88 sponsors and exhibitors

HCBS Conference attendees



PUBLICATIONS AND RESOURCES

Advancing States released and updated a number of publications in 2025 to better support and inform our members.

	Projects	Details
12,000 + Subscribers	Friday Update	Our weekly newsletter covering the latest in HCBS and LTSS policy news. Subscribe at: https://www.advancingstates.org/community-opportunities/stay-informed
525 State Leaders	Federal Updates Newsletter	Advancing States members can stay up to date on the latest Federal Policy updates. Email federal@advancingstates.org to subscribe.
50 States	Updated State Aging Profiles	The state profiles focus on core LTSS functions and the state agencies that administer them. Members can email aging@advancingstates.org to access the updated profiles.
8 infographics	Aging Policy One-Page Infographics	Our team developed infographics on: Older Americans Act, Falls Prevention Programs, Aging & Disability Resource Centers, Lifespan Respite, Congregate Meals, Home Delivered Meals, Preventative Health, and Chronic Disease Self Management.
50 States	State Long Term Care Ombudsman Program Primer for State Agencies	Advancing States has compiled and updated information from state Long-Term Care Ombudsmen regarding the LTCOP structure within each state.



WE'D LIKE TO THANK ALL OUR PARTNERS

Our work could not be possible without the support and engagement of our state members, partner organizations, federal partners, sponsors and conference attendees.

We appreciate your efforts and support, and look forward to another successful year in 2026!

