

Soliciting Interest in a Multi-State Learning Collaborative on Creating a Master Plan for Aging

As the U.S. population gets older and increasingly diverse, state leaders and stakeholders recognize the need to conduct high-level, cross-sector planning efforts to ensure that the needs of older adults, people with disabilities, and family caregivers are met over the coming decade. A Master Plan for Aging is a cross-sector, state-led strategic planning resource that can help states transform the infrastructure and coordination of services for their rapidly aging population. It is a living document that:

- Provides a clear framework to plan for 10 years or more;
- Enables governors and/or legislative leaders to communicate a clear vision and priorities for their state;
- Guides state/county/local policy, public/private programs, and funding toward aging with dignity; and
- Reflects extensive input from the community, including people of all ages and abilities, actively considering the needs of populations facing racial and ethnic disparities in aging.

State Opportunity

In partnership with The SCAN Foundation and West Health, the Center for Health Care Strategies (CHCS) is exploring state interest in a multi-state learning collaborative to advance Master Plans for Aging (MPAs) in their state. The collaborative would potentially support up to ten states for a 12-month period. The effort *builds on* work underway in your states and localities to better serve older adults.

Benefits of the collaborative:

- Access to a set of peer states with which to share best practices and lessons learned.
- Access to a network of subject matter experts, including those who have helped implement an MPA.
- Technical assistance regarding how to build buy-in among stakeholders and/or facilitate a collaborative cross-sector development process.

Requirements of participation:

- Identification of a core team for learning collaborative participation.
- Development of a work plan to set goals and guide progress.
- Active participation in the learning collaborative, by contributing questions and ideas to the group.
- Dedication to making progress toward development and implementation of an MPA.
- Willingness to “pay it forward” by sharing lessons learned and discoveries with other states.

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KEY DATES AND NEXT STEPS

- **Jan 10, 2022:** CHCS will distribute a request for letters of intent. Respondents will be asked to provide information about: current efforts and progress toward achieving elements of an MPA; state leadership support for an MPA; commitment to full participation in the collaborative; and potential building blocks for focus.
- **Jan 2021:** Review the [Getting Started with a Master Plan for Aging](#) tool; discuss interest in participating in a multi-state collaborative with state leaders and stakeholders; lay the groundwork for your application, organize background materials; reach out to CHCS with questions.
- **Jan 31, 2022:** Letter of Intent due to CHCS
- **April 2022:** Commence learning collaborative (*tentative*)