

**Nevada Silver Haired Legislative Forum Meeting**  
PAC summary – October 9, 2018

In November 2017, the Nevada Aging and Disability Services Division (ADSD) supported the merge of the Supportive Services, Disability Services and Resource Development Units into one unit. The name of this unit is Planning, Advocacy, and Community Services (PAC). While all three units had been operating independently with similar goals, this merger has enabled PAC to improve efficiencies, better advocate on behalf of those we serve and coordinate discretionary programs with the larger ADSD family to support individuals across the lifespan.

**The PAC Unit is responsible for the following functions:**

- *Council Support* – support ADSD councils and commissions in advocacy, advisory and planning efforts. This includes coordination of meetings, facilitating the sharing of information and efforts, and identifying opportunities for collaboration across public bodies.
- *Data and Reports* – analyzing data, developing reports and identifying opportunities to strengthen services and fill gaps in services across Nevada.
- *Planning and Design* – coordinating strategic planning efforts, both required by funding sources as well as special projects, across programs and populations to support Department and agency strategic goals.
- *Demonstrations and Innovations* – identifying resources and opportunities to pilot projects or service delivery models that enhance efficiencies and fill service gaps. This will include grant writing, coordinating with sister agencies, and developing suggestions for new policy/procedures.
- *Grant Management* – handles the day to day responsibilities associated with sub-awards granted to community partners by the division which includes procurement, grant compliance, request for funds, and quarterly financial reports and technical assistance.
- *Subject Matter Experts* – individuals who are responsible for overall program operations, who have historical knowledge to lead programs while also coordinating with Planning to identify opportunities to expand services.
- *Direct Services* – the direct support of Nevada families through PAC staff.

**PAC encompasses the following ADSD direct service programs and activities:**

- Communication Access Services (CAS)
- Assistive Technology for Independent Living (AT/IL)
- Healthcare Advocacy and Assistance Programs
  - Senior and Disability Rx Program (SRx/DRx)
  - State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP)
  - Medicare Improvements for Patients and Provider Act (MIPPA)
  - Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP)
- Taxi Assistance Program (TAP)
- Community Advocates (formerly Advocate for Elders)
- Nevada Care Connection
- Volunteer Management (SHIP, SMP, LTCOP and MIPPA)
- Entitlement grants from the Administration for Community Living (ACL)
- Discretionary grants

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PAC administers programs and oversees grant funded partner programs from a variety of State and Federal funding as a pass-through entity. The funding for PAC direct service programs and partners provides services for people with disabilities, older adults and caregivers. ADSD may also receive discretionary funding for specific projects.

**Funding for PAC programs are provided by the following sources:**

- Older Americans Act (OAA)
  - Title III-B (Supportive Services and LTCOP)
  - Title III-C1 (Congregate Meals)
  - Title III-C2 (Home-Delivered Meals)
  - Title III-D (Disease Prevention and Health Promotion)
  - Title III-E (National Family Caregiver Support Program)
  - Title V of the OAA, Section 502, Department of Labor - Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP)
  - Title VII (LTCOP)
- Federal Assistive Technology Act (AT/IL)
- Federal Rehabilitation Act - Independent Living Part-B (AT/IL)
- Taxicab Authority (TAP)
- Public Utilities Commission of Nevada (Telecommunications Surcharge - CAS)
- Fund for a Healthy Nevada
  - Independent Living Grants (ILG) for Older Nevadans
    - ILG services mirror some of the Title III-B supportive services such as transportation and respite.
  - Senior and Disability Rx Program (SRx/DRx)
- Nevada State General Fund
  - Assistive Technology for Independent Living Program (AT/IL)
  - State Transportation, State Volunteer programming and the Hold Harmless (fund to ensure adequate funding for Rural Nevada services)
  - Long Term Care Ombudsman Program (LTCOP)
  - Home Delivered Meals (effective 7/1/17)
- Discretionary Grants (awarded via competitive application)
  - Administration for Community Living
    - SHIP
    - SMP
    - MIPPA
    - Lifespan Respite Grant
    - Dementia Friendly Nevada
    - Dementia Capable Systems

**Office of the Long Term Care Ombudsman**

- This is a standalone office supervised by the Statewide Long Term Ombudsman (Jennifer Williams-Woods)