

# YEAR IN REVIEW

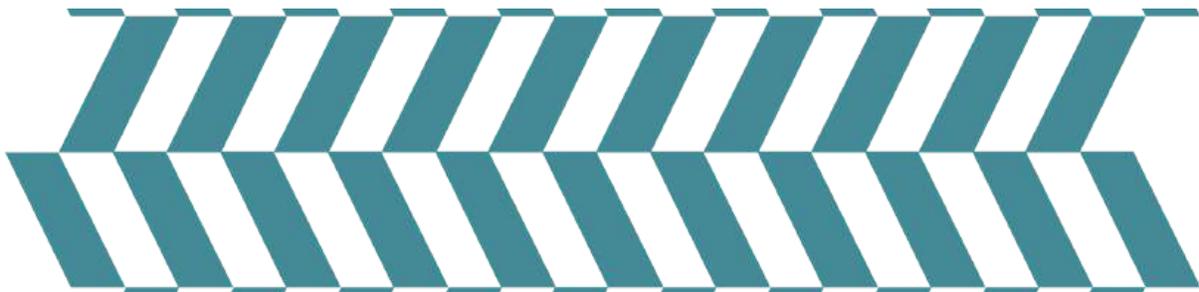


# 2025

# OUR 2025 SUCCESSSES

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

- **Direct Care Careers** successfully launched in PA
- **Enabling Technology Engagement Network** had a successful 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
- Advancing States' **MIPPA** team worked with NCOA to increase awareness of Medicare low-income subsidies
- Advancing States' **SHIP** team participated in a workgroup on difficult interactions and hosted a webinar on SHIP awareness
- Advancing States partnered with **USAgging** 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



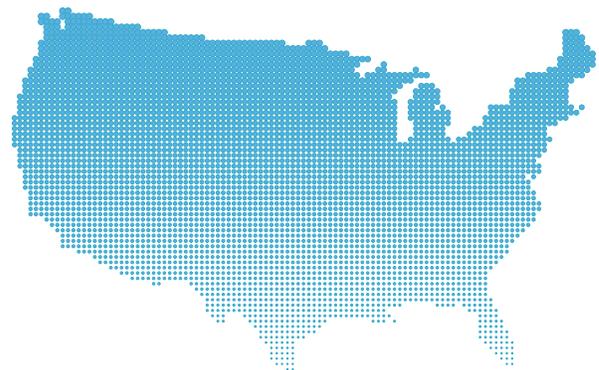
The core of our mission at ADvancing States is to design, improve, and sustain state systems delivering long-term services and supports for older adults, people with disabilities, and their caregivers.

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 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 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](mailto:info@advancingstates.org)*



## IN 2025, OUR TEAM ...

Provided support on HCBS quality measure set

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

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Assisted in the development of State Plans on Aging

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

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Performed assessment of states environmental and operational landscape for system improvements

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

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Facilitated stakeholder engagement across states and Area Agencies on Aging

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

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# NOTABLE STATE PROJECTS



## Pennsylvania

Facilitated stakeholder engagement with states and their Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs) through our PA work and OAA Enhanced Technical Assistance

## Michigan

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

## 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 (PDS) Working Group

## Oklahoma

Supported Oklahoma to better track dually-eligible waiver recipients for improved carer coordination between waiver case managers and D-SNPs

## Oregon

Study of feasibility of implementing Money Follows the Person Demonstration in Oregon

## Maryland

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

ADvancing States hosted our annual Spring Meeting, gathering senior leadership from state agencies to confer on the latest in aging and disability policy.

ADvancing States also held the annual HCBS Conference bringing together state, federal, and local policymakers 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

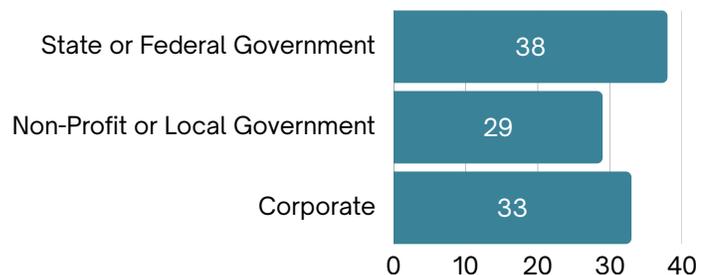


**52 states & territories represented**

**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
<b>12,000 +</b> Subscribers	Friday Update	Our weekly newsletter covering the latest in HCBS and LTSS policy news. Subscribe at: <a href="https://www.advancingstates.org/community-opportunities/stay-informed">https://www.advancingstates.org/community-opportunities/stay-informed</a>
<b>525</b> State Leaders	Federal Updates Newsletter	ADvancing States members can stay up to date on the latest Federal Policy updates. Email <a href="mailto:federal@advancingstates.org">federal@advancingstates.org</a> to subscribe.
<b>50</b> States	Updated State Aging Profiles	The state profiles focus on core LTSS functions and the state agencies that administer them. Members can email <a href="mailto:aging@advancingstates.org">aging@advancingstates.org</a> to access the updated profiles.
<b>8</b> 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.
<b>50</b> 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.



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# WE'D LIKE TO THANK ALL OUR PARTNERS

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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 work and support and look forward to another successful year in 2026!**

