

Evaluation of Goals/Objectives and Participation of American Indian and Alaska Native Populations in State Aging Plans

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TOP STATES BY AI/AN POPULATION

Top 20 States by Population Identifying as American Indian and Alaska Native, Alone or in Combination¹ & Multisectoral Plan for Aging (MPA) Status²

State	% of Population Identifying as AI/AN Alone or in Combination	MPA Status
Alaska	21.86	Not Actively Engaging
Oklahoma	16.01	Implementing or Refreshing
New Mexico	12.45	Not Actively Engaging
South Dakota	11.15	Not Actively Engaging
Montana	9.28	Interested or Actively Planning
North Dakota	7.16	Interested or Actively Planning
Arizona	6.34	Interested or Actively Planning
Wyoming	4.76	Not Actively Engaging
Oregon	4.38	Interested or Actively Planning
Washington	4.07	Interested or Actively Planning
Arkansas	3.84	Interested or Actively Planning
Kansas	3.79	Interested or Actively Planning
Colorado	3.6	Implementing or Refreshing
California	3.57	Implementing or Refreshing
Idaho	3.56	Interested or Actively Planning
Nevada	3.41	Interested or Actively Planning
North Carolina	3.05	Implementing or Refreshing
Missouri	2.98	Authorization
Hawaii	2.85	Interested or Actively Planning
Nebraska	2.82	Interested or Actively Planning

¹ One Race - American Indian and Alaska Native Alone or in Combination with One or More Other Races | Total Population | TOTAL NUMBER OF RACES REPORTED. United States Census Bureau. (2020, April 1). https://data.census.gov/map?t=009&layer=VT_2023_040_00_PP_D1&loc=43.3751%2C-113.1138%2Cz2.6270

**Main. Multisector Plan for Aging. (2024, July 25). https://multisectorplanforaging.org/

ALASKA³

The Alaska State Plan for Senior Services FFY 2024 - FFY 2027 Document Length: 142 pages

"Alaska is renowned for its diverse people and rich cultural heritage of Alaska Native groups...We must work to develop inclusive and culturally sensitive programs that address the difficulties experienced by seniors from all backgrounds." (Page 7)

"The Alaska Senior Fall Prevention Coalition... collaborates with the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium (ANTHC)." (Page 14)

"The State of Alaska acknowledges the importance of ensuring services reach older adults in greatest social need...These populations include individuals who are...Alaska Native/American Indian persons...ACoA is seeking to make statutory recommendations that allow for greater representation from groups such as the Alaska Native." (Page 29)

"Objective 1... ACoA will also work to raise awareness about the unique challenges faced by minority seniors in Alaska, ensuring that they receive equitable treatment and support. Our outcome measures include a decrease in Adult Protective Services (APS) recidivism rates, increased awareness of abuse, neglect, and exploitation in Long-Term Care settings, particularly for minority seniors. These minority groups include: Alaska Native/American Indian." (Page 26)

"The State of Alaska assures that the special needs of older individuals residing in rural areas are taken into consideration... including coordination with rural providers, such as the Alaska Native health corporations." (Page 59)

"Alaska Native Elders, the largest minority population in Alaska, have access to services provided by Title III and Title VI funds." (Page 62)

"The Division of Public Health (DPH) is the lead agency within the Alaska Department of Health responsible for emergency preparedness, planning, and response...They also partner closely with the Alaska Tribal Health Consortium." (Page 71)

"Table 5: Advisory Committee and Planning Team: Kimberley Strong, Tribal Council President, Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium; Norma Dahl, Board Secretary, Tanana Chiefs Conference." (A-112)

³ State of Alaska Department of Health. (2023, June 26). *Alaska State Plan for Senior Services FFY 2024 – FFY* 2027

https://www.advancingstates.org/sites/nasuad/files/u34287/AK_State_Plan_for_Services_FFY_2024_FFY_2027.pdf

OKLAHOMA⁴

Oklahoma State Plan on Aging Federal Fiscal Years 2023-26
Document Length: 112 Pages

"In developing the State Plan, CAP collected information about aging in Oklahoma from community focus groups and stakeholders representing underserved populations." (Page 6)

"The Aging Network does its best to coordinate with tribes. The AAAs coordinate with tribes in a variety of manners based on local circumstances. Several AAAs have tribal representation on their Advisory Councils...Upon invitation, AAA staff will visit tribal complexes and give presentations." (Page 15)

"Objective 5: Improve partnerships between Title III programs and Title VI Native American programs to ensure vulnerable Oklahomans who are tribal members can access Older Americans Act services. Strategies: Foster and encourage partnerships between AAAs and tribal entities to ensure tribal elders can benefit from Title III services. Promote tribal participation on state and AAA advisory councils and boards...Collaborate with tribal organizations on grant proposals and state initiatives...Outcomes:...Increased tribal representation and participation in Title III programs." (Page 23)

"Section 306(6)(G) if there is a significant population of older individuals who are Indians in the planning and service area of the area agency on aging, the area agency on aging shall conduct outreach activities...(11) provide information and assurances concerning services to older individuals who are native..." (Pages 41-43)

"Outreach methods used to ensure the service needs of low-income minority older individuals and those with limited English proficiency...local tribal agency contacts are focus areas to reach limited English proficiency individuals who are Native American." (page 59)

"Section 307 (a)(21)...Response: The State Unit on Aging will pursue activities to increase access by older individuals who are Native Americans to all aging programs and benefits...there is a member on the State Council on Aging Advisory Council who can assist with liaison with the tribes." (Page 60)

⁴ Oklahoma Human Services. (2022, August). *Oklahoma State Plan on Aging Federal Fiscal Years 2023-2026*. https://www.advancingstates.org/sites/nasuad/files/u34188/Oklahoma_State%20Plan%20FINAL%2008.14.2022%2 OSIGNED.pdf

Aging Our Way: Oklahoma's Multisector Plan on Aging⁵

Document Length: 84 Pages

"The State of Oklahoma has developed this Multisector Plan on Aging ("Plan"), inviting collaboration and coordination among various Oklahomans including...members of Tribal Nations, to guide Oklahoma's response and preparation for these shifts...leadership committees are composed of experts in their respective fields...and represent...Tribes..." (Page 4)

"Aging Our Way's leadership structure promotes effective decision-making and representation ... Subcommittees provide subject matter expertise for each of our Plan's 10 focus areas. Members represent... Tribes...including... Tribal health...." (Page 9)

"The 2024 survey gathered insights from Oklahomans...As a 10- year effort, we will continue to reach out to underrepresented communities to ensure all voices are heard and able to guide the Aging Our Way work...10% of respondents were members of Tribes." (Page 12)

"Key Community Engagements Oklahoma Human Services also engaged with Oklahomans to spread awareness of Aging Our Way...and offered attendees opportunities to share input on our Plan through paper surveys. These events are listed below: Apache Tribe of Oklahoma Health Fair, Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Tribes, Kiowa Tribe Health Fair, Oklahoma Indian Council on Aging, Osage Nation Social Services." (Page 5)

"Pathway 6.5: Support public and private transportation agencies in leveraging existing workforce development programs to fill driver workforce gaps...Tribes provide career services to their members, and private businesses serve Oklahoma's employers and job seekers for specific industries and job types." (Page 33)

"Pathway 13.1:...recruit individuals into health, direct care and support positions. As people age, they often require professional assistance to maintain their health and well-being...necessary roles include...Indian Health Service Community Health Representatives and social workers...Meeting the demand for these professionals in rural...areas requires strategic planning and recruitment." (Page 54)

"Pathway 13.3:...Incentive programs are a tool commonly used to build workforce and talent pipelines...Federal and Indian Health Service incentive programs, such as three National Health Service Corps' (NHSC) repayment programs...all have slightly different objectives and outcomes across segments...this pathway seeks to strengthen the health workforce..." (Page 55)

⁵Oklahoma Human Services. (2024, June). Aging Our Way: Oklahoma's Multisector Plan on Aging. https://oklahoma.gov/content/dam/ok/en/okdhs/documents/okdhs-pdf-library/community-living-aging-and-protectiv e-services/MPA%20Plan.pdf

NEW MEXICO⁶

New Mexico State Plan Aging and Long-Term Services Department 10/01/21-09/30/25 Document Length: 72 Pages

"New Mexico plans to transform systems of care by fully including the Tribes, Pueblos, and Nations within New Mexico in all funding opportunities." (Page 5)

"The ALTSD contracted with...UNM to complete a statewide needs assessment. The department was granted permission through a MOU with the National Resource Center on Native Aging." (Page 6)

"Over the next four-year period, ALTSD will continue to implement core OAA programs and services by providing OAA and State General Funding to the AAAs, Tribes, Pueblos and Nations in NM." (Page 11)

"Objective 1.11 Coordinating Title III programs with Title VI Native American Programs: ...Strategies: Gain knowledge and understanding of the Tribal and Pueblo programs and their unmet needs...Conduct annual follow-up meetings with Tribe and Pueblo members to gain feedback and recommendations to meet the needs of the elders...All ALTSD staff and AAA staff will participate in American Indian cultural awareness training during the four-year plan period. Develop an eldercare workforce targeting rural and Tribal areas in collaboration with the New Mexico Higher Education Department." (Page 17)

"Objective 1.12 Expand Title III: Area Agencies on Aging will expand Title III services to the Tribes and Pueblos by contracting with Title VI Programs. Strategies: Area Plan Guidance will require that the AAAs notify and encourage NM's Tribes and Pueblos to apply for Title III funding. Assist the AAAs in providing training and technical assistance to the Tribes and Pueblos on the process of applying for Title III funding from the AAA. Ongoing consultation with the Tribes and Pueblos." (Page 18)

"Objective 2.6...Support caregivers...Advocate for the development of additional services to support caregivers in urban, rural, frontier, and Tribal communities...Conduct quarterly evidence-based caregiver training targeting the NM Tribes, Pueblos, and Nations." (Page 23)

"...objectives are included in this plan to assure that Title VI providers, NM's Tribes, Pueblos, and Nations, are consulted on a regular basis, and have equal access to application for Title III funding" (Page 42)

⁶ New Mexico State Plan 2021–2025. (2021, October). https://www.advancingstates.org/sites/nasuad/files/u34287/NM%20State%20Plan%20on%20Aging%2010_1_21%2 0to%209_30_2025.pdf

SOUTH DAKOTA⁷

South Dakota State Plan on Aging 10/01/2021-09/30/2025 Document length: 31 Pages

"The State Unit on Aging will, in accordance with the Older Americans Act, continue to focus on meeting the needs of individuals targeted in the Older Americans Act: ...individuals from minority populations, individuals living in rural areas..." (Page 14)

"The Department of Human Services collaborates with... Tribal Relations...to ensure the health, safety, and well-being of South Dakota residents." (Page 14)

"Staff from the Division of Long-Term Services and Supports is in contact with the Department of Tribal Relations to ensure the lines of communication remain open with tribal entities and receives a copy of their quarterly newsletter." (Page 14)

"The Division of Long-Term Services and Supports staff are currently working with the Yankton Sioux Tribe to implement a contract for services through .Title III Nutrition Program to compliment Title VI funding already in place." (Page 17)

"Objective 1.1: Promote existing services within the Division...Concentrate outreach efforts to ensure accessibility of information for older adults and adults with disabilities who are low-income, minority, residing in rural areas, or have limited English proficiency. Collaborate with social workers and discharge planners to provide education and information on home and community-based services and supports and appropriate referrals. (Page 26)

"Objective 1.3: Collaborate with other state government entities...5. Collaborate with the Department of Tribal Relations to expand awareness of services and hold outreach events specific to those living in Indian Country...." (Page 26)

"Objective 2.1: Promote awareness to all Medicare beneficiaries on Senior Health Information and Insurance Education's (SHIINE) Program and services. Strategies: ...Increase outreach efforts to older adults and adults with disabilities who are low-income, minority, residing in rural areas, or have limited English proficiency." (Page 27)

"Objective 2.2: Improve access to respite care services for caregivers and families. Strategies: ... Enhance respite provider development and training, focusing on rural, frontier, and reservation areas with a concentration on those who are low-income, minority, or have limited English proficiency." (Page 27)

⁷ South Dakota State Plan on Aging. (2021). https://dhs.sd.gov/content/dam/digital/united-states/south-dakota/sdo/pdf/long-term-services-and-supports/2021-202 5-State-Plan-on-Aging.pdf

MONTANA⁸

Montana State Plan on Aging For the Time Period of 10/01/2023-09/30/2027 Document Length: 75 Pages

"While Title VI funds support services for Elders, it is important to recognize that many Elders have multiple needs, and they should have access to additional services beyond what Title VI funds provide." (Page 8)

"DPHHS/Senior and Long Term Services Division hosted a Tribal Consultation for the purpose of receiving input into the development of the State Plan on Aging. Thirty-six people participated in the meeting in person or virtually. Each person representing a Tribe or Tribal entity was given the opportunity to provide written and/or verbal comments." (Page 19)

"Public Input and Needs Assessment Public input and stakeholder involvement are crucial to the development of a quality State Plan on Aging...The following is a list of stakeholder...that provided input into the plan: ... Northern Cheyenne Tribe, Blackfeet Tribe, Fort Peck Tribe, Chippewa Cree Tribe, Little Shell Tribe, Rocky Boy Health Center, Confederated Salish Kootenai Tribe, Billings Urban Indian Health and Wellness Center, Indian Family Health Clinic, Indian Health Service Health Clinic, Great Falls Helena Indian Alliance, Native American Development Corporation (NADC), Rocky Mountain Tribal Leaders Council." (Page 21)

"Objective 1.7 – Coordinate Title III (Supportive Services, Nutrition, Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, and Caregiver Programs) with Title VI (Native American Programs).

Strategies: Provide training and technical assistance to the Tribes to become certified to bill Medicaid for services provided to eligible Elders. Expand access to the Senior Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) through coordination with the Tribes and Indian Health Services.

Share resource information on aging services website(s)." (Page 29)

"Objective 1.13 – Increase participation in the Low-income Subsidy and Medicare Savings Program. Provide education on Medicare prevention and wellness to underserved populations in rural areas with limited income, including Native American Reservations." (Page 32)

"Objective 5.1 – Increase awareness and utilization for caregiver support programs offered in the state. Strategies: ...Expand outreach efforts to underserved targeted populations, including veterans, indigenous populations, caregivers affected by Alzheimer's/dementia, and populations not currently served by existing respite programs." (Page 38)

⁸ Montana State Plan on Aging. (2021). https://www.advancingstates.org/sites/nasuad/files/u34287/MontanaStatePlanonAging.pdf

NORTH DAKOTA⁹

North Dakota State Plan on Aging 2022-2026 Document Length: 63 Pages

"We aim to provide welcoming environments for those isolated and stigmatized ...To achieve this, Aging Services will utilize best practices in case management, addressing the needs of caregivers, seeking more efficient delivery of services, and supporting programs that protect the rights of North Dakotans who have disabilities or are aging. To support this change, Aging Services will enhance collaboration with...tribal nations..." (Page 5)

"Five strategic initiatives have been identified...Strengthening tribal partnerships: strengthen government to government partnerships and relationships; engage, listen, and learn." (Page 9)

Tribal Home Visits...The service is provided on two of the four reservations in ND." (Page 18)

"Aging Services is currently working on issues like unconscious bias, diversity and inclusion, and cultural competence to become more effective when providing services. Aging Services...is currently undergoing cultural competence training on Native Americans...Aging Services is working with the National Center on Advancing Person-Centered Practices and System on creating more ways to actively engage Native American...across the State." (Page 25)

"Aging Services will continue to collaborate with the nutrition providers to better reach and serve individuals at greatest risk for food insecurity including those residing on ND American Indian Reservations..." (Page 26)

"Objective 2: Develop new strategies to target priority populations...Strategy 1: Partner with organizations that serve priority populations to coordinate outreach...Strategy 2: Continue to build and strengthen relationships and host strategic planning meetings with the Tribal Nations in ND." (Page 30)

"Section 307(a)(21)...Title III and Title VI coordination will be accomplished through the following efforts: Funding for tribal entities is set aside in the Aging budget for services provided on the reservations;...Programs under Title III and Title VI are coordinated to maximize service provision and avoid duplication;...American Indian Reservations and the Indian Service Area are represented on the CoA;..." (Page 56)

"ASD is working with NCAPPS to have more robust stakeholder engagements with tribal entities to learn more about the needs for tribal elders." (Page 56)

⁹ North Dakota State Plan on Aging 2022-2026. North Dakota State Government. (2022). https://www.hhs.nd.gov/sites/www/files/documents/DHS%20Legacy/state-plan-on-aging.pdf

ARIZONA¹⁰

Arizona State Plan on Aging 10/01/2022-09/30/2026

Document Length: 137 Pages

"...target populations that Arizona seeks to better serve through more equitable, respectful and culturally competent outreach and services to marginalized and underserved groups, including older Americans who are...Indigenous and Native Americans persons..." (Page 6)

"Objective 5.1 Develop programs and approaches to close the current gaps in aging services infrastructure and delivery system, especially to underserved areas...Populations such as rural, non-English speaking, and Native American will be targeted." (Page 27)

"DAAS will take the following steps to assure that preference will be given to providing services to older adults by:...Continuing to coordinate with Native American tribes and tribal AAAs to ensure that core services are provided..." (Page 51)

"The AAAs must also develop specific service goals and objectives that meet the needs of targeted populations and reduce barriers to services and have provided the following examples for this planning cycle: Several AAAs are using training materials from the National Association of Area Agencies on Aging...on cultural competence...The AAA in PSA 8 conducts annual training to educate state, federal and tribal policymakers and non-tribal organizations about the needs and services provided in tribal communities." (Page 52)

"Section 307(a)(21) Coordination between the SUA and Arizona's Native American tribes has been strong for many years. Two of the eight AAAs in Arizona are tribal organizations, and Title III funds are provided to these AAAs. In PSA VIII, the ITCA works with 17 of its member tribes regarding aging services...a Tribal Liaison position was created and filled to support DAAS in collaboration with the ADES Office of Tribal Relations. DAAS will continue to provide training and technical assistance to the tribes and the tribal AAAs..." (Page 56)

"DALTCS consulted service to Mr. Kenneth White, Jr., CEO of the Native Health Care Solutions, LLC to facilitate the strategic planning and to write a report on the sessions." (Page 130)

"Title VI Surveys: Region 8, in partnership with the National Resource Center on Native American Aging at the University of North Dakota (NRCNAA-UND), utilized the Title VI needs assessments, which was completed by four tribes: Tonto Apache Tribe, San Juan Southern Paiute Tribe, Kaibab Band of Paiute Indians and the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation." (Page 132)

¹⁰ Arizona State Plan on Aging 2023-2026. (2022, July 6). https://www.advancingstates.org/sites/nasuad/files/u34188/Arizona State-Plan-on-Aging-2023-2026.pdf

WYOMING11

Wyoming State Plan on Aging 10/01/2021 -09/30/2025 Document Length: 134 Pages

"The Aging Survey outreach...left Native American voices underrepresented when compared to the population living in Wyoming." (Page 27)

"Objective 3.2: Increase participation among Native American aging and disability communities...it is important to dedicate an objective to supporting aging for Native American older adults in Wyoming and, specifically, living on the Wind River Reservation. Strategies 3.2

- 1. Build relationships and host strategic planning meetings with the Eastern Shoshone Tribe
- 2. Strengthen relationships and host strategic planning meetings with the Northern Arapaho Tribe..." (Page 35)

"...on the Wind River Reservation, lack of resources makes successful aging in place difficult...The Aging Division will continue to be devoted to building stronger relationships with the indigenous communities living in Wyoming through outreach efforts." (Page 28)

"The Community Living Section continues to collaborate with the Wyoming Tribal Health Council on issues impacting tribal elders." (Page 64)

"The Aging Division assures that it will continue to pursue activities to increase access to and inform older adult Native Americans of training and services. This will be accomplished by the coordination and collaboration of Older Americans Act programs and services. Title III funding is granted to the Northern Arapaho Tribe located in Ethete, Wyoming." (Page 64)

"Public Comments... We are a nation, but we have a trust agreement with the federal government that 'we were going to be taken care of. This did not happen.' Working with the tribes and strengthening treaties is a crucial next step to readdressing this balance that the federal government caused." (Page 112)

"In 2015 WDH leadership established an advisory council to provide, via policy and contract, a mechanism for Wyoming's tribal leadership to share, discuss, evaluate impact, and provide feedback on all projects and/or regulatory revisions proposed by any state agency or division within WDH...The Council, WSSB, and the Native American Tribal Leadership Council each meet on a quarterly basis..." (Page 121)

¹¹ Wyoming State Plan on Aging. Wyoming Department of Health. (2021). https://health.wyo.gov/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/2021-2025-State-Plan-on-Aging.pdf

OREGON¹²

Oregon State Plan on Aging 10/01/2023 - 09/30/2026

Document Length: 90 Pages

The Community Services and Supports Unit (CSSU), a part of APD, is responsible for implementing Older Americans Act (OAA) programs and will do this by working collaboratively with...the Indian Tribes of Oregon..." (Page 5)

"Services to Native American elders and coordination with tribally run OAA programs are also included." (Page 15)

"In Oregon, the ADRC is a collaborative, public-private partnership. ADRC partners in Oregon include...tribal entities..." (Page 17)

"Objective 1: Establish and build upon relationships with groups and organizations who have not historically been or are currently not adequately served by Oregon's aging system, including Older Americans Act programs and services. Strategies: Assess current relationships with local and statewide organizations that represent and advocate for...Oregon's Tribes..." (Page 11)

"Objective 5: Increase outreach and resources for family caregivers who have been inadequately served by our system or are at risk of not being able to maintain their caregiver role, putting the care recipient at risk of institutionalization. Strategies: ODHS will continue its support for the annual Native Caring Conference..." (Page 20)

"Objective 6: Improve Title III/Title VI coordination through ongoing communication, collaboration, and working closely with the Tribal Navigator Program (TNP) at the state and local AAA levels." (Page 20)

"...the goal of the state is to ensure that all tribal elders are connected to services and information regardless of where they live in the state...Oregon and the Tribes within the state have launched the Tribal Navigator Program, which has created an opportunity for greater intergovernmental coordination between the state and Tribal organizations...the relationship and the coordination with Oregon's Tribes and tribal organizations are positioned to develop further with these new resources and practices." (Page 20)

"The family caregiver support program will support the Native Caring Conference and will promote evidence-based caregiver support programs, delivered via telephone and telemedicine." (Page 81)

¹² Oregon State Plan on Aging . Oregon Department of Health . (2023). https://sharedsystems.dhsoha.state.or.us/DHSForms/Served/de9397a.pdf

WASHINGTON¹³

Washington State Plan on Aging 10/01/2023 - 09/30/2027
Document Length: 43 Pages

"DSHS, inclusive of ALTSA, follows a government-to-government approach to seek consultation and participation by representatives of tribal governments in policy development and service program activities." (Page 20)

"Tribal governed AAAs participate in 7.01 planning with their neighboring AAAs." (Page 20)

"AAAs and certain tribes administer programs where staff either deliver the service directly or contract with local community service agencies. Three AAAs are piloting a first in the nation evaluation of case management model for informal kinship caregivers. DSHS hopes to achieve evidence-based status in 2024, unlocking new federal funding to leverage state funds." (Page 25)

"Since 2016, the Tribal Kinship Navigator Program was funded to support partnership with eight tribes in the state to implement services for kinship caregivers." (Page 30)

"The following pages include broad goals...4. Promote equity, diversity, access, and inclusion practices. 5. Continue to build strong relationships with, and expand contract opportunities for, tribes/tribal organizations to increase access to culturally attuned long-term services and supports for American Indians/Alaska Natives to age in their homes or community-based settings of their choice." (Page 34)

"SO#4 Build Long Term care workforces to meet the needs of clients while creating resources to retain current high-quality long-term care Strategies: ALTSA will provide technical assistance to...Office of Native Education, DSHS Tribal Initiative Project Manager and tribes to implement home care aide training in high schools and skills centers." (Page 37)

"SO#16: Tribal Affairs - Continue to build strong relationships with and expand contract opportunities for tribes/tribal organizations to increase access to culturally attuned long-term services and support for American Indians/Alaska Natives to age in their homes or community-based settings of their choice. Objectives - Continue Government to Government relationship between Tribal nations and the state. Preserve Tribal nations cultural practices and traditional ways. Increase education resources for tribal communities. Tribal sovereignty...Strategies: ...ALTSA...will help tribal social and health services departments bill for Medicaid reimbursed long-term services..." (Page 40)

¹³ Washington State Plan on Aging. Washington Department of Health . (2023). https://www.advancingstates.org/sites/nasuad/files/u34287/WA StatePlanOnAging.draft 5.25.23.pdf

ARKANSAS¹⁴

Arkansas State Plan on Aging 10/01/2023 - 09/30/2027 Document Length: 84 Pages

"Section 307 (a)(21)...Response: Based on the 2020 census data, it is estimated that 0.6% of the older population in the state that is 60 years or older is American Indian and Alaska Native. There are no federally funded/recognized tribes in Arkansas. The State Unit on Aging and the Area agency on Aging remained focused and dedicated to ensuring that the services provided are inclusive of all communities and races." (Page 21)

"Objective 1: (Focus Areas - OAA Core Programs and Participant-Directed/Person-Centered Planning) DAABHS/AAAs will provide information and assistance services and outreach services for older adults, informal caregivers, and the aging population...Strategies: 2.

DAABHS OAA Team will meet quarterly and conduct annual assessments of the AAAs to ensure that preference is given to older individuals...with particular emphasis on minority older persons with low incomes and older persons residing in rural areas." (Page 26)

"Objective 2: (Focus Area-Advancing Fairness in the aging population) Conduct outreach efforts with special emphasis placed on reaching older individuals...with particular attention to underserved and minority individuals with low incomes, individuals residing in rural areas... Strategies: ... 3. SUA will provide education on issues specific to ethnic and racial minorities with low income." (Page 35)

¹⁴ Arkansas *State Plan on Aging*. Arkansas Department of Human Services. (2023, May 26). https://www.advancingstates.org/sites/nasuad/files/u34287/Arkansas-State-Plan-on-Aging-FY24-FY27.pdf

KANSAS¹⁵

State Plan on Aging Kansas 10/01/2022 - 09/30/2025

Document Length: 80 Pages

"KDADS's Aging Services sought feedback from older Kansans and caregivers...the survey was to supplement the virtual listening tour and gather input on a variety of needs among older Kansans...78 of 105 Kansas counties and one tribe were represented." (Page 28)

"KDADS participates in annual tribal health fairs, tribal summit and attends the Prairie Band Potawatomi Powwow each year. During those events KDADS informs older Native Americans about Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP) and annual Medicare enrollment assistance program (SHICK). KDADS works with Northeast Kansas Area Agency on Aging to provide members of all four tribes information about aging services such as Senior Care Act program, OAA nutrition services, caregiver services and in home and community services available. Efforts of coordination are made with Kansas tribes through the Area Plan process." (Page 58)

¹⁵ State Plan on Aging Kansas. Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services (2022, October 1). https://www.advancingstates.org/sites/nasuad/files/u34188/Kansas_kansas-state-plan-on-aging-2022-2025.pdf

COLORADO¹⁶

Colorado State Plan on Aging 10/01/2023 - 09/30/2027

Document Length: 121 Pages

"...priority for services is targeted to the greatest social and greatest economic need, as defined

by the Administration for Community Living (ACL) individuals who are...Indigenous Native

American..." (Page 13)

"The SJBAAA'S contracts with Southern Colorado Community Action Agency (SoCoCAA), a

nonprofit agency serving the Southern Ute Tribe...Through diligent coordination and attending

many tribal council meetings, the SJBAAA was able to execute the construction of a grow dome

on the Ute Mountain Ute reservation." (Page 29)

"Section 307(a)(21)...Response: The SUA requires information and assistance, and outreach

activities are conducted in the principle language spoken in areas where Native American and

older adults comprise at least: One percent of a PSA's population age sixty (60) and over; or,

Five percent or more of the state's age sixty and older Native American population reside within

a PSA." (Page 61)

¹⁶ State Plan on Aging Colorado. Colorado Department of Human Services (2023).

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1tAiuii4dPl6rUoShMj9D8sVdsGWx9oSX/view

2020 Strategic Action Plan on Aging: Colorado Multisectoral Aging Plan¹⁷

Document Length: 96 Pages

The current strategic planning available for Colorado's multisectoral plan does not explicitly

address American Indian and Alaska Native populations in its goals and participation. Instead, it

highlights several age-friendly objectives that may indirectly affect these populations. These

include community-based and relevant efforts as part of future aging initiatives (Page 14),

long-term services and supports (Page 20), aging and the workforce (Page 34), and rural

transportation (Page 41).

¹⁷ 2020 Strategic Action Plan on Aging. DOLA. (2021).

https://agingstrategy.colorado.gov/2020-strategic-action-plan-on-aging

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CALIFORNIA¹⁸

California Older Americans Act State Plan on Aging 10/01/2021 - 09/30/2025 Document Length: 69 Pages

"While a few AAAs in California already collaborate with Tribal Organizations, this plan includes strategies to significantly expand that collaboration...In late 2020, the department began an Ensuring Equity in Aging webinar series with a discussion about "Culturally Informed Care: Honoring Native Elders." Shortly after that Director Kim McCoy Wade participated in California's Second Annual California Tribal Nations Conference and in federal discussions between California's Tribal Organizations delivering Title VI services and CDA." (Page 15)

"...CDA has based its OAA State Plan on six priorities for aging, with goals and objectives for each:.... 5. Partnerships, Including with Tribal Organizations, Counties, Health Care, and Local Leaders." (Page 16)

"Goal 5:. ... Objective A: Tribal Organizations Expand Native American residents' and Tribal Organizations' access to Older Americans Act programs and services provided through the OAA. Key Strategies: Partner with one or more Tribal Organizations to develop and provide training...in support of culturally competent partnerships and service delivery with and for older Native Americans. Establish connections and collaborate with other governmental Tribal Organization liaisons based in the Governor's Office...Expand CDA's outreach to and information from Tribal Organizations...Assist in facilitating discussions and partnerships between AAAs and Tribal Organizations..." (Page 26)

"Section 306 B (1)(3) An area agency on aging, in cooperation with...tribal organizations...may make recommendations to government officials in the planning and service area and the State, on actions determined by the area agency to build the capacity..." (Page 40)

Section 307(a)(21).....Response: CDA will continue to identify opportunities and strategies to increase Older Native Americans' access to programs and benefits. To improve coordination between AAAs and tribal organizations, CDA will partner with tribal organizations to provide training for AAA staff on Native American culture and work to foster relationships between AAAs and local tribal organizations...At the local level, AAAs will...better identify the needs of older Native Americans. AAAs are encouraged to partner with local tribal organizations to establish coordinated activities, such as congregate and home-delivered meals and nutrition education." (Page 54)

¹⁸ California Older Americans Act State Plan on Aging. California Department of Aging (2021). https://www.advancingstates.org/sites/nasuad/files/u34287/California-2021-25 OAA State Plan FINAL.pdf

Master Plan for Aging, Third MPA Annual Report, January 2024¹⁹

Document Length: 30 Pages

"...our Administration remains committed to a California for All, inclusive of...ethnicity, language, culture,...gender, sexual orientation, income, and geography." (Page 3)

"Leading with Equity Embracing the diversity of California's population — both the strong and varied cultural traditions around aging as well as the need to address life-long disparities and inequities faced by...Indigenous...Californians...We are proud of our efforts to embed and uplift equity throughout all Five Bold Goals of the MPA..." (Page 9)

"In consultation with stakeholders, CDA is developing an MPA Equity Framework to define a consistent set of demographic measures, quantify equity-related issues, and track equity-related progress over time." (Page 10)

"CDA's first equity officer, as well as the department's first tribal affairs manager, continue to provide leadership on behalf of the MPA, participating in cross-agency cabinet convenings with the governor's state equity officer, the governor's tribal affairs secretary, and the California Health and Human Services Agency's (CalHHS) equity officer to elevate equity for older adults, people with disabilities, and caregivers." (Page 10)

California's Master Plan on Aging 2023-2024 Initiatives²⁰

Document Length: 18 Pages

"Goal 1: Housing for All Ages and Stages, Strategy C, Initiative 12: Partner with and incentivize community-based groups, including tribal elder councils..." (Page 5)

"Goal 3: Equity and Inclusion, Not Isolation, Strategy B, Initiative 58: Expand broadband infrastructure, including both middle and last mile, and leverage new federal funds to facilitate digital literacy training for...tribal communities." (Page 12)

"Goal 4: Friends and Family Caregivers, Strategy A, Initiative 79: Partner with the Caregiver Resource Centers, Area Agencies on Aging, and providers of services under Title IIIE of the Older Americans Act to ensure family caregiver assessments track equity metrics, focusing on reaching ...Indigenous...caregivers..." (Page 15)

¹⁹ California Department of Aging . (2024, January 25). Master Plan for Aging Third MPA Annual Report . https://aging.ca.gov/download.ashx?IE0rcNUV0zbz6v8vpnK7KQ=%3D

²⁰California's Master Plan For Aging 2023-24 Initiatives. California Department of Aging . (2023). https://servingseniors.org/what-we-do/programs-services/homelessness-and-housing-initiative---needs-assessment.ht ml

IDAHO²¹

Senior Service State Plan for Idaho 10/01/2020 - 09/30/2024 Document Length: 255 Pages

"Goal: Investing in Healthy Aging...Congregate Meals...F. Collaborate with the Tribes to include meal sites as a focal point...collaborate with Idaho's Tribe to identify opportunities to share OAA and State program information through meal-site focal points...2. Annually, distribute performance report to the Tribes, ICOA Commissioners and AAA Advisory Committees in November identifying activities/coordination completed for the year." (Page 11)

Opportunities for Coordination & Collaboration:...Shoshone Bannock Tribe..." (Page 13)

"Goal: Preventing Institutionalization...Discretionary Grant: Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act...b. Coordinate with Idaho's Tribes and minority groups to develop culture specific materials to help identify beneficiaries. 1. Track outreach and education activities to Tribes and minorities. ACL-Focus Area A1." (Page 30)

"Goal: Preserving Rights and Safety...State and Local Ombudsman...Strategies: ...C. Increase Ombudsman advocacy with Native Americans in long-term and residential care. Outcomes: 1. Collaborate with local Ombudsmen and tribal representatives to develop a statewide Native American volunteer-based visitation program." (Page 31)

"Goal: Preserving Rights and Safety...Adult Protective Services...Strategies: ...F. Increase APS advocacy for vulnerable Native American adults. 1. Collaborate with Idaho's Tribes to determine effective methods supporting APS investigations and prevention activities." (Page 33)

"Idaho has six Planning and Services Areas (PSAs). Four of these PSAs have Tribal Organizations...The Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs) coordinate with the respective Native American Organization in their PSA and include them in the development of their local Older Americans Act (OAA) area and emergency preparedness plans...representatives from the Shoshone-Bannock Tribe participated as an ongoing strategic partner to identify opportunities to coordinate and collaborate on aging issues." (Page 66)

"ICOA works together with Tribal representatives in the following committees: Assistive Technology Committee, the State Independent Living Council and the Idaho Suicide Prevention Council." (Page 66)

²¹ *Idaho Commission on Aging*. (2020, June 10). Senior Services State Plan for Idaho. https://www.advancingstates.org/sites/nasuad/files/u34287/Idaho-2020-2024-Senior-Services-State-Plan.pdf

NEVADA²²

Nevada State Plan for Aging 10/01/2021 - 09/30/2024 Document Length: 46 Pages

"The Nevada Department of Health and Human Services is committed to partnering with the 27 Tribes within the State of Nevada...The Division Tribal Liaison works with tribal senior service directors and social service programs to provide education about our services, while also helping to gather information on the specific needs of tribal members...efforts culminated in a Nevada Tribal Summit on Brain Health and Dementia with 14 different Nevada Tribes being represented. The Dementia Friendly Nevada group continues to work with the tribes. In addition, these efforts have opened conversations with other ADSD programs and services with tribal representatives." (Page 3)

"The Division will continue to visit, educate and build relationships with tribal communities and leaders to increase access to services that promote independent, healthy living among tribal members." (Page 4)

Goal 3: Lead efforts to strengthen equity in service delivery throughout Nevada for targeted populations through collaborations and networking. Objective 3.1 Increase efforts to promote cultural awareness and inclusion of underrepresented populations (...American Indian/Alaskan Natives...)...Strategy 3.1b Seek and support partnerships to increase access of services by American Indian/Alaska Natives and Minorities. Strategy 3.1c Provide cultural competency training to ADSD staff and community partners at least once each year...Measures: 3.a Number of tribal members accessing services each year..."(Page 12)

"...ADSD participates on quarterly Tribal Consultations, to learn of challenges experienced by Nevada tribes relevant to tribal elders service need and access issues. These challenges are either addressed during the Consultation or brought back to ADSD for problem solving with staff and follow-up action. The consultations are also an opportunity to share information with the tribes about activities of ADSD." (Page 38)

²² Nevada Aging and Disability Services Division. (2022). Nevada State Plan For Aging. https://www.advancingstates.org/sites/nasuad/files/u34287/NV State Plan or Aging-2021-2024.pdf

NORTH CAROLINA²³

AdvaNCing Equity in Aging: A Collaborative Strategy for NC 10/01/2023 - 09/30/2027 Document Length: 236 Pages

"Objective 6.2 Foster equity and inclusion across multiple structurally excluded and inadequately represented populations of greatest social and economic need and their community networks Strategy 2: In collaboration with the AAAs, make long-term investments in native community-based infrastructure with grants, contract services, technical assistance, and other targeted resources to support the social and healthcare needs of older adults and their family caregivers. Performance Measures: Annually, track the number of grants and resources explored to support native community-based infrastructures. By June 2027, evaluate the number of successful native community-based infrastructure investments made." (Page 84)

"Objective 6.2...Strategy 3: Collaborate and provide technical assistance to Native Americans and advocates in their communities to promote access to available services. Performance Measures: Annually, provide a minimum of two technical assistance training sessions to Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (ECBI) and Lumbee Tribe staff. Annually, collaborate with the Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs) to compile a list of services that encourage participation among Native Americans. Annually, track the number of minority individuals served in ARMS and continue increasing the proportion of minority individually served." (Page 85)

"Section 307(a)(21) RESPONSE:...The Southwestern Commission Area Agency on Aging (Region A) has a close, working relationship with the Eastern Band of the Cherokee." (Page 50)

"The division and AAA reach the tribes and other non-federally recognized tribes through outreach efforts...NC will ensure inclusion of diverse cultures and abilities in all aspects of the aging and adult service network. This includes activities with Native Americans. The division also provides demographic data on American Indians in each of the 100 counties to AAAs for outreach." (Page 50)

"It is critical that:...All sectors of the national aging services network and other professionals become full participants in coordinated preparedness and response planning between Federal, State, Tribal, and local governments, as well as the private, voluntary, and faith based sectors." (Page 206)

"North Carolina Regional or County Government...EBCI: Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians." (Page 228)

²³ North Carolina Department of Human Health and Services. (2023, June). *AdvaNCing Equity in Aging: a Collaborative Strategy for NC*.

All Ages, All Stages: A Roadmap for Aging and Living Well, North Carolina's Multisectoral Plan For Aging²⁴

Document Length: 48 Pages

"The three core tenets for MPA development: transparency and inclusion, equity, and person-centered planning." (Page 7)

The current available plan for North Carolina does not explicitly address American Indian and Alaska Native populations in its goals and participation. Instead, it highlights several age-friendly objectives that may indirectly affect these populations. These include home and community-based services (*Page 13*), family caregiver support (*Page 15*), community strengthening (*Page 17*), age-friendly initiatives (*Page 23*), long-term services (*28*), and workforce development (*Page 30*).

 $^{^{24}}$ NCDHHS. (2024, September 24). All Ages, All Stages NC A Roadmap for Aging and Living Well North Carolina's Multisectoral Plan .

https://www.ncdhhs.gov/news/press-releases/2024/09/24/all-ages-all-stages-nc-roadmap-aging-and-living-well-plankick off-event

MISSOURI²⁵

Missouri State Plan on Aging 10/01/2023 - 09/30/2027 Document Length: 157 Pages

"Outcome 6: Increase services to those with the greatest social need. Ensuring that those with the greatest social need receive the services and programs that will help them age safely requires Missouri's SUA and AAAs to look at service provision through an equity lens...The greatest social need includes many priority populations, such as:...American Indian, and Alaska Native older individuals..." (Page 25)

"6.1: By September 2025, each AAA will ensure that its needs assessment tools include data about...American Indian and Alaska Native older individuals...By September 2025, DHSS will conduct a statewide needs assessment of older adults, adults with disabilities, and caregivers...This assessment will include data about...American Indian and Alaska Native older individuals..." (Page 27)

"6.8: By September 2025, the ten AAAs will create and share a list of public education and outreach tools that can be used to reach older adults with the greatest social need, including...American Indian and Alaska Native older individuals." (Page 27)

"Section 307(a)(21)...Missouri does not operate an Older Americans Act Title VI grant.

However, all the AAAs provide services to eligible Native Americans and work with the local Native American Organizations wherever possible." (Page 54)

²⁵ Missouri Department of Health & Senior Services. (2023, May). *Missouri State Plan on Aging 2024-2027*. https://www.advancingstates.org/sites/nasuad/files/u34287/Missouri-state-plan-aging-2427.pdf

HAWAII²⁶

Hawai'i State Plan on Aging 10/01/2023 - 09/30/2027 Document Length: 46 Pages

"EOA received funding to partner with Papa Ola Lōkahi to develop the Native Hawaiian Road Map Navigating Impacts of Nā Ma'i Poina: Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias Among Native Hawaiians..." (Page 23)

Objective 3-2 Foster diversity, equity, and inclusion among the Aging Network including long-term services and supports for underserved and underrepresented populations statewide.

Strategies: 3.2.1 Collaborate with AAAs, medical community, academia, faith-based organizations, agencies serving Native Hawaiians, and other public and private sector entities to advance diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) initiatives. 3.2.2 Provide cultural humility training...3.2.3 Invest in annual DEI training to provide education and awareness..." (Page 36)

²⁶ Executive Office of Aging . (2023, June). *Hawai'i State Plan on Aging* . https://www.advancingstates.org/sites/nasuad/files/u34287/Hawaii-State-Plan-on-Aging-2023-2027..pdf

NEBRASKA27

Nebraska State Plan on Aging 10/01/2023 - 09/30/2027 Document Length: 135 Pages

"307(a)(21) Response...All of the AAAs provide support to tribal members who reside in their service areas and need services. Additionally, the SUA awarded a CARES Act grant to the Winnebago Tribe for in-home support to elders..." (Page 60)

307(a)(21) Response...Nebraska has 3 Reservations; all three are located in the Northeast Nebraska Area Agency on Aging service area. NENAAA...enjoys a good working relationship with the communities." (Page 60)

"Collaborating Organizations...Ponca Tribe of Nebraska." (Page 87)

"The SUA aims to ensure AAAs account for the preferences and cultural considerations for all nutrition services provided to older adults...The SUA...aims to assist AAAs in their efforts to reach older minority adults and Native American populations in smaller cities, towns, and rural areas. The SUA also recognizes the need to incorporate the promotion of nutrition assistance to low-income populations at the AAA level. This may include the promotion of 211 as well as SNAP. " (Page 95)

"Services for Native Americans Programs through Title VI are administered through four Nebraska Tribes; Omaha, Santee Sioux, Winnebago, and Ponca. Collectively these tribes offer home and community-based supportive services to Nebraska's older Native Americans, including nutrition services and support for family and informal caregivers...The SUA awarded the Winnebago Tribe a Public Health Workforce grant in 2022 with ARPA funding. This award will provide in-home services to Tribal members through 9/30/2024. The goal is to reach 85% of tribal elders in their homes." (Page 101)

"The Agency strives to collaborate with the Native American communities in order to support their initiatives and avoid duplication of services...The SUA is interested in collaborating with the Nebraska Indian Affairs Commission on efforts that will reduce the need for costly institutional care and medical interventions, will be responsive to the cultural diversity of Native American communities, and will represent important parts of the communities' comprehensive services." (Page 101)

 $^{^{27}}$ Department of Health and Human Services . (2022). Nebraska State Plan on Aging . https://www.advancingstates.org/sites/nasuad/files/u34287/Nebraska-State%20Plan%20FY24-27.pdf