

Abby Cox

Abby Cox is the Senior Director of Aging Policy at Advancing States. In this capacity, she leads the Association's training and technical assistance efforts for State Units on Aging (SUA) directors, conducts policy and legislative analyses and project manages multiple state consultation projects related to LTSS redesign.

Mrs. Cox and her team are currently working with twelve states to offer Older Americans Act Final Rule Technical Assistance. This work includes a comparative analysis that identifies all of the areas in which the state is not in compliance with the final rule, working with the state and stakeholders to develop policies and procedures for the areas where they are not in compliance, deploying training, and identifying monitoring and maintenance strategies will assist the state as they manage their aging network.

Mrs. Cox co-leads the Association's work on the Older Americans Act Reauthorization. She has worked closely with states to gather input on the development of the Advancing States Reauthorization priorities, communicated closely with members of the Senate HELP Committee and key House members, and provided state perspectives on key topic areas.

Additionally, Ms. Cox and her team are also consulting with states in the following areas: writing State Plans on Aging, identifying opportunities to improve performance by Area Agencies on Aging, and strengthening state No Wrong Door systems. She holds monthly Aging and Disability Policy Committee meetings with over 100 state participants and helps to advance several topic-specific workgroups for states.

Before joining Advancing States, Mrs. Cox served as Vice President of Business Development WellSky and as the Assistant Deputy Commissioner for the Georgia Division of Aging Services, where she directed all Older Americans Act programs as well as Adult Protective Services, Public Guardianship Office, and four state plans. Abby received her MSW and Gerontology Certificate from the University of Georgia and her B.A. from Sewanee University.