

ADvancing States Announce Selection of States for ARPA Technical Assistance

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ARLINGTON, VA - ADvancing States is pleased to announce the states that have been selected to receive intensive, short-term, “quick strike” technical assistance for their ARPA HCBS initiatives under a program generously supported by The SCAN Foundation, Arnold Ventures, The John A. Hartford Foundation, and the Milbank Memorial Fund.

For this program, states were selected for two different tracks. For Track 1, five states will receive assistance in developing a comprehensive Project Management Plan for some or all of their ARPA HCBS initiatives. The PMP will identify every step that needs to be undertaken for the initiative to be completed, including the hiring of new staff, the submission of State Plan Amendments and/or waiver amendments to CMS, rate development and approvals, the procurement of outside vendors, IT system changes, regulatory processes as well as lay out the sequence of those activities.

Track 1 States

- Hawaii
- New Jersey
- North Dakota
- South Carolina
- Texas

For Track 2, twelve states were selected to participate in one of two Affinity Groups on initiatives of common interest across the states: Direct Service Workforce Recruitment and Retention Strategies and Enabling Technology to Expand Access to HCBS. The selected states will participate in six virtual bi-weekly meetings - facilitated by TA consultants - where they will learn from each other, share common challenges and brainstorm innovative solutions.

Track 2 States

Direct Service Workforce Recruitment and Retention Strategies		Enabling Technology to Expand Access to HCBS	
Alabama	Minnesota	Arizona	Ohio
Arizona	Ohio	Connecticut	Oklahoma
Connecticut	Oklahoma	Georgia	Oregon
District of Columbia	Oregon	Kentucky	Virginia
Illinois	Washington	Illinois	Washington
Kentucky	Wyoming	Minnesota	Wyoming

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This project will provide State Medicaid programs with assistance to facilitate and expedite the implementation of states' plans to expand, enhance and strengthen services for older adults and persons with disabilities using new Federal funds from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). Technical assistance will start immediately.

The ARPA HCBS initiatives are extensive and require a significant amount of work and planning to implement. ADvancing States and our TA consultant partners – the National Association of State Directors of Developmental Disabilities Services, Halperin Butera Consulting, Riverstone Health Advisors and Ventech Solutions - represent some of the nation's leading experts in HCBS policy and are excited to work with these states to improve services and supports for older adults, people with disabilities, and their caregivers. The project will run over a three-month period from now through early June of this year.

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About ADvancing States

ADvancing States was founded in 1964 under the name National Association of State Units on Aging. In 2019, the association changed its name to ADvancing States. Today, ADvancing States represents the nation's 56 state and territorial agencies on aging and disabilities and long-term services and supports directors. ADvancing States supports visionary leadership, the advancement of systems innovation and the articulation of national policies that support long-term services and supports for older adults and people with disabilities and their caregivers.

About The SCAN Foundation

The SCAN Foundation is an independent public charity dedicated to creating a society where older adults can access health and supportive services of their choosing to meet their needs. Our mission is to advance a coordinated and easily navigated system of high-quality services for older adults that preserve dignity and independence. Learn more at <https://www.thescanfoundation.org/> and @TheSCANFndtn.

About Arnold Ventures

Arnold Ventures is a philanthropy dedicated to tackling some of the most pressing problems in the United States. Driven by a mission to maximize opportunity and minimize injustice, it invests in sustainable change, building it from the ground up based on research, deep thinking, and a strong foundation of evidence. We drive public conversation, craft policy, and inspire action through education and advocacy. Arnold Ventures is headquartered in Houston, with offices in Washington, D.C., and New York City.

About The John A. Hartford Foundation

The John A. Hartford Foundation, based in New York City, is a private, nonpartisan, national philanthropy dedicated to improving the care of older adults. The leader in the field of aging and health, the Foundation has three priority areas: creating age-friendly health systems, supporting family caregivers, and improving serious illness and end-of-life care. For more information, visit johnahartford.org and follow @johnahartford.

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About the Milbank Memorial Fund

The Milbank Memorial Fund is a nonpartisan foundation that aims to improve population health by connecting leaders with the best available evidence and experience. It does this work by:

- Identifying, informing, and inspiring current and future state health policy leaders to enhance their effectiveness
- Convening state health policy decision makers on issues they identify as important to population health, particularly in areas related to primary care, aging, and sustainable health care costs
- Publishing high-quality, evidence-based publications and *The Milbank Quarterly*, a peer-reviewed journal of population health and health policy

