

The Administration for Community Living (ACL) invested \$4.4M in the No Wrong Door (NWD) Systems/Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRC) grantee network to expand the aging and disability networks' public health workforce. This initiative aims to increase the number of public health professionals within the ADRC/NWD System network to address the unique needs of people with disabilities and older adults.

Public health promotes and protects the health of people and the communities where they live, learn, work, and play. As the nation's visible and trusted network of programs, ADRC/NWD Systems provide a variety of services, including those related to public health. These networks have over 50 years of community experience and possess intimate knowledge of public health and other resources available and the needs of people with disabilities and older adults in their direct area.

Thirty-eight states and territories were funded under this program. The examples below are a snapshot of the innovative approaches grantees are taking to expand the public health workforce in their state or territory's ADRC/NWD System.

MAINE



- Enhance staffing at the Immigrant Resource Center of Maine to develop and strengthen contractual relationships between ethnic community-based organizations and the predominately white-led aging and disability network, including Maine's area agencies on aging and community action agencies

VERMONT



- Contracting with Age Well, an ADRC, to increase their capacity for providing care transitions from the hospital to a community-based setting

INDIANA

- Hiring an epidemiologist for driven decision-making, program development, and education materials
- Focusing on older adults and persons with disabilities' nutrition needs, and health and nutritional disparities in at-risk populations



MARYLAND

- Developing and launching a volunteer service opportunity for students entering into professions serving older adults
- Training the future workforce to better understand the needs of older adults



AMERICAN SAMOA



- Hiring two people with disabilities to develop accessible COVID and vaccine messaging
- Conducting inclusive interviews to capture messages, stories, and experiences to promote vaccine confidence and develop public health social media messages

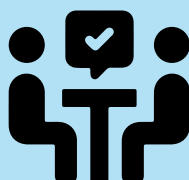
ILLINOIS



- Pooling resources with State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) and State Unit on Aging (SUA) funding to enhance the Public Health workforce in at least one county in all 13 service areas

IOWA

- Providing Options Counseling for homeless residents to share local resources, assist with applications and access safe and affordable housing
- Partnering with local hospitals to evaluate needs and provide referrals



Is your state or territory doing something innovative?
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