

Administration for Community Living

"For too long, too many Americans have faced the impossible choice between moving to an institution or living at home without the long-term services and supports they need. The goal of the new Administration for Community Living will be to help people with disabilities and older Americans live productive, satisfying lives." – Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius

All Americans - including people with disabilities and seniors - should be able to live at home with the supports they need, participating in communities that value their contributions. To help meet these needs, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has created a new organization, the Administration for Community Living (ACL) with the goal of increasing access to community supports and full participation, while focusing attention and resources on the unique needs of older Americans and people with disabilities.

The ACL will include the efforts and achievements of the Administration on Aging, the Office on Disability and the Administration on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities in a single agency, with enhanced policy and program support for both cross-cutting initiatives and efforts focused on the unique needs of individual groups such as children with developmental disabilities, adults with physical disabilities, or seniors.

HHS established ACL in order to achieve several important objectives:

- ❑ reduce the fragmentation that currently exists in Federal programs addressing the community living service and support needs of both the aging and disability populations;
- ❑ enhance access to quality health care and long-term services and supports for all individuals;
- ❑ promote consistency in community living policy across other areas of the Federal government; and
- ❑ complement the community infrastructure, as supported by both Medicaid and other Federal programs, in order to better respond to the full spectrum of needs of seniors and persons with disabilities.

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