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**Addressing Housing Accessibility through
Cross-Sector Partnerships:
A Closer Look at Home Modification
Collaborations at Work**

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Webinar

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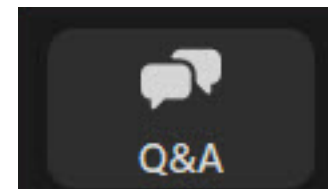
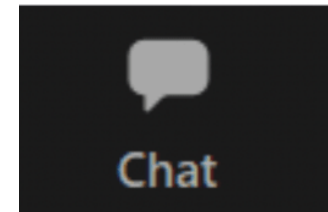
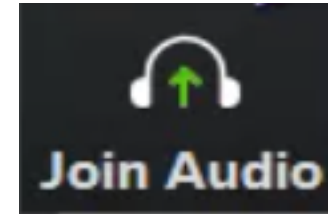
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Poll: Who Is with Us?

What sector is your organization in?

- Housing or Homelessness Services
- Aging and Disability Networks
- Health Care or Public Health
- Community Development or Civic Organization
- Association, Research, or Advocacy Organization
- Consumer
- Other



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Poll Results

National Presenters

USC Leonard Davis School of Gerontology

- **Jon Pynoos**, PhD, Professor of Gerontology, UPS Foundation Chair in Gerontology, Policy and Planning
- **Emily Nabors**, MSG, Program Manager, Fall Prevention Center of Excellence



A Closer Look at Home Modification Collaborations at Work



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More People Are Living in the Community with Disabilities



- 28% Of 65+ Households Have At Least 1 Person Who Has Difficulty Using Some Element Of The Home (e.g., climbing stairs, using bathtub)

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2020 (Data from American Housing Survey, 2011)

“Peter Pan” Homes



- Only 10% Of U.S. Housing Units Have:
 - Step-Free Entryway
 - First Floor Bedroom and Bath
 - And At Least One Bathroom Accessibility Feature
- Unmet Housing Needs Are Especially Common Among Older, Low-income Households



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2020 (Data from American Housing Survey, 2011)

Home Modification is Changing the Home



Remove Fall Hazards

- Remove clutter, throw rugs
- Rearrange furniture
- Anti-skid strips on stairs

Add Supports

- Improve lighting, night lights
- Grab bars and handrails
- Shower seat or bench

Change Behavior

- Keep frequently used items in easy-to-reach places
- Sit rather than stand while preparing food

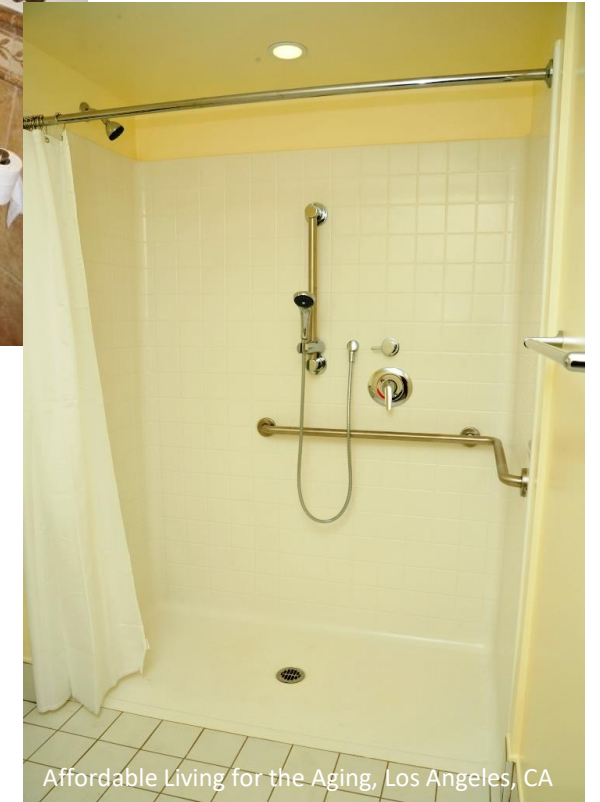
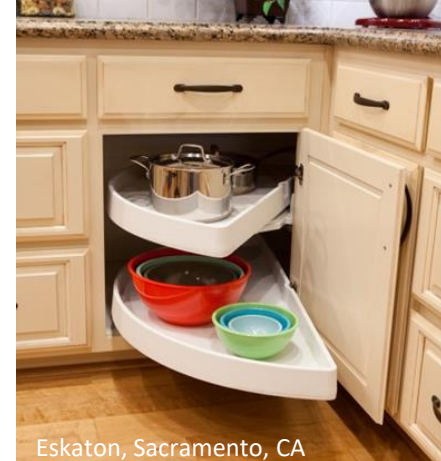
Benefits

- **Makes daily activities easier**
- **Reduces falls, injuries**
- **Supports caregivers**
- **Cost effective/Save \$**

Types of Home Modifications



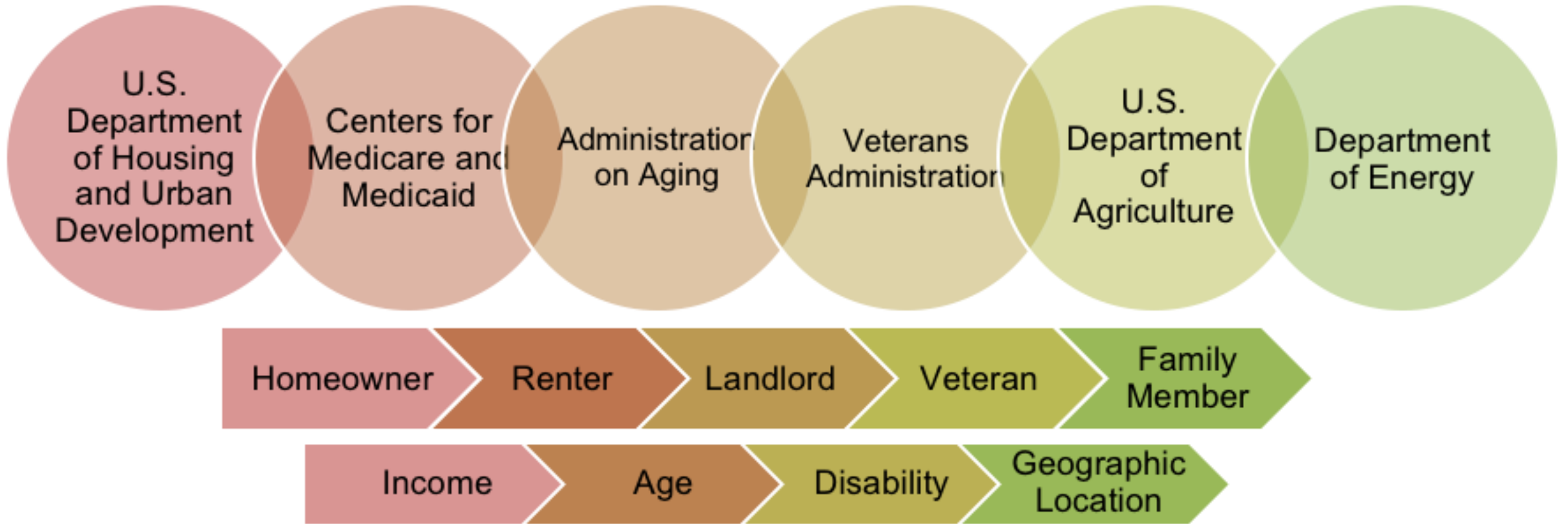
- Major Home Modifications
- Minor Home Modifications
- Repairs
- Assistive Technology
- Durable Medical Equipment

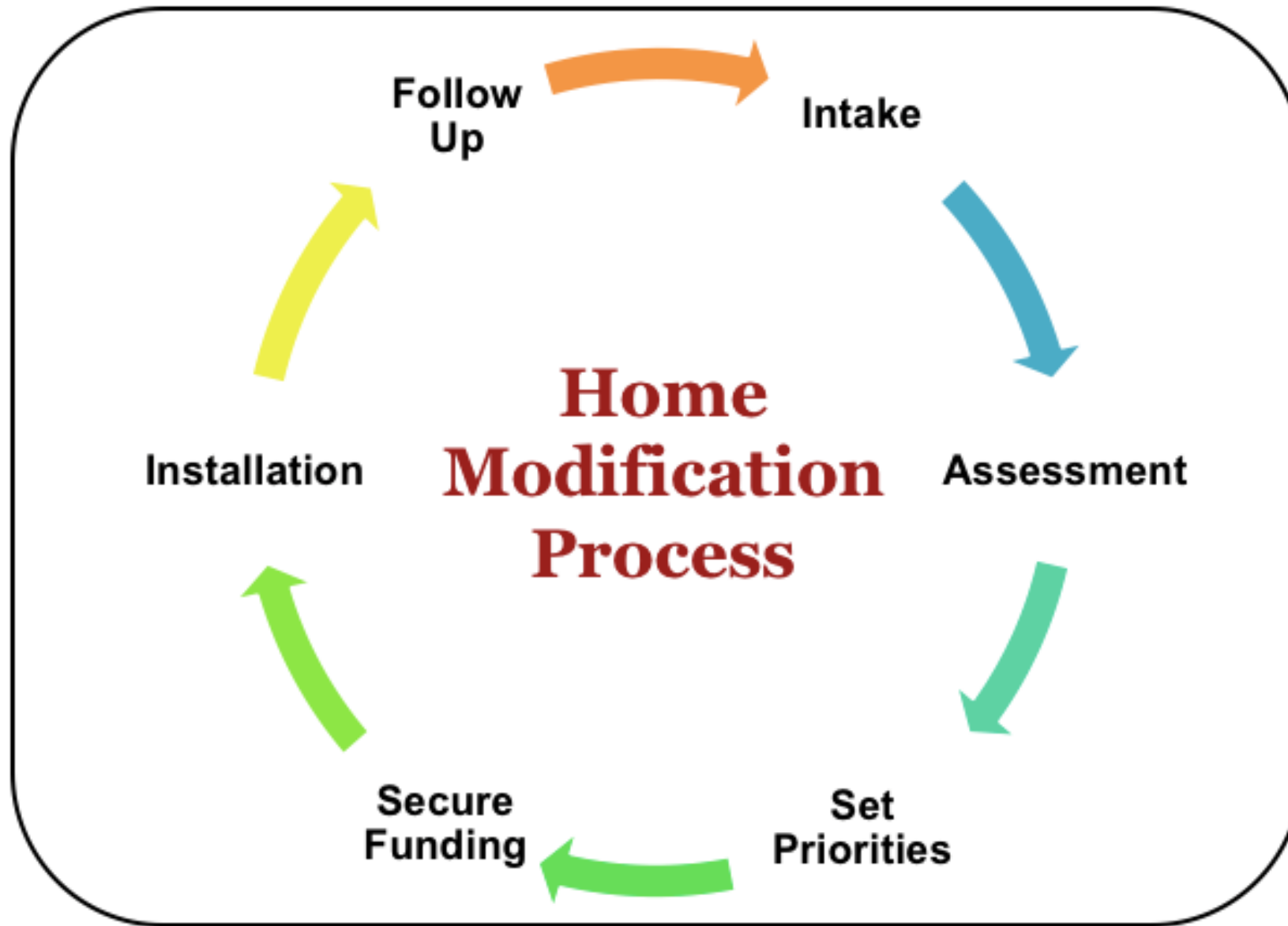


Why Are Partnerships Important in Home Modification?



Home Modification Funding Sources





Patchwork Service Delivery System, Many Providers Involved



- Architects
- Area Agency on Aging staff
- Case managers
- City/County department staff (housing/ community development, social services, planning, rehabilitation)
- Churches, religious groups
- Fair Housing Act, ADA implementation staff
- Family members
- Habitat for Humanity chapters
- Hardware store personnel
- Home builders and contractors
- Home health care aides/agencies
- Home modification & repair program staff
- Hospital discharge planners
- Housing developers
- Independent Living Center staff
- Information and Assistance providers
- Interior designers
- Nurses
- Older Americans Act service providers
- Physicians
- Product manufacturers
- Realtors
- Rebuilding Together affiliates
- Rehabilitation professionals (occupational and physical therapists)
- Remodelers and contractors
- Senior center staff
- Social workers
- State Assistive Technology Act program staff
- State Unit on Aging staff

The Power of Partnerships for Home Modification Services



Housing

- Remodelers
- Contractors
- Fair Housing Offices
- Home Modification Businesses
- Service Coordinators
- Housing and Community Development Depts

Health Care

- Occupational and Physical Therapists
- Case Managers
- Home Health Care Agencies
- Durable Medical Equipment Suppliers
- Emergency Medical Services

Aging

- Area Agencies on Aging
- Senior Centers
- State Units on Aging
- Title VI Native American Aging Programs
- Villages
- Aging and Disability Resource Centers

Disability

- Centers for Independent Living
- Rehabilitation Centers
- Assistive Technology programs
- Non-Profit and Other Organizations

Voluntary Groups

Rebuilding Together * Habitat for Humanity * Rotary Clubs

*Churches/Religious Organizations * Meals on Wheels

Home Modification Partnership Panel



- **Kent Ohms**, Community Living Director, Iowa Dept. on Aging
- **Brendalyn Shird**, Director of Global Engagement, Greater Des Moines Habitat for Humanity
- **Tracy Keninger**, Iowa AT Program Director, Easterseals Iowa
- **Sherrie McDonald**, Lifelong Links Director, Connections AAA

Iowa Home

Modification Efforts

Cross-Sector

Partnerships

Community Aging in Place – Advancing Better Living for Elders (CAPABLE) Pilots

**Funded by 2020 ACL
Falls Prevention Grant**

Western Iowa Project

- Connections Area
Agency on Aging

Central Iowa Project

- Happy at Home
Consulting
- Greater Des Moines
Habitat

**Assistive
Technology &
Durable Medical
Equipment Grant**

**Funded through
Coronavirus Relief
Funds (CRF)**

Consumers accessed
Easterseals directly
and referrals came
from Iowa's six AAAs

Served 90 Consumers
and 359 Devices

**More Area Agency
on Aging Partnerships
for Home Modifications
& Other Home
Modification Initiatives**

CRF | Smart Home Pilot

**HUD CDBG & AAA
Partnership**

**HUD Older Adult Home
Modification Program**

- City of Dubuque
- East Central Intergovernmental Association (ECIA, Rural Dubuque Area)

**HUD Healthy Homes
Program**

- Four projects in Iowa



Home Modification Resources

Find Home Modification Programs and Funding in Your State



Home Modification Information Network

Listings of home modification programs, providers, and funding sources by state

www.homemods.org/hmin

HOME MODIFICATION IN ALABAMA



Spotlight on State and Local Activities

Learn about featured home modification and repair programs and policies in this state.



Funding Sources

Access information on your state and local funding sources as well as national programs that may be used to pay for home modification and repairs.



Local Providers by City

Find public and private home modification and repair service providers in your area.



Educational Materials

Learn more about home modifications through fact sheets, videos, and other resources that are helpful to both consumers and professionals.

Home Modification and Housing Resources



Fall Prevention Center of Excellence

Home modification resources for consumers and professionals

- www.homemods.org

Housing and Services Resource Center

Resources on housing, mental health, and independent living

- <https://acl.gov/HousingAndServices>

Assistive Technology and Centers for Independent Living



Find Your State AT Programs

- <https://at3center.net/explore-at/>

Find Your Centers for Independent Living

- <https://www.ilru.org/home>



Area Agencies on Aging, State Units on Aging, and Title VI Grantee Programs

Find State Units on Aging and Area Agencies on Aging:

- <https://eldercare.gov/>

Find Title VI Grantee Programs:

- <https://olderindians.acl.gov/directors/>

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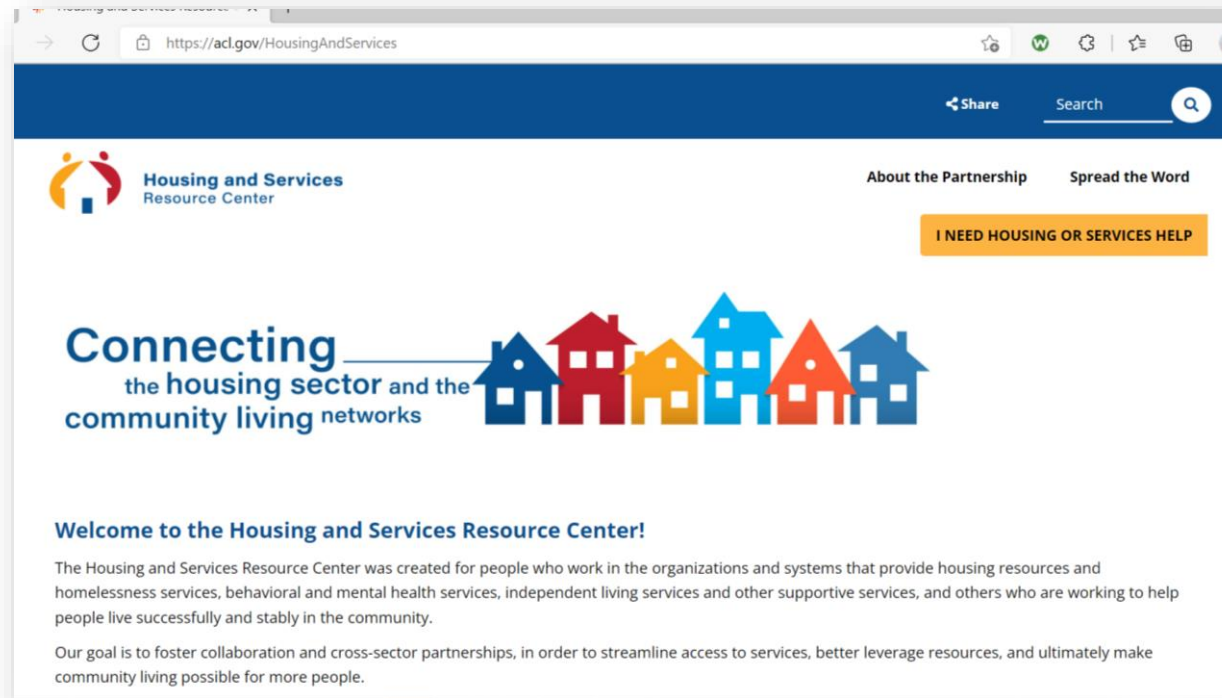
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