

Sixth Annual

Coordinated

Leadership Conference

Seniors and Adults With Disabilities Advocating For Change

"Time For A Shift"

April 23-25, 2003

Hyatt Regency

Orange County



Hosted by:

California Association of Area Agencies on Aging

Partners:

California Department of Aging-AARP

California Foundation of Independent Living Centers

California Senior Legislature -California Commission on Aging

State Independent Living Council -Triple A Council of California

California Department of Rehabilitation-California Department of Mental Health

California Association of Caregiver Resource Centers

California Department of Health Services

PROGRAM AT A GLANCE

A conference to promote a coordinated advocacy and create a vision for the future. The conference features several Issue Sessions in preparation for implementation of an Olmstead plan. These sessions have been designed to encourage participation and discussion, and to facilitate the development of action steps.

Professionals, advocates and consumers are encouraged to attend the conference and play a leadership role in designing and building a mutual agenda that responds to the needs of older persons and adults with disabilities.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23, 2003

Registration 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Opening Session 1:30 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.
Issue Sessions 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Dinner 6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, APRIL 24, 2003

Continental Breakfast 7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.
Issue Sessions 9:00 a.m. - 11:30 p.m.
Lunch 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Issue Sessions 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
General Session 3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Reception 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, APRIL 26, 2002

Continental Breakfast 7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.
Report Out 8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
Closing Session 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

ADDITIONAL MEETINGS

TACC Executive Committee Meeting

Tuesday, April 22, 2003
6:00 pm-8:00 pm

TACC Membership Meeting

Wednesday, April 23, 2003
8:30 am-12:00 noon

Area Agency on Aging Planners Meeting

Wednesday, April 23, 2003
8:00 am-12:00 noon

AARP Legislative Advisory Team Meeting

Friday, April 25, 2003
12:00 noon-4:30 pm

CONFERENCE DETAILS

- Make your lodging reservations by calling the Orange County Hyatt Regency (800) 233-1234. Please refer to C4A. Special lodging rate of \$84.00 single or \$109 double, plus tax per night.
- Registration fee includes Wednesday dinner, Thursday continental breakfast, lunch, evening reception, and Friday continental breakfast.
- Scholarships are available - contact your local Area Agency on Aging for information. If you are applying for a scholarship, please make hotel reservations as soon as possible to ensure availability of lodging.
- The Hyatt Regency is located at 11999 Harbor Blvd., Garden Grove, CA 92840.
- Transportation to and from airports is available through Super Shuttle. Orange County Airport Super Shuttle can be reached at 1(714) 517-6600 and LAX Super Shuttle at 1(800) 258-3826
- For information call 916-443-2800 or California Relay at 1-800-735-2929 or visit our web-site at <http://www.c4aging.org>

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ISSUE SESSIONS

Multi-Cultural Implications

The session will discuss barriers that diverse communities will face when an Olmstead plan is implemented in California. What needs to be done to make sure that persons of color and different ethnic backgrounds are included. The panel will outline specific issues facing older persons and adults with disabilities of multicultural populations throughout the state. Workshop participants will then discuss ways to overcome barriers and create a picture of a new system of supportive services that will be easily accessible to all communities.

Meeting Transportation Needs

Transportation continues to be one of those unmet needs for older persons and those with disabilities, but do we know what we want? The issue is how to meet needs for today and the future. A panel of experts will discuss the challenges facing the senior and disabled transportation network, from the perspectives of riders and managers. What's required, and are needs being met? What challenges lie ahead, and how are successful systems preparing for that future?

Assistive Technology

If an Olmstead plan were enacted tomorrow what would California need to do to make sure that persons with disabilities of all ages have access to appropriate information, assessment, funding and training in using assistive technology to live in the setting of their choice? Representatives of the AT Network will describe what such a system should look like and bring examples of best practices in California. Participants will develop a list of action steps to ensure that future support services include assistive technology.

Perspectives on Information and Assistance Service

This issue session will explore a mutual agenda for providing information and assistance services in response to an Olmstead plan. An area agency on aging and an Independent Living Center will give an overview of how it is possible to work together in providing information and assistance service in a local community. Session will include a discussion on how to overcome differences and develop joint strategies that strengthen efforts in developing a long term care system in response to Olmstead.

California Mental Health and Olmstead

What are the California mental health issues related to Olmstead? This session will explore barriers in develop in community-based alternatives to institutional care. Alternatives will be presented and action steps developed to assure that mental health issues are addressed in implementing Olmstead.

Housing- A Basic Service

Most people agree that individuals seeking to return to community living from institutional care need a broad array of housing options. Others argue that this is the single most important need for the successful implementation of any Olmstead plan. Current federal, state and local housing programs may not be very helpful. The session will identify issues necessary for developing a statewide housing policy that responds to Olmstead. Participants will assume there are no current programs and brainstorm and prioritize what is needed to make housing a basic service.

ISSUE SESSIONS

In-Home Personal Services

What needs to be in place for personal assistance services to be effectively delivered and managed? Are new services being explored that would better meet individual needs, allowing persons options and the ability to remain in their home? Many new IHSS public authorities have been established throughout California in the past year. The session will look at the role of the public authority in setting direction for IHSS services and whether it is positioned to respond to an Olmstead plan.

Olmstead and the Role of the Caregiver

Central to the implementation of an Olmstead plan is the concept that individuals have the capacity and right to make decisions about living independently in the least restrictive environment. Cognitively impaired adults may not be fully able to participate in the development of their own care plan, requiring assistance from family members. Session will address the model of traditional caregiving within the overall design of Olmstead.

Bringing Together The Medical and Social Systems

The session will discuss the barriers and benefits of bringing the medical and social systems together as California implements the Olmstead plan. Presentation will discuss community-based social and health programs that promote living independently as well as managed care approaches. Participants will develop action steps for bringing these systems together.

SPECIAL EVENTS

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Josefina G. Carbonell,
Assistant Secretary
U.S. Administration on Aging

Lynn Daucher (invited)
California Assembly Member
Chair, Assembly Committee on
Aging and Long Term Care

Administration on Aging Town Hall Listening Session

C4A is pleased to host an AoA Listening Session in conjunction with this years Leadership Conference. AoA is conducting a series of local Town Hall Listening Sessions in 2003 to hear from older people, their families and caregivers, along with members of the Aging Services Network on the following critical issues:

- What can the Aging Services Network do to empower older people and their families to make informed decisions about their care options?
- How can we build upon the initial success of the National Family Caregiver Support Program and expand access to information, make services more consumer-friendly, and allow caregivers more choices?
- What innovations are occurring at the state and local level related to access and service delivery that could serve as models for other states and communities across the country?

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Full Registration \$195 Partial Registration \$120

If you require special accommodations, other than hotel accessibility, please notify C4A no later than 10 days prior to the event. Refunds will be made for cancellations before April 18, 2002

Registrations may be faxed to C4A at (916) 554-0111 or mailed. To pay registration fee please mail checks and registration form to: C4A, 980 Ninth Street, Suite 700B, Sacramento, CA 95814.

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