

# 2019 AIRS Conference

## ACL Update

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# Overview

- OAA Reauthorization
- ACL Reorganization
- Update on RAISE and SGRG Acts
- VA Choose Home Pilot
- NWD Update
- Person-Centered Update
- Business Acumen

# About the Administration for Community Living (ACL)

- **Mission** – maximize the independence, well-being, and health of older adults, people with disabilities across the lifespan, and their families and caregivers
- Commitment to one **fundamental principle** – people with disabilities and older adults should be able to live where they choose, with the people they choose, and participate fully in their communities

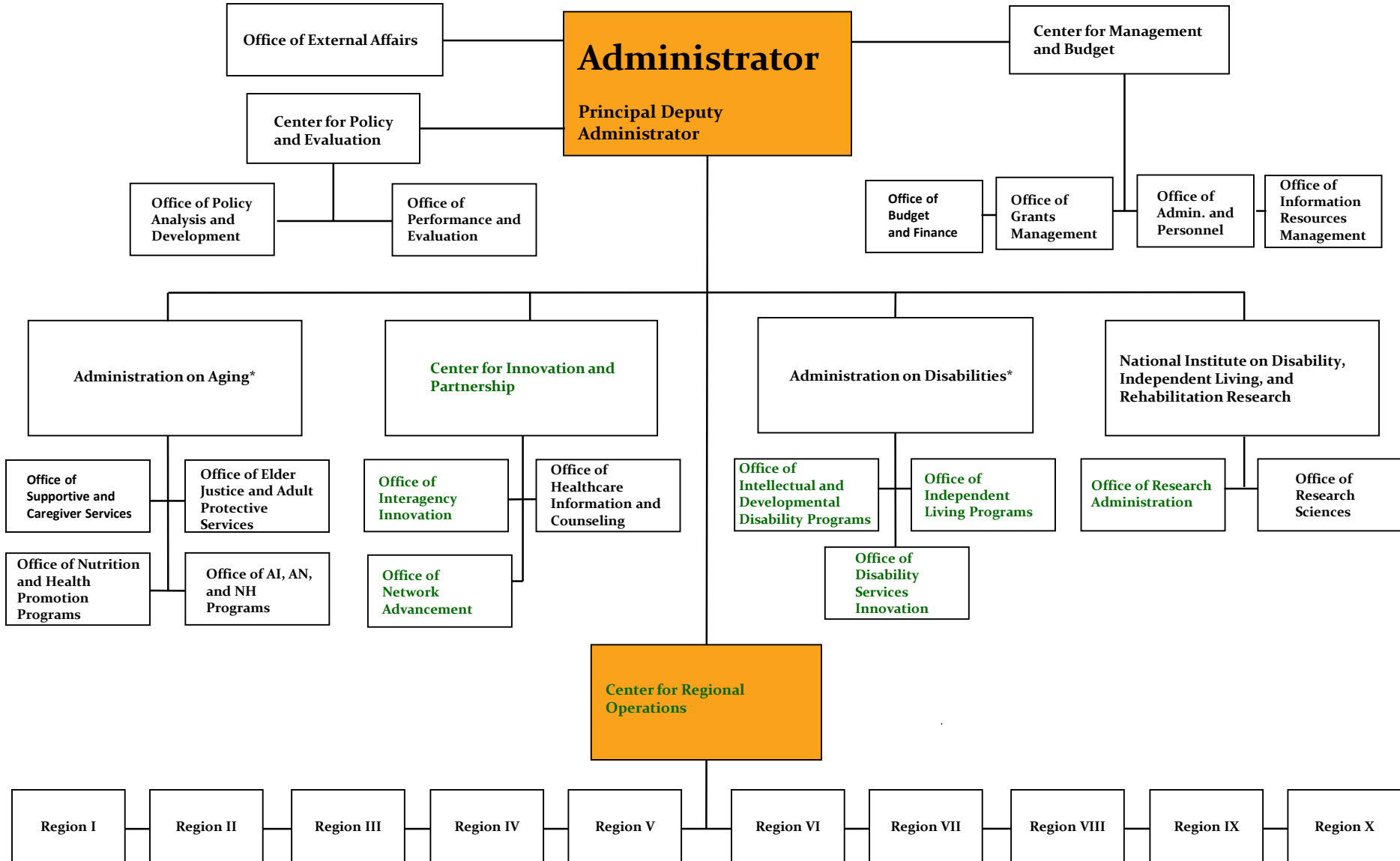
# Older Americans Act Reauthorization

- Current reauthorization expires September 2019.
- OAA continues to be vital legislation.
- OAA has been the glue in the community that knits together the components that comprise a comprehensive system of supports and services – regardless of funding source.

# Older Americans Act Reauthorization

- ACL has been engaged in providing Congress info and TA as requested.
- The Administration is advancing the following proposals:
  - 1) Eliminate the Right of First Refusal;
  - 2) Eliminate Older Relative Caregivers Support Services Limit; and
  - 3) Increase Limit on Use of Allocated Funds for State Administrative Costs.

# ACL REORGANIZATION – NEW ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



# The Recognize, Assist, Include, Support, and Engage (RAISE) Act

- Signed into law January 22, 2018.
- The Act has two primary goals:
  - Establish a Family Caregiving Advisory Council made up of Federal and non-Federal members. The Council will provide recommendations and identify best practices to better recognize and support family caregivers; and
  - Establish a national Family Caregiving Strategy with recommendations for ensuring person- and family-centered care, assessment, service planning and information on accessing a range of support options.
- Current status:
  - Invitations to non-federal members to sent in March
  - Anticipate first full council meeting summer 2019
  - Process to gather public input will be developed

# Supporting Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Act

- Signed into law July 7, 2018.
- Purpose: To establish a Federal Advisory Council.
- Council shall identify, promote, coordinate, and disseminate to the public information, resources, and the best practices available to help grandparents and other older relative:
  - meet the health, educational, nutritional, and other needs of the children in their care
  - maintain their own physical and mental health and emotional well-being
  - consider the needs of those affected by the opioid crisis and the needs of members of Native American tribes
- Current status:
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# VA Choose Home Initiative and Pilot Overview

- Focus on making care processes and efforts more efficient across four domains:
  - 1) Increasing the precision in identifying who needs non-institutional care programming
  - 2) Streamlining the referral process
  - 3) Supporting an assessment process that is both comprehensive/cross-program and objective
  - 4) Supporting comprehensive case management/care coordination

# Map of Choose Home Pilot Sites

## VISN 4

1. VA Pittsburgh HCS – Pittsburgh, PA
2. Coatesville VAMC – Coatesville, PA
3. VA Butler Healthcare – Butler, PA
4. Wilmington VAMC – Wilmington, DE

## VISN 5

5. Hershel Woody Williams VAMC – Huntington, WV

## VISN 7

6. Birmingham VAMC – Birmingham, AL
7. Carl Vinson VAMC – Dublin, GA

## VISN 9

8. Louisville VAMC – Louisville, KY

## VISN 10

9. VA Northern Indiana HCS – Fort Wayne, IN
10. Ann Arbor VAMC – Ann Arbor, MI

## VISN 12

11. Jesse Brown VAMC – Chicago, IL
12. Oscar G. Johnson VAMC – Iron Mountain, MI

## VISN 15

13. John J. Pershing VAMC – Poplar Bluff, MO

## VISN 16

14. Overton Brooks VAMC – Shreveport, LA
15. Montgomery VAMC – Jackson, MS
16. Veterans HCS of the Ozarks – Fayetteville, AR

## VISN 20

17. Alaska VA Healthcare System – Anchorage, AK

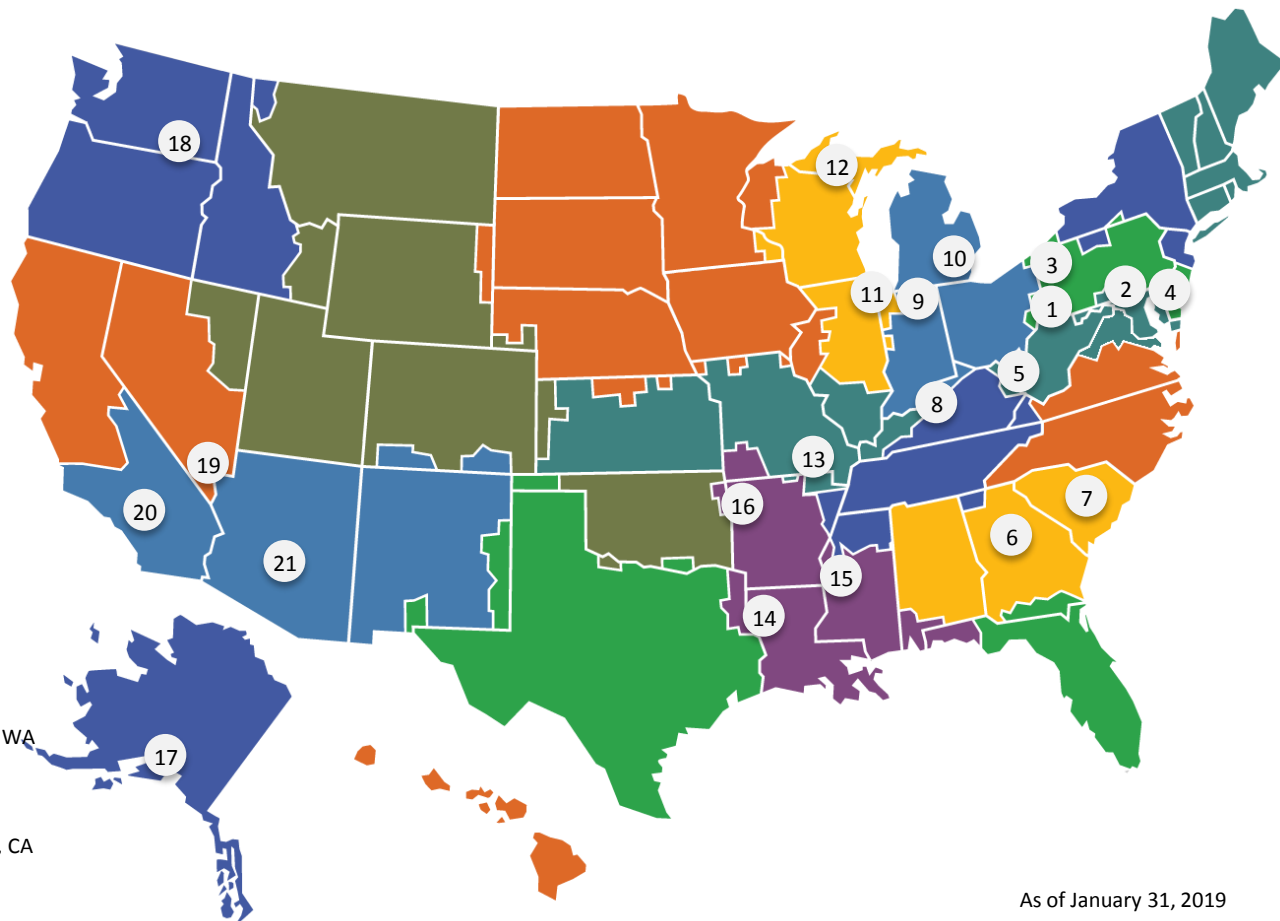
18. Jonathan M. Wainwright Memorial VAMC – Walla Walla, WA

## VISN 21

19. VA Southern Nevada HCS – Las Vegas, NV

## VISN 22

20. VA Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System – Los Angeles, CA
21. Phoenix VA HCS – Phoenix, AZ



As of January 31, 2019

# NWD System Business Case Development Grant

- ACL has awarded grants to 10 states to quantify the “ROI” associated with streamlining access to long-term services and supports that allow older adults and people with disabilities to live independently in the community.
- Grantees will both contribute to a national ROI calculator for the NWD System as well as develop state-level business case.
- ACL is developing “toolkits” to guide other states through the business case and ROI development processes. Toolkits will include best practices and strategies for activities crucial to a business case, such as:
  - engaging stakeholders
  - creating measurable goals
  - developing a work plan
  - steps for program evaluation.

# National Center on Advancing Person-Centered Practices and Systems

- ACL and CMS launched the NCAPPS in January
- Goal of NCAPPS is to promote systems change that makes person-centered principles a reality.
- Activities will include:
  - Providing technical assistance to states, tribes, and territories;
  - Establishing communities of practice to promote best practices;
  - hosting educational webinars; and
  - creating a national clearinghouse of resources to support person-centered practice.

<https://ncapps.acl.gov/Home.html>

# National Quality Forum: Person-Centered Planning and Practice project

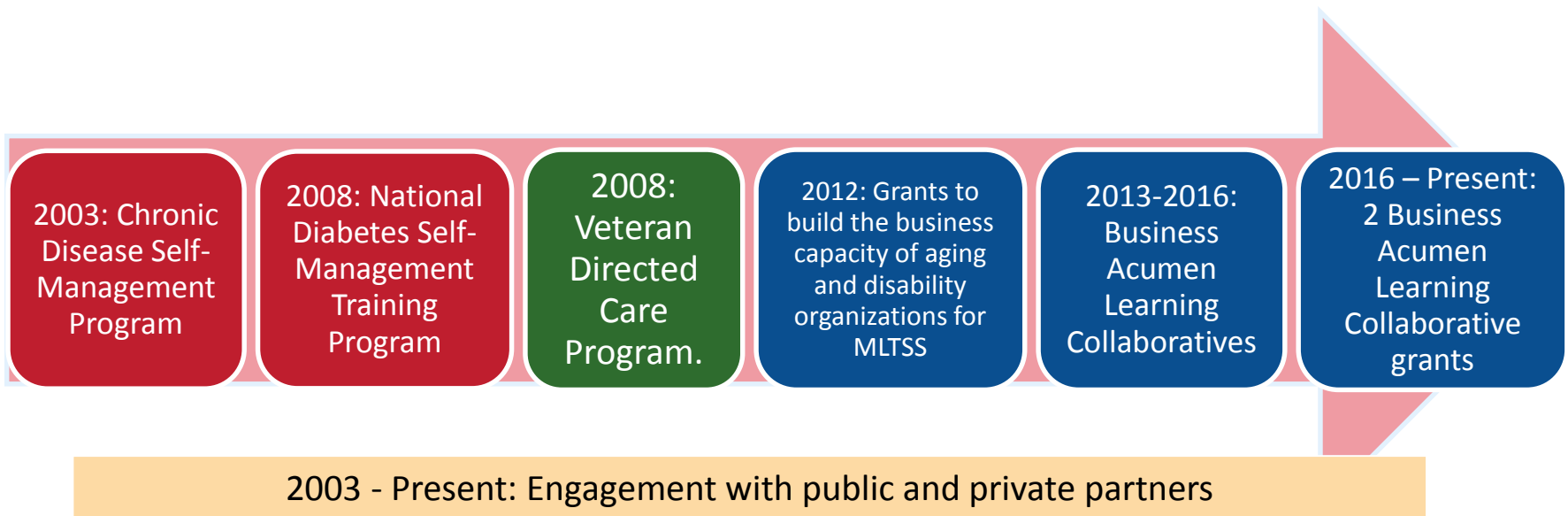
- CMS is working with ACL through the National Quality Forum (NQF) to explore quality measurement in person-centered planning.
- Over an 18-month period, NQF will use a multi-stakeholder approach to address person-centered planning and practice (PCP) as part of long-term services and supports (LTSS) systems.

# NQF Person-Centered Planning Project

- Refine the current definition(s) for PCP;
- Develop a set of core competencies for performing PCP facilitation;
- Make recommendations to HHS on systems characteristics that support person-centered thinking, planning, and practice;
- Develop a conceptual framework for PCP measurement; and
- Conduct an environmental scan including the historical development of person-centered planning in LTSS systems to include a research agenda for future PCP research

[http://www.qualityforum.org/Person\\_Centered\\_Planning\\_and\\_Practice.aspx](http://www.qualityforum.org/Person_Centered_Planning_and_Practice.aspx)

# Strengthening the Aging and Disability Network “Business Acumen”



# ACL Business Acumen Grants

- Business Acumen for Disability Organizations (NASUAD)
  - Develop baseline knowledge about the content and infrastructure needs of community-based disability organizations through surveys and feasibility studies;
  - Provide broad-based training and technical assistance for the disability networks; and
  - Utilize a learning collaborative model to provide targeted technical assistance to state teams serving persons with disabilities of all ages and all types that seek to build their business capacity to contract with integrated care entities.



# ACL Business Acumen Grants (cont.)

- Learning Collaboratives for Advanced Business Acumen Skills (n4a)
  - Organize and conduct 3-5 topically-based action learning collaboratives to address “next generation” issues; and to provide targeted technical assistance to networks of community-based aging and disability organizations.
    - Trailblazers Learning Collaborative
    - Health Information Technology Learning Collaborative
    - Medicare Advantage Learning Collaborative
  - Create knowledge and capture insights through these collaboratives to incorporate into future curriculum for national dissemination.

# What we've learned

- Aging and disability organizations add value to health care providers and payers in delivery system reform -- they represent critical eyes & ears in the home, and supports that can keep people living in the community
  - Help with member location (for health plans), engagement and retention
- These partnerships involve culture change – both for aging and disability organizations and health care providers/payers
  - Language
  - Buy-in at all levels

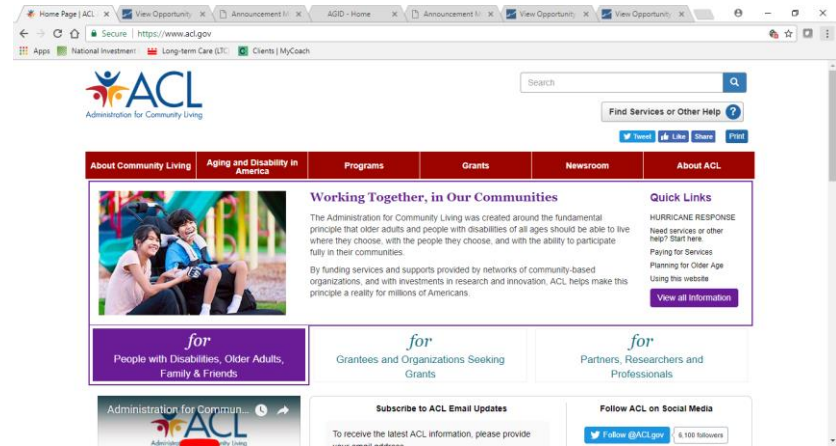
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