Administration for Community Living (ACL)

ACL was initially established in April 2012 by bringing together the Administration on Aging, the Office on Disability and the Administration on Developmental Disabilities. In the years since, additional research, service, as well as information and referral programs have been transferred to ACL from other agencies.

**Mission**

Maximize the independence, well-being, and health of older adults, people with disabilities across the lifespan, and their families and caregivers.

**Vision**

All people, regardless of age and disability, live with dignity, make their own choices, and participate fully in society.
• Principal agency in US Department of Health and Human Services to lead aging & disability programs
• Reduce fragmentation and promote consistency in federal programs and policy addressing community living
• Enhance access to quality health care and long-term services and supports for older adults and people with disabilities
• Complement community infrastructure as supported by Medicaid and other federal programs
ACL – Our Current Reach

**Older Americans Act:**
- Grants for State and Community Programs on Aging
- Activities for Health, Independence and Longevity
- Grants for Native Americans
- Vulnerable Elder Rights Protection

**Elder Justice Act:**
- Adult Protective Services

**Public Health Services Act (PHSA):**
- Alzheimer's Disease Supportive Services
- Lifespan Respite Care
- Chronic Disease Self-Management Education
- Paralysis Resource Center
- Limb Loss Resource Center
- Traumatic Brain Injury

**Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act (MIPPA):**
- Grants to Aging and Disability Resource Centers
- Grants to Area Agencies on Aging
- Grants to State Health Insurance Assistance Programs
- National Center for Benefits Outreach and Enrollment

**Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act (Developmental Disabilities Act):**
- State Councils on Developmental Disabilities
- Developmental Disabilities Protection & Advocacy
- University Centers for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities
- Projects of National Significance

**Rehabilitation Act:**
- Independent Living State Grants
- Centers for Independent Living
- National Institute on Disability, Independent Living, and Rehabilitation Research

**Assistive Technology Act (AT Act):**
- Assistive Technology State Grants
- Protection & Advocacy for Assistive Technology
- Assistive Technology National Activities

**Help America Vote Act:**
- Protection & Advocacy Systems

**Omnibus Budget and Reconciliation Act (OBRA):**
- State Health Insurance Assistance Programs
Lance Robertson
Administrator and Assistant Secretary for Aging

Mary Lazare
Principal Deputy Administrator and Acting Commissioner on Disabilities

Whitney A. Bailey
Deputy Administrator for Regional Operations and Partnership Development
Administration on Aging

- Administers programs operated under: the Older Americans Act; Public Health Service Act; and Elder Justice Act
- Five Program Offices
  - Supportive and Caregiver Services
  - Nutrition and Health Promotion Programs
  - Elder Justice and Adult Protective Services
  - American Indian, Alaskan Native, and Native Hawaiian Programs
  - Long-Term Care Ombudsman Programs

Edwin Walker
Deputy Assistant Secretary for Aging
Office of Regional Operations (ORO)

Bob Logan
Director, Office of Regional Operations

• Front door to ACL, providing expert Technical Assistance to States, Territories and Tribes in the implementation of OAA programs.

• Liaison for States, Territories and Tribes on non-OAA and other HHS programs.

Kathleen Votava
Aging Program Specialist
The Older Americans Act Helps Over 11 Million Seniors (1 in 5) Remain at Home through Low-Cost, Community-Based Services
($3 to $1 Return on Federal Investment)

AoA

56 State Units & 270 Tribal Organizations

618 Area Agencies on Aging

More than 15,000 Service Providers & Hundreds of Thousands of Volunteers

Provides Services and Supports to Nearly 1 in 5 Seniors

- 225 million meals
- 24 million rides
- 41 million hours of personal care, homemaker & chore services
- 3.7 million hours of case management
- 741,000 caregivers assisted
- 6 million hours of respite care
- 520,000 ombudsman consultations

Source: ACL’s OAA State Performance Report, FY 2016
To Assure Older Americans:

- An adequate income in retirement
- Best possible physical and mental health
- Suitable housing
- Comprehensive long term care services
- Employment opportunities
- Retirement in health, honor & dignity
- Civic, cultural, educational and recreational opportunities
- Continuum of care for vulnerable elderly
- Benefits from research
- Freedom & independence to manage their own lives
The Older Americans Act

...assures that preference will be given to providing services to older individuals with greatest economic need and older individuals with greatest social need with particular attention to low-income older individuals, including low-income minority older individuals, older individuals with limited English proficiency, and older individuals residing in rural areas.
Role of The Assistant Secretary for Aging

Section. 202.(b) To promote the development and implementation of comprehensive, coordinated systems at Federal, State, and local levels that enable older individuals to receive long-term care in home and community-based settings, in a manner responsive to the needs and preferences of older individuals and their family caregivers...