



Department of Aging Priorities and
Initiatives

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Objectives for Today

- ▶ Department of Aging
 - ▶ Key Policy Priorities
 - ▶ Key Initiatives

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Key Policy Priorities

- ▶ **The Department of Aging will:**
 - ▶ Support the development of communities as places to live and age well;
 - ▶ Revitalize and re-architect aging services;
 - ▶ Promote Health and Wellbeing;
 - ▶ Incubate innovation for senior services
 - ▶ Develop effective and responsive management.

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Communities as Places to Age and Live Well

- ▶ Encourage public/private funding relationships to support aging services
- ▶ Promote economic and community development for livable communities
- ▶ Expand Family Caregiver Support Program
- ▶ Promote the growth and sustainability of aging-in-place community models

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Revitalize and Re-architect Aging Services

- ▶ Promote the renewal of the Older Americans Act
- ▶ Evaluate services in terms of outcomes and client satisfaction
- ▶ Modernize and Promote Older Adult Protective Services
- ▶ Renew existing regulations within the Department
- ▶ Enhance community outreach

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Promote Health and Wellbeing

- ▶ Chronic Disease Self Management
- ▶ Educational outreach for health living
- ▶ Promote healthy nutrition and fitness for older Pennsylvanians
- ▶ Collaborate for benefits education
- ▶ Review and revise benefits and rights for older Pennsylvanians
- ▶ Support care transitions
- ▶ Promote affordable housing

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Innovation for Senior Services

- ▶ Support the development of innovations for the improvement of Elder quality of life
- ▶ Support the development of projects intended to improve quality of life and build service capacity

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Effective and Responsive Management

- ▶ Review regulations
- ▶ Review boards and commissions
- ▶ Focus on long term care continuum
- ▶ Build capacity for effective administrative oversight

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Key Initiatives

- ▶ **Key initiatives include:**
 - ▶ State plan for aging
 - ▶ Revitalizing Older American Act Services
 - ▶ Working with DPW to support and improve OLTL/Title XIX Services for Nursing Facilities, HCBS Waivers, and the LIFE program

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State Plan for Aging

- ▶ **Importance:**
 - ▶ Documenting the tangible outcomes planned and achieved as a result of state long-term care reform efforts.
 - ▶ Translating activities, data, and outcomes into proven best practices, which can be used to leverage additional funding.
 - ▶ Provide a blueprint that spells out the activities the state will undertake in modernizing long-term care system
 - ▶ Building capacity for long-term care efforts in the State.

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State Plan for Aging

- ▶ **Plan Requirements include:**
 - ▶ Mandated assurances and required activities
 - ▶ Public outreach
 - ▶ Support for AAA area plans
 - ▶ The AAA allocation formula

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State Plan for Aging

- ▶ **AoA Focus Areas**
 - ▶ How are Older Americans Act (OAA) Title III, Title VI, and Title VII Older Americans Act Core programs integrated with AoA discretionary programs for coordination, strengthening, and expansion purposes?
 - ▶ What are the measurable objectives that integrate AoA Discretionary Grants with the OAA core programs most specifically for those programs that relate to Alzheimer's Disease Supportive Service Programs (ADSSP); Evidence-based Disease Management and Disability Prevention Programs and programs that support community living.
 - ▶ What are the planning efforts to support consumer control and choice across the spectrum of long-term care services, including home, community, and institutional settings.

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State Plan for Aging

- ▶ **AoA Overarching Questions:**
 - ▶ How are states taking advantage of opportunities through the Affordable Care Act?
 - ▶ How do the focus areas serve in optimizing the State's HCBS



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State Plan for Aging

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Other Key Initiatives

- ▶ Continue OLTL Collaboration for Title XIX programs
- ▶ Modernize Older American Act services
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Questions?

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