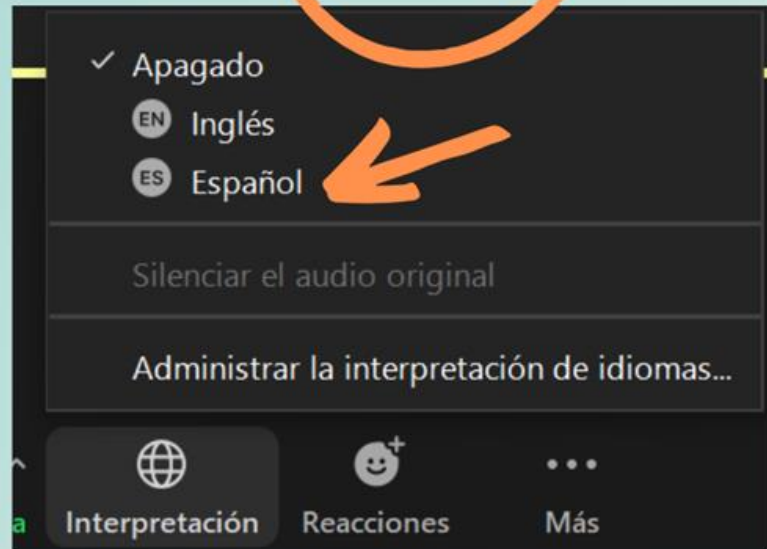


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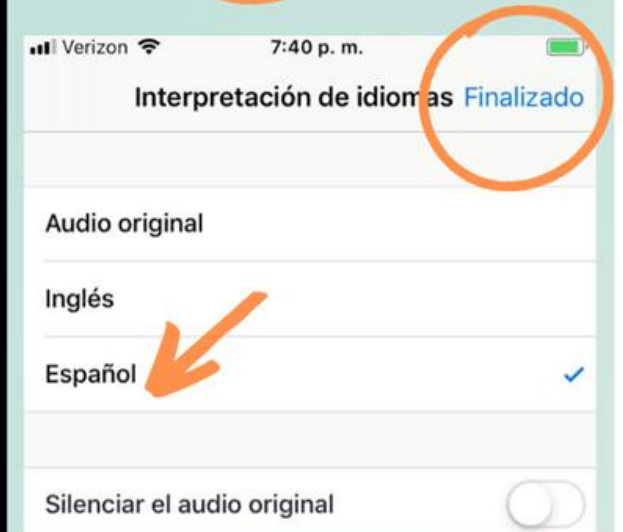
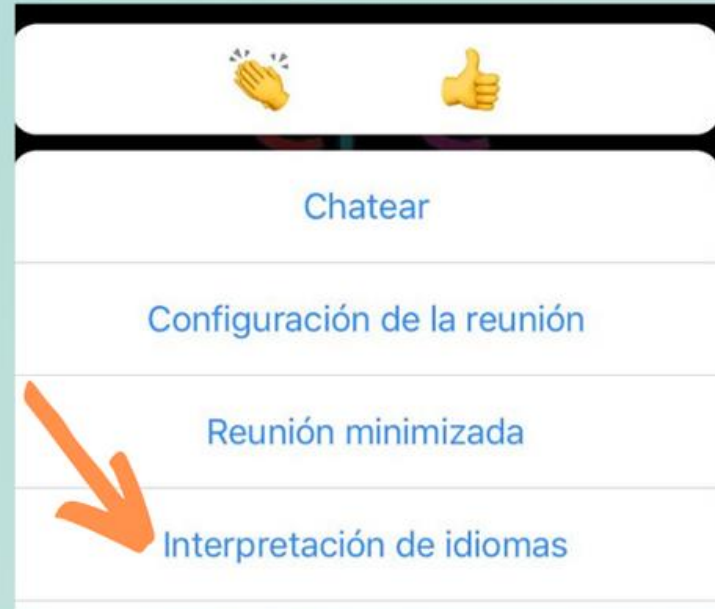
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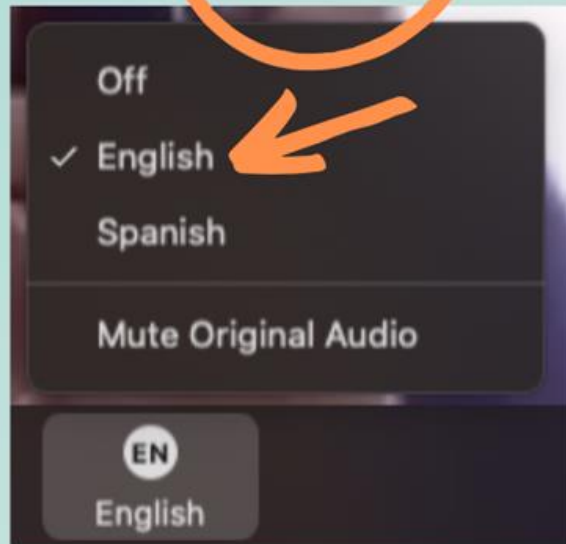
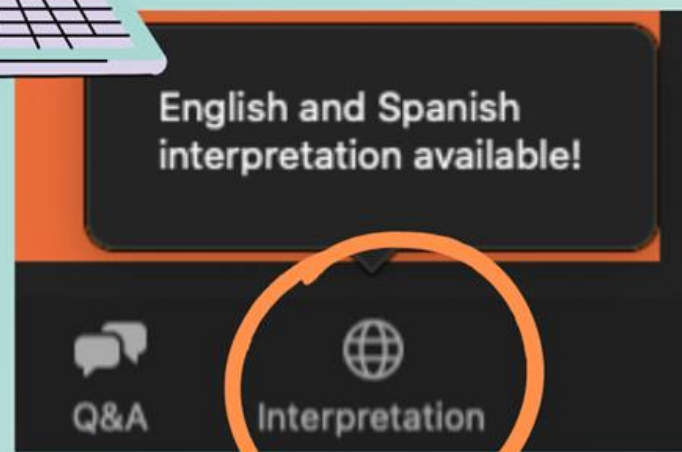


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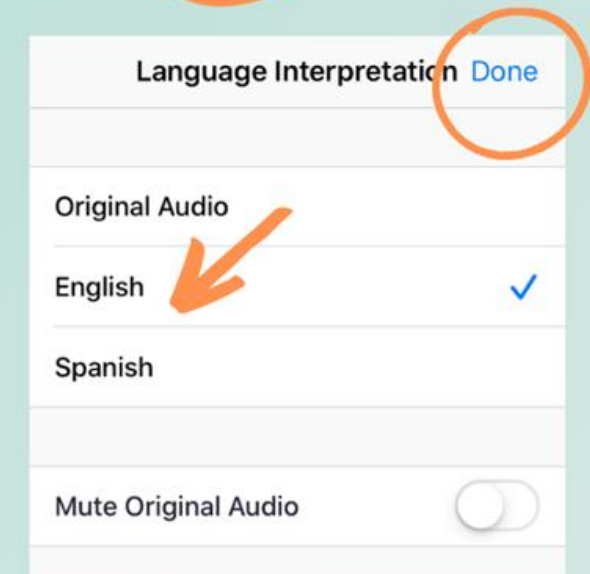
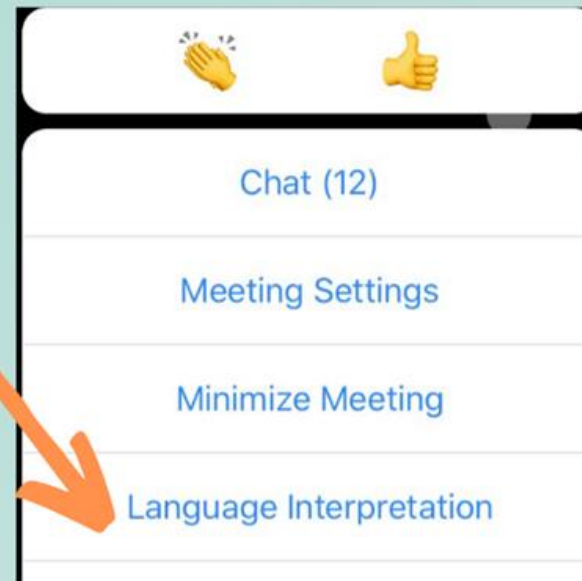
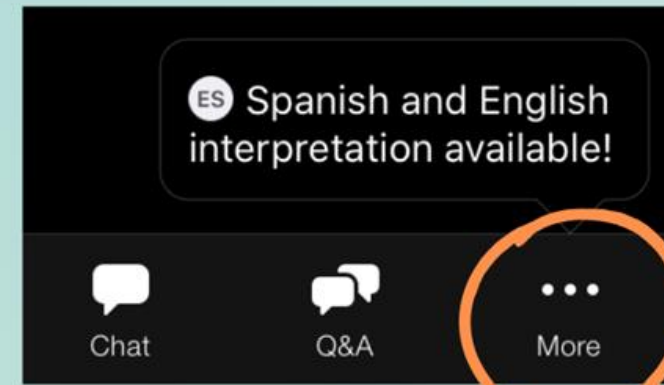


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Demystifying the Older Americans Act for People Living with HIV

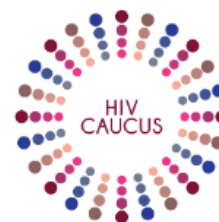
Part one of three of SAGE's Demystifying the Older Americans Act Webinar Series!



SAGE is the world's largest and oldest organization dedicated to improving the lives of LGBTQ+ elders.

Founded in 1978 and headquartered in New York City, SAGE is a national organization that offers supportive services and consumer resources to LGBTQ+ older people and their caregivers. SAGE also advocates for public policy changes that address the needs of LGBTQ+ elders, including people aging with HIV.

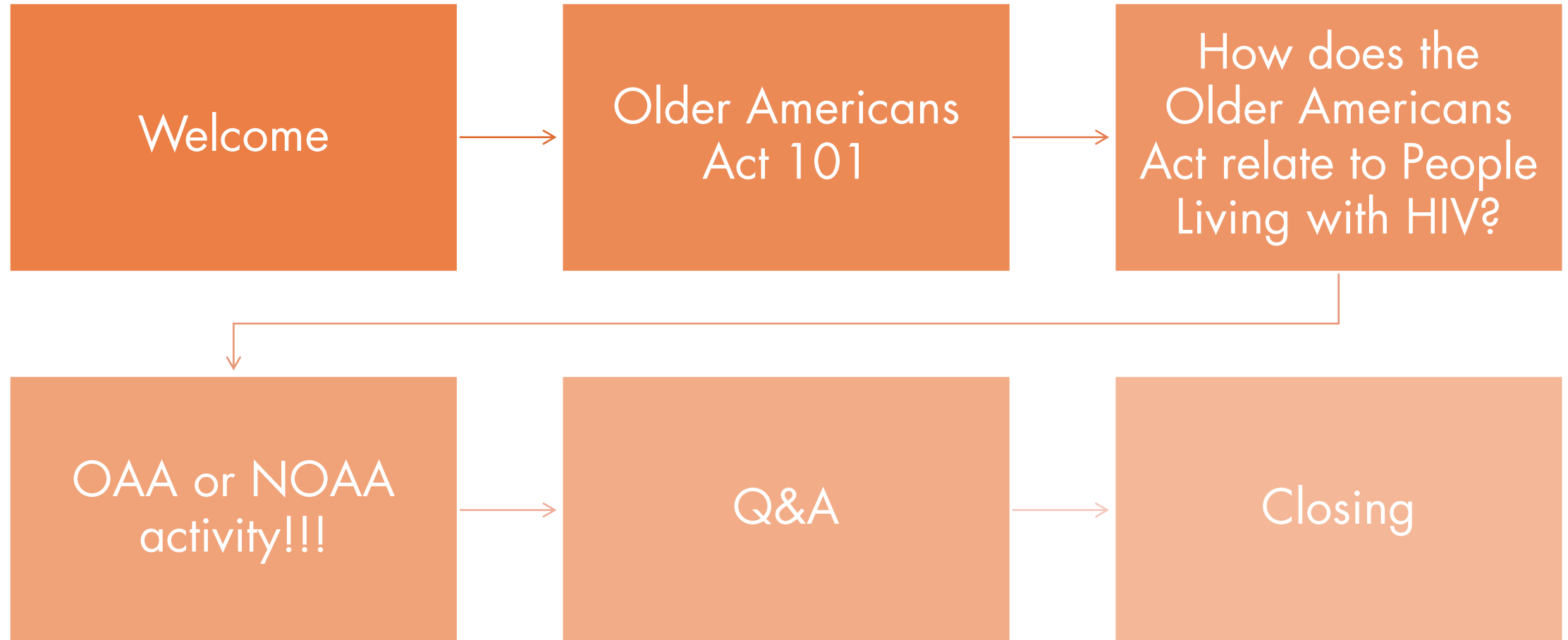
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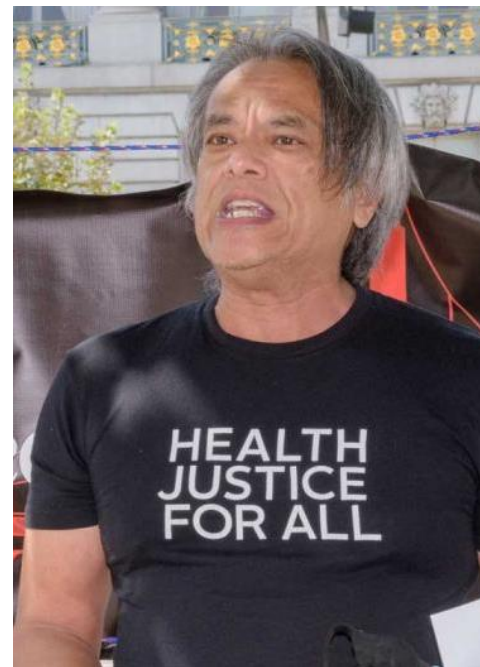
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Group Agreements and Norms

- Chat function closed
- Questions and Answers open
 - Use of Q&A – please note the person your question is directed to (ie E=Emma, V=Vince, A=Andrea, T=Terri)
- Language Justice
- Impact > Intent: The impact you have on others is more important than your intention.
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Webinar Team



Opening Remarks

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Older Americans Act

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SAGE

Key Words

Greatest Social Need

Title III of the Older Americans Act

The Aging Network

Area Agency on Aging (AAA)

State Unit on Aging

Federal Regulation/Final Rule

Administration for Community Living (ACL)

Its History: Signing It Into Law

- First signed in 1965 by President Johnson to establish community services for older people
- A part of his "Great Society Reforms"
- Established authority for grants to states for:
 - Community planning and social services
 - Research and development projects
 - Personnel training in the field of aging.



Its History: A New Aging Infrastructure



How is it funded?

ACL is funded through the Federal Budget

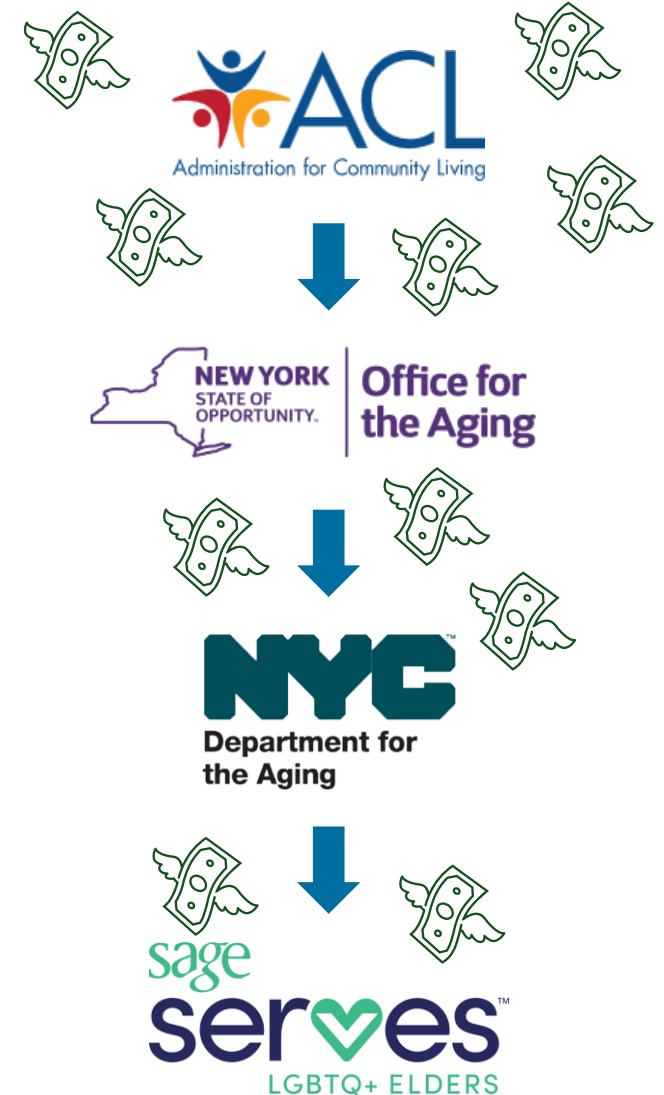
↳ It then distributes funds to the State Units on Aging

↳ The State Units are funded through that federal money, plus money from their state legislature

↳ The State Unit then distributes funds to their AAAs (Which are both publicly (by the government) and privately (by foundations/individuals) funded)

↳ The AAA then contracts out with service providers like Meals on Wheels and others

The OAA allows states to leverage additional funds, like state revenue, Medicaid, grants, and donations in support of their programs



What does it actually DO?

- Support older people as they live at home with independence for as long as possible – to prevent people from entering unwanted and cost-prohibitive institutional care
- Updated every four years
- Majority of programs only accessible to people 60+

Supports a wide array of services like...



Support for
caregivers



Transportation
and legal
assistance



Elder abuse
prevention



Benefits
enrollment help



Meal programs
and nutrition
assistance



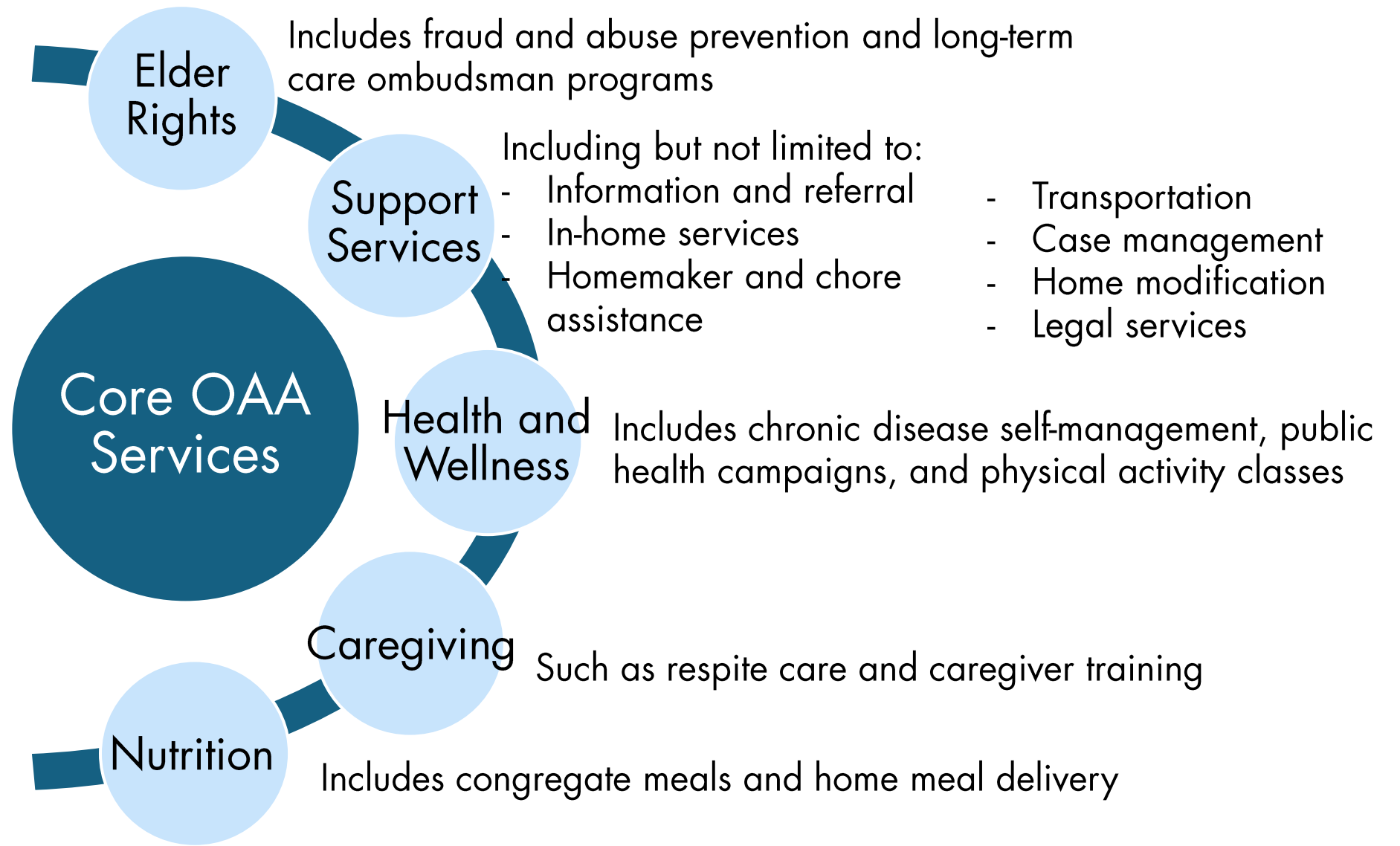
Job
training



Community
centers

Core Services

All AAAs provide 5 core services under the OAA—but some do more!



Its History: 2020 Reauthorization

- Most recent reauthorization of the OAA in 2020 requires that state and local departments of aging (state units on aging and area agencies on aging)...
 - Engage in outreach to LGBT older adults
 - Collect information on their needs
 - And collect information on if they are meeting those needs



Its History: 2024 Regulatory Update



Final Rule:

2024 Update to ACL's Older Americans Act Regulations

- The most recent update to the Regulations that guide the implementation of the OAA updated the definition of Greatest Social Need to include LGBTQ+ older people and older people living with HIV
- The regulations are ACL's interpretation of the law
- As states implement the OAA they should look to ACL's interpretation
- Serving people who have the greatest economic and greatest social need is one of the basic tenets of the OAA

2024 Reauthorization: Priorities

- Defining LGBTQ+ older people and older people living with HIV as populations of greatest social need in statute
- Add HIV to Routine Health Screening list
- Include HIV in list of chronic diseases under Evidence-Based Health Promotion Programs
- Updated definition of family to include families of choice
- Include and require coordination with Ryan White Programs and/or HIV case management
- Update definition of “older individual” to 40 for PLWH
- Establish Office of Sexual Health
- Cultural Competency Training Requirement
- National Plan in consultation with HRSA
- LGBTQ+ and HIV Long-Term Care Bill of Rights in coordination with CMS
- And more

People Aging with HIV

- In 2021, persons 50 years and older accounted for over 53% of all people living with HIV in the United States.
- By 2030, persons 50 years and older will account for 70% of all people living with HIV in the United States.
- More than 2% of new HIV diagnoses are made in people 65 and older.
- More than 1/3 of older people with new HIV diagnoses have AIDS.

Why Does This Matter?: Income Inequality

The issue

Major areas of concern for many older people living with HIV include food and housing insecurity and the management of finances and health care benefits.

The OAA program to help address it

Benefits enrollment centers that help people understand what public assistance they're eligible for, help them through enrolling, and more

Free and reduced meals at community centers and delivered to homebound elders

Why Does This Matter?: Social Isolation

The issue

Older people living with HIV are more likely to be socially isolated.

The OAA program to help address it

The OAA funds senior center programs like support groups, but not all senior centers have support groups specific for people living with HIV, who may not feel comfortable being public about living with HIV in certain spaces.

Why Does This Matter: Frailty

The issue

Older people living with HIV have higher rates of frailty and falls.

The OAA program to help address it

The OAA helps prevent falls through home modification, and exercise programs.

Why Does This Matter?: Stigma

The Issue

Stigmatizing beliefs and/or fear of stigma keep people from getting tested for HIV, getting linked to or having access to HIV care, staying in care, accessing medications, and taking their HIV medications correctly.

The OAA Program to Help Address it

Long-Term Care Ombudsman programs have volunteers and staff that oversee facilities, monitoring for abuse and neglect and distributing Know Your Rights guides to residents. These guides often don't mention HIV as a basis of discrimination; but if they did, more people would know what they're protected against, and staff would be aware of illegal actions.

Why Does This Matter?: Chronic Disease Self-Management

The Issue

Aging with HIV brings an increased risk of other health conditions, including cardiovascular disease, diabetes, renal disease, and cancer.

The OAA program to help address it

Chronic Disease Self-Management Education (CDSME) programs provide older adults and adults with disabilities with education and tools to help better manage chronic conditions such as diabetes, heart disease, arthritis, chronic pain, HIV, and depression.

- There are over 30 CDSME programs
- Most widely disseminated and available are the [Self-Management Resource Center](#) suite of programs

The Positive Self-Management Program (PSMP): Helps build confidence in ability to manage health, navigate medication adherence, and maintain active and fulfilling lives for people living with HIV

Older Americans Act & Older Adults Living with HIV

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The Older Americans Act & Older Adults Living With HIV

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Thank you for
your comments!

ACL Final Rule: Greatest social need

- People living with HIV cited in prior “State plan guidance”
- Now cited in regulations
- Affects all levels of Older Americans Act policy, funding, planning, and service delivery. **e.g. A BIG DEAL**

89 FR 11569 (Feb. 14, 2024)



State Plan on Aging

- Multi-year State blueprint for Older Americans Act services (§ 1321.27)
- Contains goals, objectives, strategies, outcomes/ performance measures
- Grounded in data
- Intrastate funding formula
- Details how greatest economic and social needs determined, defined.
- How advocacy & services provision targeted to greatest social need.
- Developed by State Unit on Aging consultation with:
 - Stakeholders
 - [Area Agencies on Aging](#)
 - [ACL Regional Administrators](#)



State plans due July, 2024

Alabama

Delaware

Idaho

Illinois

Maine

Nevada

Pennsylvania

Will attempt to comply with regs but many will need to submit amendments later.

State plans due July, 2025

California

Florida

Iowa

Kansas

Kentucky

Maryland

Wyoming

Massachusetts

New Jersey

New Mexico

Puerto Rico

South

Carolina

South

Dakota

Tennessee

West Virginia

Should be in compliance with regs by due date but may need to seek Corrective Action Plan for more time.



How do I find my State Unit & State Plan

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- Webinars
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Managed Long Term Services and Supports

National Core Indicators - Aging and Disabilities

National Information & Referral Support Center

HCBS Business Assurances

<http://www.advancingstates.org/initiatives/aging-policy-and-programs/map-state-plans-aging>



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Mission & Vision

Authorizing Statutes

Organization

Organizational Chart

Leadership

Regional Offices

History

Regional Support Centers serve as the focal point for the development, coordination, and administration of ACL programs and activities within [designated HHS regions](#).

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Region III: DC, DE, MD, PA, VA, WV



Oregon (2023-2026)



- **Objective:** Enhance data collection and program evaluation to be inclusive of all populations who are not currently adequately served by Oregon's aging system... including older adults living with HIV (HIV status will not be asked).
 - **Outcome:** Data used to improve inclusivity and availability of services.
- **Objective:** Strengthen Aging and Disability Resource Center capacity to reach older adults living with HIV/AIDS.
 - **Outcome:** Increased outreach to community and community leaders, training of staff, and utilization of OAA services by older adults living with HIV.



Missouri (2024-2027)



Photo of Missouri State Plan on Aging

Objective 1.9: By September 2025, Each AAA will have a referral process for community-based organizations and the Bureau of HIV, STD, and Hepatitis in DHSS to better serve older adults living with HIV/AIDS.

- **Outcome:** Referral process for older adults living with HIV/AIDS will be reviewed during biannual State Plan on Aging review meetings the ten AAAs until the strategy has been fully implemented (1.9).

Objective 1.10: By September 2026, DHSS will provide training to the ten AAAs about three evidence-based disease prevention and health promotion programs that have demonstrated efficacy in populations living with HIV/AIDS

- **Outcome:** Training about evidence-based programs for populations living with HIV/AIDS will be provided during at least one quarterly Highest Level Evidence-Based Programs call. Attendees will be tracked through WebEx. The recording, training materials, and additional information will be available through www.box.com (1.10).



What is an Area Plan on Aging?

- Similar to a State plan but at the regional level
- Covers distinct planning and service area
- Submitted to, and approved by, State Unit on Aging
- May include both federal (OAA) and State requirements
- Two, three or four year period
- There may be individual Area plan guidance from States
- Must take into account stakeholders and advisory council (§ 1321.63) input with focus on those in greatest economic and social need (§ 1321.65(b)(4) and (a)(4)) **including people with HIV.**



Welcome to the Eldercare Locator, a public service of the U.S. Administration on Aging connecting you to services for older adults and their families. You can also reach us at [1-800-677-1116](tel:1-800-677-1116).



Example → Detroit, Michigan AAA

“Currently a DAAA team member sits on the Southeast Michigan HIV and AIDS Council (SEMHAC).

The Agency is also implementing a Food & Friendship Connections in collaboration with partners from the LGBTQ+ community.

The screenshot shows the Detroit Area Agency on Aging website. The header includes the agency logo and navigation links: ABOUT, NEWS, AREAS WE SERVE, EVENTS, HOW TO GIVE, COVID-19, and IHC TASKFORCE. Below the header, there are dropdown menus for Information & Assistance, Nutrition Services, Health & Wellness, Long-Term Care, and Programs. The main content area features the text: "Food & Friendship Connections helps older adults connect to peer support groups, nutrition services, networking opportunities, and additional resources to support general health & wellness." Below this is a section titled "ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS" with a bulleted list: "Must be at least 55 years of age", "Residents of DAAA Service Area", and "Verified HIV+ Status". To the right of the text is the logo for "FOOD & FRIENDSHIP Connections", where "FOOD" is in large red letters, "& FRIENDSHIP" is in smaller orange letters, and "Connections" is in a green script font.



Area Plan Planning or State Plan Planning



Timing Cycles



**Desired Impact or
Scope**



**Area Plan \leftrightarrow State
Plan Inform Each Other**



**State vs. Local and
Regional Differences**



How to keep up to date....



Program and Policy Areas

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Data, Research & Issues ▾

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Webinar June 27, 2024, at 2 ET on State plans, Area plans, and Intrastate Funding Formulas.

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Strengthening the system that helps millions age in place

Our world has changed dramatically in the 36 years that have passed since the last substantial update to the regulations for most of ACL's Older Americans Act Programs in 1988. The population of older adults

Back to Basics Webinar Series

- **Webinar #1 Stewardship, Oversight, and Advocacy Responsibilities:** [Webinar recording](#) [☞], [Video Recording \(with ASL\)](#) [☞], [Slides](#)
- **Webinar #2 Fiscal Policies and Procedures:** [Webinar recording](#) [☞], [Webinar recording \(with ASL\)](#) [☞], [Slides \(coming soon\)](#)
- **Webinar #3 Title III-VI Coordination:** May 23, 2024, 3:00 PM Eastern Time
- **Additional planned webinar topics:**
 - State Plans on Aging, Area Plans, and

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OAA or NOAA???

We'll give you a program...

And you tell us if it could be funded by the
OAA or not!

OAA or NOAA???

A Know Your Rights guide for people in long-term care distributed by a volunteer long-term care ombudsman

Medicare

A weekly support group for people 60+ living with HIV at a senior center

Assistance in making your home more accessible as you age through modifications and repairs

Social Security benefits

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Question & Answer



Resources



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Additional information can be found on [ACL.gov/OAArule](https://acl.gov/OAArule).

Summary

With the release of the OAA final rule, ACL has achieved a significant milestone, one that will ensure the nation's growing population of older adults can continue to receive the services and supports they need to maintain their independence and quality of life. The last substantial update to most OAA program regulations was in 1988, and our world has changed dramatically in the 35 years since. The population of older adults has nearly doubled, and older adults are living longer than ever before. Their expectations for aging are different from those of earlier generations. Increased understanding of the impact of the social determinants of health is reshaping health care, as non-medical services that help people avoid hospitalization and institutional care – like those provided through OAA programs – are increasingly being incorporated into health care service delivery models. In addition, the OAA has been amended by Congress seven times since 1988.

One important aspect has not changed: older adults overwhelmingly want to continue to live independently, in the community – and nearly 95 percent of them do.

The final rule contains updates that reflect the needs of today's older adults, align the regulations to the current statute, address issues that have emerged since the last update, and clarify a number of requirements. The final rule aims to better support the national aging network that delivers OAA services and improve program

implementation, with the ultimate goal of better serving older adults.

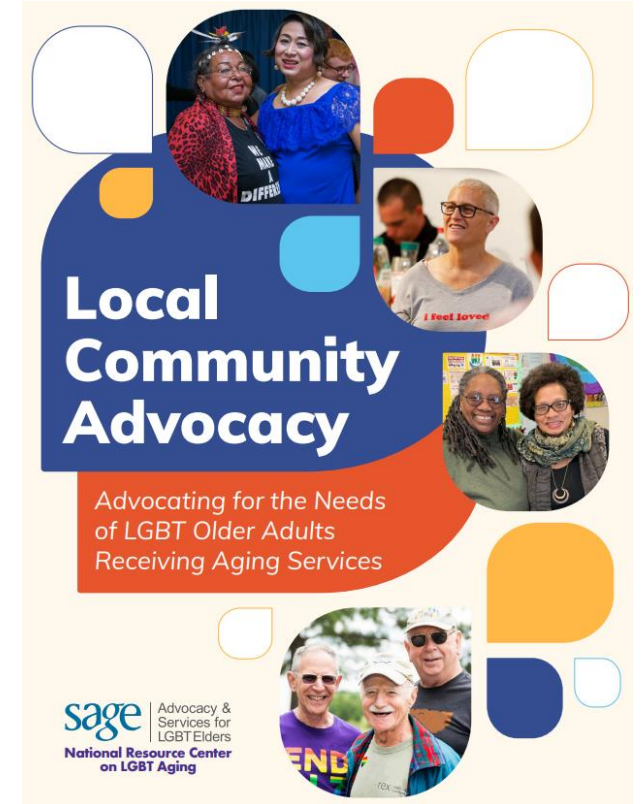
The final rule is the culmination of many years of engagement with the national aging network. It also reflects input received through a request for information (RFI) and a series of listening sessions, including consultations with tribes and other engagement with Native American grantees, as well as more than 780 comments received in response to the June 2023 Notice of Proposed Rule Making.

Key Provisions of the Final Rule

The final rule:


- Clarifies requirements for state and area plans on aging and details requirements for coordination among tribal, state and local programs.
- Improves consistency of definitions and operations between state and tribal OAA programs.
- Clarifies and strengthens provisions for meeting OAA requirements for prioritizing people with the greatest social and economic needs.
- Specifies the broad range of people who can receive services, how funds can be used, fiscal requirements, and other requirements that apply across programs.
- Clarifies required state and local agency policies and procedures. For example, the final rule establishes expectations regarding conflicts of interest.

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Community
Advocacy**

Advocating for the Needs
of LGBT Older Adults
Receiving Aging Services

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National Resource Center on LGBT Aging

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**HIV POLICY
IN THE
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**MEETING THE NEEDS OF
PEOPLE AGING WITH HIV**
ON THE PATH TO ENDING
THE HIV EPIDEMIC



<https://oneill.law.georgetown.edu/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/Meeting-the-Needs-of-People-Aging-with-HIV.pdf>

Call to Action

LGBTQ+ People and People Living with HIV have been fighting for equality our entire lives.

Now it's time to ensure we receive the care and support we deserve to age with independence, dignity and respect.

SIGN UP TODAY TO BECOME AN ADVOCATE FOR AN OAA THAT SERVES US ALL BY SCANNING THE QR CODE BELOW

THE OLDER AMERICANS ACT helps LGBTQ+ people and people living with HIV age with dignity and respect.



Join us for part two and three!

Demystifying the Older Americans Act for LGBTQ+ People: May 9th, 2024 at 3pm – 4:30pm ET

Empowering Activists to Advance an Older Americans Act for ALL: May 16, 2024 at 3pm – 4:30pm ET

Contact Us

Any lingering questions for SAGE staff?

Would you like to collaborate on a project with us?

Contact advocacy@sageusa.org to get in touch with our advocacy team or check out our website

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