

STRATEGIC PLAN

2025-2028





VISION

An age- and ability-inclusive California that empowers choice among all individuals.

MISSION

Lead California's aging network through future-focused planning, equitable programs, and collaborative partnerships that support older adults, people with disabilities, and caregivers.

VALUES

Person-Centered & Responsive

We prioritize Californians' needs and preferences, ensuring that our programs and services adapt and evolve.

Equity & Inclusivity

We advocate for all Californians to ensure equitable access to resources for aging well.

Leadership & Collaboration

We lead with a vision for the future and join with our diverse community partners to realize that vision.

Data-driven & Outcomes-based

We make decisions informed by evidence and commit to enhancing the effectiveness and reach of our programs and services.

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STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK



People and Populations

We will ensure older adults, people with disabilities, and caregivers can easily access the services and supports they need to thrive.



Performance

We will establish and enhance CDA's infrastructure and tools needed to deliver high-quality, efficient services and promote an inclusive culture. We will hold the Aging Network accountable for delivering high-quality services and communicate program outcomes to ensure transparency.



Partnerships

We will continue to develop, advance, and measure the Master Plan for Aging, ensuring that aging Californians benefit from innovative and integrated supports. We will strengthen our impact by partnering with others, leveraging their networks and resources to expand our reach to diverse and underserved populations.

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PEOPLE AND POPULATIONS

GOAL ONE

Improve availability, access, and awareness of programs and services

Objectives

Review and update Planning Service Area (PSA) and Area Agency on Aging (AAA) designation criteria and processes

Review and update the Intrastate Funding Formula (IFF)

Standardize a set of core AAA programs and services

Design California's Aging and Disability No Wrong Door (NWD) System

Increase awareness of the California Aging Network



PERFORMANCE

GOAL TWO

Improve CDA's administrative and operational performance

Objectives

Formalize staff training and development opportunities

Create efficiencies through new tools and policies, procedures, and contract clarifications

Improve internal and external communications

Establish collaborative processes to improve program monitoring and auditing

GOAL THREE

Monitor and communicate program performance

Objectives

Improve program data and analysis capabilities

Establish performance measures and a system for measurement

Share program performance results



PARTNERSHIPS

GOAL FOUR

Lead and advance the Master Plan for Aging (MPA)

Objectives

Partner across local, state and federal government sectors to advance Long-Term Services and Supports (LTSS) system change

Collaborate across public and private sectors to advance MPA initiatives

GOAL FIVE

Strengthen partnerships with key stakeholders to advance CDA's mission

Objectives

Establish strong linkages with tribal communities

Prioritize engagement with underserved and underrepresented communities

Collaborate with local, state, and federal partners to enhance programs and services for older adults, people with disabilities, and family caregivers





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