

ACL's Impact on the Social Determinants of Health

Client: Administration for Community Living

Overview

The Administration for Community Living's (ACL) mission is to "maximize the independence, well-being, and health of older adults, people with disabilities across their lifespan, and their families and caregivers." Central to many ACL programs is the concept of identifying and addressing an individual's social needs and a community's social determinants of health.

This study is designed to define the social risks, social needs, and social determinants of health that intersect with ACL programs; explain how ACL programs funded under the Older Americans Act (OAA) are addressing social determinants of health; and advise on how to measure the effectiveness of ACL programs in these areas.



The study design contains both qualitative and quantitative approaches. Insight will—

- Review the current literature on social determinants of health and social needs and their relationships with ACL services and target populations.
- Produce a compendium of OAA-funded ACL programs yielding detailed information on the programs and documenting their linkages to social determinants of health and social needs.
- Conduct key informant interviews to understand how specific OAA-funded programs are addressing social determinants of health and social needs and what information is being captured to track and measure outcomes.
- Build an approach for measuring the effectiveness of ACL programs on social determinants of health and social needs over time.

Products

Final report; series of short topical reports and briefs; literature review; compendium of ACL OAA-funded programs