

# Virtual Agenda

## 2023 HCBS Conference

**Please note: Times are subject to change.** *All times are in Eastern Time.*

**Please note: Sessions on Monday, August 28 are fully virtual. Sessions on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday are available as on-demand recordings.**

### Monday, August 28

Time	Summary
1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	<p><b>Plenary</b></p> <p><b>Alison Barkoff</b></p> <p>Acting Administrator and Assistant Secretary for Aging, ACL</p> <p><i>Livestreamed</i></p>
2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	<p><b>Sessions Begin</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How Can We Address the Direct Care Workforce Crisis? Comparative Effectiveness Research Can Help Us Decide What to Do</li> <li>• “But We’re Already Person-Centered”: Reflections and Lessons Learned from Utah’s Journey to Build a More Person-Centered System</li> <li>• No More Spend Down! Financial Empowerment for People Receiving State &amp; Federal Means-Tested Benefits Through the National ABLE Program</li> <li>• Exhausted? Caregiving Doesn’t Have to be So Hard!</li> </ul>

## Monday, August 28

Time	Summary
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• HCBS Settings Rule vs Guardianship – A Debate</li><li>• It's More Than Checking Boxes: State Data Collection &amp; the Power it Holds for People with Intellectual &amp; Developmental Disabilities</li><li>• Addressing Equity in Home and Community-Based Services for Medicare-Medicaid Beneficiaries</li></ul>
<b>3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Creating a Blueprint for Senior Care: Lessons Learned from the Kansas Senior Care Task Force</li><li>• Reaching More States: Advancing Alternatives to Guardianship Through Youth Leadership</li><li>• Financial Security for Caregivers: Practical Steps &amp; Policy Solutions</li><li>• Initiative for Long-COVID Collaboration – Kentucky Department for Aging &amp; Independent Living</li><li>• Everybody Wins! States and Assistive Technology Providers Partnering to Support More Individuals, Both Aging and Those With I/DD and ND</li></ul>

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4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• PA LIFE (PACE) Program Oversight through Data Standardization and Advanced Analytics</li><li>• Advancing Health Equity Through Community Transportation Services</li><li>• Breaking Barriers: A Look into the World of Disability Healthcare</li><li>• Community Care Corps: Harnessing the Power of Volunteers to Support Independent Living</li></ul>

Tuesday, August 29

Time	Summary
9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	<p><b>Sessions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Making MIPPA Work: Connecting Low-Income Clients to Benefits</li> <li>• <b>ADvancing States Session:</b> ADvancing Equity for LTSS Consumers</li> <li>• <b>ADvancing States Session:</b> Harnessing the Power of Connection to Promote Healthy Aging and Social Engagement</li> <li>• Everything, Everywhere, All at Once: Why We’re Studying Rates Comprehensively – and What We’ve Learned</li> <li>• Advancing Best Practices to Expand Access to Self-Direction</li> <li>• National Respite Care Workforce Recruitment and Training Program – Learn the Evaluation Results and How to Replicate in Your State!</li> <li>• Empowering Wellness: Strategies for Enhancing Home and Community-Based Services for Older Adults with HIV</li> <li>• <b>Innovation Session:</b> Pathways to Independence Leveraging Innovation to Drive a New Paradigm for HCBS, <i>Sponsored by Carebridge</i></li> </ul>
10:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.	<p><b>Sessions</b></p>

**Tuesday, August 29**

Time	Summary
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• So You Think You Can Stratify: A State’s Sampling Stratification Strategy</li> <li>• Workforce Development: An MCO Call to Action to Innovate, Invest and Collaborate</li> <li>• Enhancing Competency, Increasing Mobility, Improving Care: The Value of Statewide Home Care Training and Credentialing Systems</li> <li>• Beyond the APS Investigation: Prevention, Intervention and Harm Reduction</li> <li>• Master Plan to Building and Sustaining Provider Relationships: A State Director’s Guide</li> </ul>
11:45 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.	<b>Lunch (<i>Grubhub Credits Available for Virtual Attendees</i>)</b>
12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.	<b>Plenary</b> <b>Daniel Tsai, Deputy Administrator and Director of Center for Medicaid and CHIP Services</b> <i>Livestreamed</i>
2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	<b>Sessions Resume</b>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>ADvancing States Session:</b> You Had Me at “Notice of Proposed Rulemaking”: ADvancing States 2023 Public Policy Update</li> <li>• Keeping it Real: What On-The-Ground Support for Family Caregivers Looks Like</li> <li>• Frameworks for Transforming Long-Term Services &amp; Supports and Home and Community-Based Programs</li> <li>• Read My Lips “No New Technology”!</li> <li>• More Than Just A Ride – How Transportation and Companionship can Address the Social Determinants of Health</li> <li>• Becoming an Advocate for LGBTQ+ Older Adults as a State Employee</li> <li>• Maturation of CMS LTSS Expenditures &amp; Beneficiary Reporting</li> </ul>
<p>3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Sessions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>ADvancing States Session:</b> Road Trippin' Through the Hoosier State and the Importance of Stakeholder Engagement</li> <li>• EVV in Alaska: A Short Runway with a Simple Approach</li> <li>• <b>ADvancing States Session:</b> Put Me in COACH, I'm Ready to Play: Creating Stability During Unstable Times</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Employing Alternative Payment Methodologies to Support Workforce Development &amp; Retention Efforts</li> <li>Recruiting &amp; Retaining the Next Generation of HCBS Leaders: Important for your Organization, Critical for the People We Serve</li> <li>Adult Day Services: Rebounding from the Pandemic and Planning for the Future!</li> <li>Finding a Way Home: Creative Clinical &amp; Systemic Solutions to Support People with Disabilities &amp; Older Adults Experiencing Homelessness</li> <li>Value-Based Contracting in SDOH &amp; Informal Caregivers</li> </ul>

## Wednesday, August 30

Time	Summary
9:00 a.m.—11:30 a.m.	<b>Plenary – 2023 HCBSies: Celebrating the Star in Everyone</b> <i>Livestreamed</i>
12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.	<b>Sessions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>CMS Track (Encore session):</b> The Role of Person-Centered Planning in the Provision of HCBS</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Innovation Session:</b> The HCBS Quality Measure Set: A Blueprint to Comply with the Access Rule &amp; Raise Service Quality in Your State, <i>Sponsored by WellSky</i></li> <li>• <b>ADvancing States Session:</b> Lions, Tigers, and Payment to LRI, Oh My! A Case Study in State Approaches to Payment of Legally Responsible Individuals</li> <li>• Leveraging In-Home, Caregiver, and Social Supports in Medicare Advantage for Beneficiaries with LTSS Needs: State &amp; Plan Opportunities</li> <li>• Strategies that Work: Implementing Electronic Visit Verification in Self-Direction</li> <li>• When Being Good Just Isn't Enough: Reforming HCBS Programs to Better Support Caregivers</li> <li>• Show Me the Money – Making the Most of Multiple Funding Opportunities Including HCBS</li> </ul>
<p>1:15 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Sessions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>CMS Track: (Encore session)</b> Trends &amp; Processes for Unwinding 1915(c) Public Health Emergency (PHE) Flexibilities</li> <li>• <b>ADvancing States Session:</b> It's a Solution! States are Working Collaboratively to Address Direct Service Worker Goals</li> </ul>



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Time	Summary
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• "Oh, The Places We'll Go" to "Look Ma – No Hands!": Building Community, Expanding Capacity, Fostering Independence for Brighter Futures</li> <li>• Reframing Aging</li> <li>• Achieving HCBS Quality &amp; Scale: Accelerating the Capacity of Community Care Hubs to Support MLTSS with "Next Generation" Technology Application</li> <li>• Nursing Facilities: Creating a Pipeline to the Community</li> <li>• Leveraging Data &amp; Stakeholder Engagement to Identify &amp; Fill Gaps in HCBS Within &amp; Outside of Medicaid: Lessons from California.</li> </ul>

2:45 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.

**Sessions**

- **ADvancing States Session:** Using Better Data, Better: ADvancing interRAI Implementation Strategies Indiana, District of Columbia, and Rhode Island
- Redeterminations & Returning to "Normal": How to Support Individuals with LTSS Before, During, & After Their Medicaid Eligibility Redetermination

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Value Based Advancement in HCBS: Development of a Winning Shared Savings Program</li> <li>• Dot your “i’s”, cross your “t”: How “i”nnovative “t”echnology “i”ncreases “i”ndependence and “i”ntegration in HCBS</li> <li>• Health Equity and Hunger – Collaborative State Pathways Improving Community-Based Food Security, Health and Well-Being</li> <li>• Supporting and Retaining the Mature Caregiver in a Technological World</li> <li>• Expanding Eligibility for HCBS - Leveraging SMD 21-004 to Increase Accessibility of HCBS</li> <li>• Building an Internship from the Ground Up! One MCOs Journey to Creating a Paid Internship Program for People with Disabilities</li> </ul>
<p>4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>CMS Track: (Encore Session)</b> Direct Support Provider Retention &amp; Recruitment Strategies using Appendix K and Section 9817 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021</li> <li>• Small State Solutions to Big Problems: Evidence-based Solutions to Supporting Fee-For-Service Medicaid/Medicare</li> </ul>

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	<p>Recipients and Pre-Eligibles at Risk of Long-Term Institutionalization and The Life-Changing Impact of Community Health Workers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Speed Networking with Nutrition Innovation Grantees: Connect, Learn, &amp; Go!</li> <li>• <b>ADvancing States Session:</b> Data to Innovate, Inform, and Influence: How States are Using NCI-AD for HCBS &amp; DSW Policy &amp; Planning</li> <li>• Nursing Facilities: Creating a Pipeline to the Community</li> <li>• Addressing Complex BH Needs in Residential Care</li> <li>• Bringing the Best Ideas Forward—Two State Approaches to ARPA-Funded Innovation Competitive Grants</li> <li>• RAISE Up Actions to Support Family Caregivers</li> </ul>

## Thursday, August 31 - Intensives

Time	Summary
<p>9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Intensives – Recorded on Monday</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>CMS:</b> HCBS Settings: The Post Transition Landscape After nine years, the transition period associated with the HCBS settings regulation has ended. What does the national compliance picture look like, and</li> </ul>

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	<p>what work remains to be done? This intensive will highlight the progress made in the waning months of the transition period, the use of Corrective Action Plans to guide the additional work still underway, and the role of various stakeholders in sustaining the momentum required for systems change. Hear from federal partners CMS and ACL, along with state colleagues and others sharing successes and challenges.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> <p><b>Money Follows the Person Demonstration (MFP)</b></p> <p><b>Intensive:</b> New Requirements &amp; MFP Reporting</p> <p>Designed for MFP grantees and state partners only, this session will focus on new MFP requirements including the streamlined operational protocol, semi-annual report templates, and a review of the fundamentals of MFP work plan development, including designing state initiatives. The second half of the session will focus on the “nuts and bolts” of MFP and will provide technical assistance to MFP project directors on MFP budgets and reporting.</p> </li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> <p><b>Medicaid MLTSS</b></p> <p>This day-long session will focus intensively on managed long-term services and supports (MLTSS). The morning will highlight four states efforts to better integrate care across Medicaid and Medicare for dually-eligible individuals. The afternoon will</p> </li> </ul>

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	<p>include a presentation on Advancing States’ recent paper on addressing equity in LTSS programs, as well as discuss the proposed HCBS Access Rule and its impact on HCBS quality. The day will wrap up with a panel of State and health plan leaders talking about current challenges and successes in their MLTSS programs, as well as an opportunity for audience Q&amp;A.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> <p><b>Medicaid 101</b></p> <p>In this session you will learn a lot about Medicaid and how it works. The session will cover a history and overview of Medicaid, the different Medicaid eligibility options, Medicaid Long-Term Services and Supports (LTSS), Managed Care LTSS, Medicaid rebalancing, Medicaid financing and payment integrity and hot topics in Medicaid post-PHE. Be sure to attend this session if you want to learn more about Medicaid and the critical role it plays in the LTSS service arena.</p> </li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> <p><b>Aging and Disability 101</b></p> <p>Come one, come all! This year’s 2023 Aging &amp; Disability 101 Pre-Conference Intensive is jam-packed with great content, including a panel of state aging &amp; disability directors, a session on opportunities for the aging &amp; disability networks related to Medicaid Administrative Claiming, and</p> </li> </ul>

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	<p>essential overviews of critical programs serving older adults and individuals with disabilities from key players and national experts. This intensive is geared towards a 101 audience but aims to be informative for all levels of knowledge and experience.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> <b>Information and Referral/Assistance Intensive</b>                      Join ADvancing States’ National Information and Referral Support Center for the HCBS Conference’s I&amp;R/A Intensive to learn about resources, developments, and practices that can inform and strengthen consumer access systems, including Information &amp; Referral/Assistance services. Hear from your national partners to gather resources for I&amp;R/A practice and to enhance your insight into sector trends. Presenters will share the latest findings from the field with a focus on data as well as demographics. Strengthen your understanding of consumer-directed practices in Information and Referral. Learn about resources to promote elder justice and explore how to augment professional competency in this area. Engage with colleagues for conversation and problem solving.                 </li> </ul>
12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.	<p><b>Lunch (Grubhub)</b></p>
1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	<p><b>Intensives Resume</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> <b>CMS Intensive: Strategies and Resources to Address Housing and Workforce Challenges in HCBS</b> </li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Medicaid MLTSS</b></li> <li>• <b>Medicaid 101</b></li> <li>• <b>Aging and Disability 101</b></li> <li>• <b>Information and Referral/Assistance Intensive</b></li> </ul>
<p>9:15 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.</p>	<p><b>Sessions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>CMS Track: (<i>Encore Session</i>)</b> HCBS Settings: The Post Transition Landscape</li> <li>• <b>ADvancing States Session:</b> Evaluating the Impact and Value of ARPA HCBS Investments</li> <li>• We Belong Together: Oregon’s Roadmap Toward Creating Unified Reimbursement Rates for Co-Occurring Disorder Treatments</li> <li>• Bringing Smiles to Your Doorstep: The Vitality of Portable Dentistry for Adults with Special Needs and Home-Based Services</li> </ul>
<p>10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.</p>	<p><b>Sessions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>CMS Track: (<i>Encore session</i>)</b> Using Experience of Care Surveys to Advance Quality in HCBS</li> <li>• Specialized Telehealth-A Game Changer for the Disability Community</li> <li>• Paying for LTSS: How Can States Build New Financing Programs?</li> </ul>

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1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	<p data-bbox="639 384 886 415"><b>Intensives Resume</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="711 443 1211 590">• <b>CMS Intensive: Strategies and Resources to Address Housing and Workforce Challenges in HCBS</b></li> <li data-bbox="711 621 971 653">• <b>Medicaid MLTSS</b></li> <li data-bbox="711 684 932 716">• <b>Medicaid 101</b></li> <li data-bbox="711 747 1073 779">• <b>Aging and Disability 101</b></li> <li data-bbox="711 810 1146 888">• <b>Information and Referral/Assistance Intensive</b></li> </ul>

The following sessions are being recorded live during the HCBS Conference. You will receive a notification via the conference app when they become available for viewing.

- **Direct Service Workforce Intensive**
- **ACL Track:** OAA Updates from ACL
- **ACL Track:** HHS/DOL Listening Session: Care Executive Order Data Workgroup
- **ACL Track:** All Hands on Deck to Solve the Workforce Crisis
- **ACL Track:** Partnering to Increase SNAP Enrollment Access & Enrollment



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### Time

### Summary

- **ACL Track:** Ensuring Equity & Inclusion in SHIP, SMP & MIPPA Programs
- **ACL Track:** New Frontiers in Health Equity for People with Disabilities
- **ACL Track:** TLDR: The Inflation Reduction Act & Medicare Prescription Drugs
- **ACL Track:** Partnership Promising Practices: Lessons from FAI Ombudsman & SHIP Networks
- **ACL Track:** Advancing Equity Through State Plans Responsive to the Needs of People Aging with HIV
- **CMS Track:** The Role of Person-Centered Planning in the Provision of HCBS
- **ADvancing States Session:** CMS HCBS Quality Measure Set: Strengths, Challenges, and Alternatives
- **A Day, A Week, A Year, A Life – Family Caregivers on the Front Line**