



# U.S. ADMINISTRATION FOR COMMUNITY LIVING: ENSURING ECONOMIC SECURITY ACROSS THE LIFESPAN FOR ALL

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*“The goal of the new **Administration for Community Living** will be to help people with disabilities and older Americans live productive, satisfying lives.”*

*- Secretary Kathleen Sebelius*

# ACL Overview

- ▣ This new HHS Operating Division brings together the **Administration on Aging (AoA)**, the **Office on Disability (OD)** and the **Administration on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (AIDD)**
- ▣ This single agency is charged with developing policies and improving supports for seniors and people with disabilities.

# Why Is This Important?

- ▣ The common interests of the aging and disability populations have been recognized at the local and state levels.
- ▣ Yet at the federal level, policy development, community outreach and program implementation related to aging and disability across the lifespan was fragmented across HHS.

# Investing in Economic Security

- ▣ How does this new agency support economic security for older Americans and individuals with disabilities?
- ▣ Through its sub-agencies: the **Administration on Aging & Administration on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities**
- ▣ At the federal level, we fund the supports – through programs, projects, and national networks – that enable an older adult and/or individual with a disability to protect their income, thus reinforcing “economic security” in broad way and helping them to live fully in their community.

# Investing in Economic Security

Primary ACL supports impacting economic security:

- Access Services
  - E.g. Eldercare locator, Aging & Disability Resource Centers, National Center for Benefits Outreach & Enrollment, etc.
- Supportive Services
  - E.g. transportation, nutrition programs, respite services for caregivers, etc.
- Elder Rights Services
  - Legal assistance, prevention of financial exploitation, pension counseling, etc.
- Projects of National Significance in Employment

# Administration on Aging

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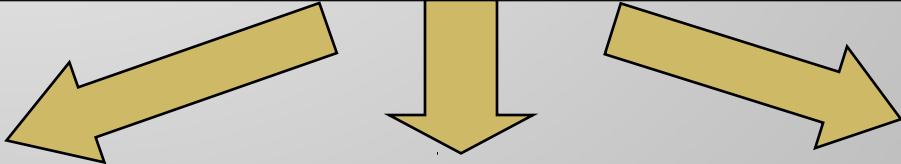
**Administration for Community Living/  
Administration on Aging**

**State Units on Aging (56)**

**Area Agencies on Aging (629)**

**Local Service Provider Organizations (20,000)**

**Tribal  
Organizations  
(243)**



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**ACCESS  
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**SUPPORTIVE  
SERVICES**

**ELDER  
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**ACCESS SERVICES**

- Information & Assistance
- Outreach
- Transportation
- Case Management

**SUPPORTIVE SERVICES**

**ELDER RIGHTS SERVICES**

**COMMUNITY SERVICES**

**IN-HOME SERVICES**

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**ACCESS  
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SERVICES**

**ELDER RIGHTS  
SERVICES**

- Benefits/ Health Insurance/Pension Counseling
- Legal Assistance

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**COMMUNITY SERVICES**

- Nutrition
- Housing Services
- Employment Services
- Caregiver Support
- Health Promotion/Disease Prevention

Services on Aging

Provider Organizations

SUPPORTIVE SERVICES

ELDER RIGHTS SERVICES

IN-HOME SERVICES

# Administration on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities

# Projects of National Significance

- ▣ Create and enhance opportunities for individuals with developmental disabilities to contribute to, and participate in, all facets of community life.
- ▣ Typically focus on the most pressing issues affecting individuals with developmental disabilities and their families.
- ▣ Support the development of national and state policy

# Current PNS

## *Partnerships in Employment Systems Change Grants*

- ▣ Purpose: Enhance collaboration across various state agencies to increase competitive employment for youth and young adults with developmental and intellectual disabilities.
- ▣ In eight states: Alaska, California, Iowa, Mississippi, Missouri, New York, Tennessee, Wisconsin
- ▣ The Institute for Community Inclusion (ICI) at the University of Massachusetts Boston currently serves as the Training and Technical Assistance provider for the Partnerships for Employment Systems Change grants.

**THANK YOU!**