Support for Aging in Place Initiatives

National Aging in Place Council Brunch

June 9, 2010
Agenda

- Older Americans Act - background and reauthorization
- Family Caregiver Support
- Affordable Care Act of 2010
- HUD HHS Community Living Collaborative
Older Americans Act

- Passed in 1965
- Goal is to remove barriers to economic and personal independence and to assure the availability of appropriate services
- To Assure Older Americans:
  - An adequate income
  - Best possible physical and mental health
  - Suitable housing
  - Comprehensive long term care services
  - Employment opportunities
  - Civic, cultural, educational and recreational opportunities
  - Continuum of care for vulnerable elderly
  - Benefits from research
- Primarily formula funding to states - some discretionary $
Service System

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Administration on Aging
Central Office and Regional Offices

State Units on Aging (56)

Area Agencies on Aging (628)

Local Service Provider Organizations (thousands)

ACCESS SERVICES

SUPPORTIVE & NUTRITION SERVICES

COMMUNITY SERVICES

IN-HOME SERVICES

ELDER RIGHTS SERVICES

Tribal Organizations (246)
Older American Act - Reauthorization

- Act scheduled to be reauthorized in 2011
- AoA Listening Sessions held for input in DC, Dallas, San Francisco
- Input can still be submitted online at www.aoa.gov
- Agencies and organizations are invited to host a reauthorization input event and list it on the AoA website
Older American Act - Reauthorization

Public input received to date impacts all aspects of the Older Americans Act and has provided AoA with many new ideas about advancing the mission of the Aging Network to assist older adults in maintaining their dignity and independence in their homes and communities.

Significant input related to the role of AoA and housing with supportive services
Older American Act Reauthorization - Public Input Related to Housing

- Encourage greater Aging Network involvement in planning for “livable communities”

- Expand the Community Innovations for Aging in Place initiative to additional communities to develop innovative strategies, based on unique community strengths as well as barriers, to promote aging in place

- Encourage Aging Network involvement as housing financial counselors in the HUD Home Equity Conversion Mortgage Program (reverse mortgage)
National Family Caregiver Support Program

- Included in the Older Americans Act since 2000

- Gradual increases in funding
  - $125 million initial appropriation
  - $154 million for FY 2010

- Projects of National Significance & Innovation
  - New approaches
  - Effectiveness of programs
  - Quality and improvement through evaluation, training, TA and research
NFCSP Impact

Who Do We Serve?
- Supports approximately 800,000 caregivers
- 1/3 work full time
- Primarily Women (73%)
- 17% live in rural areas
- Grandparents
  - 81% female
  - 84% age 60-74

What They Tell Us?
- 84% receive respite services
- 45% said respite was most helpful
- 75% reported less stress
- 85% reported caregiving was easier
- 95% reported service quality as good to excellent
Supporting Family Caregivers: Looking Ahead

- **VP’s Middle Class Task Force - Caregiver Initiative**
  - Focuses on specific needs of caregivers
  - Integrates Caregiver Support with other home and community based services
  - $102.5 Million for FY 2011
    - $48 million for NFCSP
    - $48 million for supportive services for the elderly
    - $4 million for Native American programs to support caregiving

- **Health Care Reform Provisions**
  - Training for family and home care workers
  - Expand access to care coordination and transitional care services
Affordable Care Act -
Access to Long Term Supports & Services

- $50 million over 5 years to expand Aging and Disability Resource Centers across the country.

- ADRC systems streamline access to all long term supports and services and offer enhanced options counseling to empower individuals to make the best informed decisions regarding the services they receive.

www.adrc-tae.org
Affordable Care Act - Access to Long Term Supports & Services

- Financial incentives to States that adopt specific reforms in their LTC systems including single entry point systems, standardized universal assessments, enhanced quality assurance.

- Class Act - new provision helps to ensure all have access to long-term care insurance
Affordable Care Act – New Medicare Prevention Benefits

- Annual Wellness Visit covered
- No co-payments for prevention benefits
- Greater emphasis on community-based prevention programs
Community Living Collaborative is one of three working groups in a larger HUD HHS collaboration
- Homelessness
- Livable homes and communities

Six HUD HHS Community Living Collaborative Working Groups focused on specific tasks to support community living and aging in place
HUD HHS Community Living Collaboration - Activities

- Capacity building effort that will provide technical assistance to national, state, and local entities to assist them in the planning and implementation of effective programs that link housing with long term supports and services.

- A demonstration project to explore how housing, long-term supports and services, and medical care can be coordinated to support older adults.
Supporting Community-Based Aging Initiatives

Questions?

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