

# NY Statewide Senior Action Council 2021 Virtual Convention

## **Administration for Community Living - Overview**

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# What We Do and Why

ACL was created around the fundamental principle that all people, regardless of age or disability, should be able to live independently and fully participate in their communities. By advocating across the federal government for older adults, people with disabilities, and families and caregivers; funding services and supports provided primarily by networks of community-based organizations; and investing in training, education, research and innovation, ACL helps makes this principle a reality for millions of Americans.

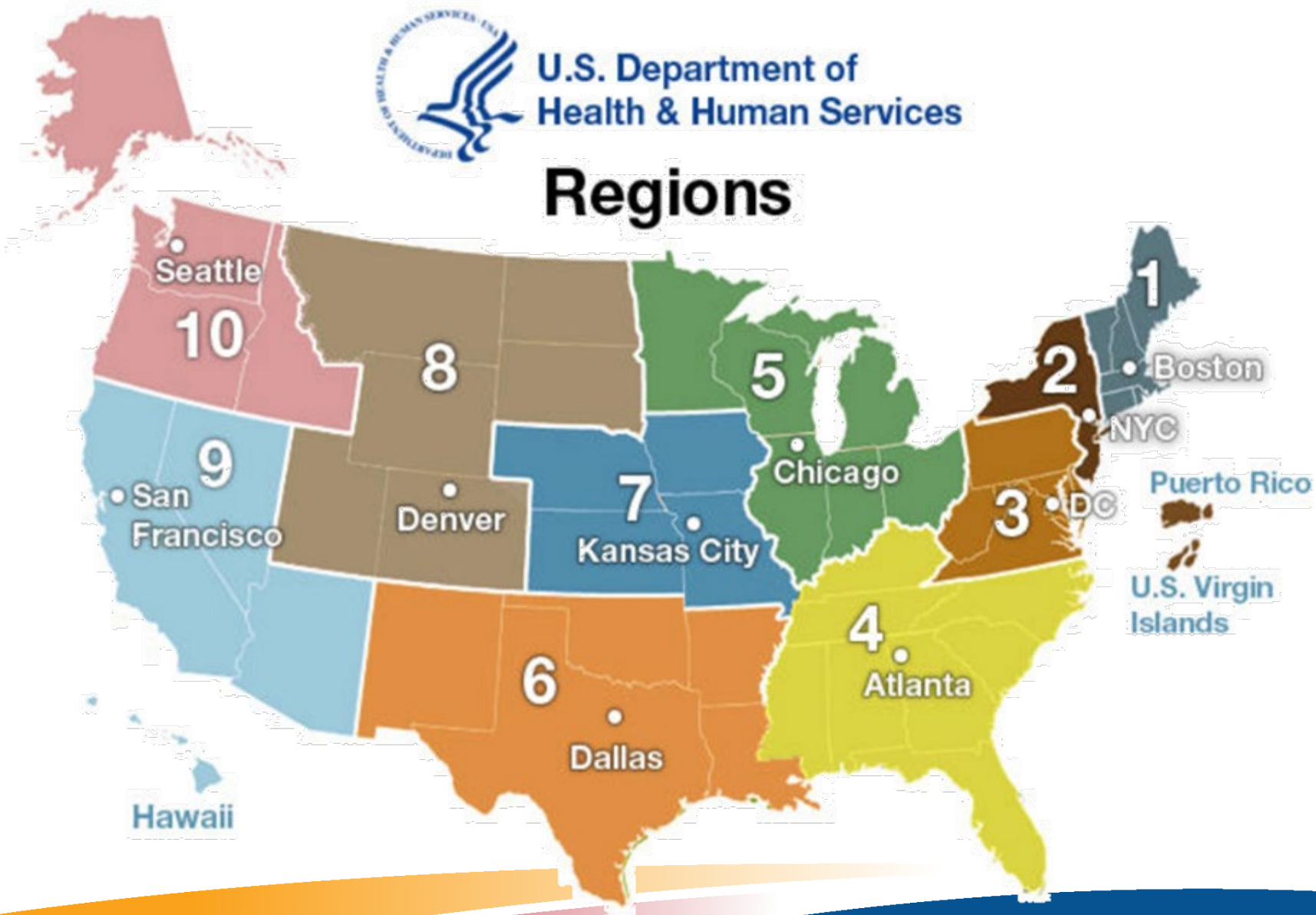
# ACL's History

- Created in 2012, bringing together:
  - (HHS) Administration on Aging
  - (HHS) Office on Disability
  - (ACF) Administration on Developmental Disabilities
- FY 2014 and FY 2015 appropriations transfers:
  - State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP)
  - Paralysis Resource Center
  - Limb Loss Resource Center
- Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014 added:
  - Independent Living Programs
  - Assistive Technology Program
  - National Institute on Disability, Independent Living, and Rehabilitation Research
- Traumatic Brain Injury programs transferred Oct 2015



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# Regions



# Priorities

- COVID-19
- Advancing Equity
- Supporting Caregivers
- Helping People Remain in the Community

# Older Americans Act

- **Title III-B** Supportive Services – include Adult Day Services, Case Management, Chore, Information & Assistance, Homemaker, Home Repair, Outreach, Personal Care, Respite, Transportation
- **Title III-C** Congregate and Home Delivered Meals Nutrition Services
- **Title III-D** Evidence-Based Disease Prevention & Health Promotion Services
- **Title III-E** Caregiver Support Services – include Information Access & Assistance, Counseling/Education & Training, Respite & Supplemental Services
- **Title IV** Training, Research and Discretionary Programs
- **Title V** Senior Community Service Employment Program
- **Title VI** Grants for Native Alaskans, Native Hawaiians and Native Americans – include Nutrition, Supportive Services & Caregiver Support Services
- **Title VII** Vulnerable Elder Rights Protection Activities – include Long-term Care Ombudsman Program, Prevention of Elder Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation & State Legal Assistance Development Program

# How The Aging Network Helps Seniors And Their Caregivers Remain At Home Through Community Based-Services



# COVID-19 Funding

- Families First Coronavirus Response Act
- CARES Act
- Coronavirus Response & Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021 (Supplemental 5)
- CDC Funding to Expand Access to Vaccines
- American Rescue Plan (\$1.4 billion for OAA programs)



# ACL COVID-19 Resources (<https://acl.gov/COVID-19>)

- Help Getting Vaccinated:  
Eldercare Locator, DIAL
- For Individuals
- For the Aging and Disability  
Networks
- Ensuring Equity and Inclusion

# COVID-19 Innovations

- Older Nutrition Program partnerships with restaurants
- Daily Check-in Calls/car parades
- Partnering with tech/phone companies to provide phones/tablets to seniors
- Coordinating or hosting virtual congregate sites to host group breakfast, lunch, dinner, and the provision of nutrition education, including at coffee hours
- Virtual classes

# Social Isolation – Commit to Connect

- <https://acl.gov/CommitToConnect>
- Activities and Resources to Help Make a Connection
- Social Isolation Assessment Tool

# Thank you!

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