

ADvancing States Announce Selection of States for ARPA Technical Assistance



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ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA - ADvancing States is pleased to announce that the following seven states have been selected to receive intensive, short-term, “quick strike” technical assistance under a program generously supported by The SCAN Foundation, The John A. Hartford Foundation, the Peterson Center on Healthcare, and the Milbank Memorial Fund:

- ❖ The District of Columbia
- ❖ Georgia
- ❖ Kentucky
- ❖ Louisiana
- ❖ Minnesota
- ❖ Nevada
- ❖ Wyoming

This project will provide State Medicaid programs with assistance to facilitate and expedite the implementation of states’ plans to expand, enhance and strengthen services for older adults and persons with disabilities using new Federal funds from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). Technical assistance will start with this cohort of states immediately.

The ARPA HCBS initiatives are extensive and require a significant amount of work and planning to implement. ADvancing States and our TA consultant partners – the National Association of State Directors of Developmental Disabilities Services, Halperin Butera Consulting, Riverstone Health Advisors and Ventech Solutions - represent some of the nation’s leading experts in HCBS policy and are excited to work with these seven states to improve services and supports for older adults, people with disabilities, and their caregivers. The project will run over a two-month period from now through early December of this year.

About ADvancing States

ADvancing States was founded in 1964 under the name National Association of State Units on Aging (NASUA). In 2019, the association changed its name to ADvancing States. Today, ADvancing States represents the nation’s 56 state and territorial agencies on aging and disabilities and long-term services and supports directors.

About The SCAN Foundation

The SCAN Foundation is an independent public charity dedicated to creating a society where older adults can access health and supportive services of their choosing to meet their needs. Our mission is to advance a coordinated and easily navigated system of high-quality services for older adults that preserve dignity and independence. Learn more at <https://www.thescanfoundation.org/> and [@TheSCANFndtn](https://twitter.com/TheSCANFndtn).

About The John A. Hartford Foundation

The John A. Hartford Foundation, based in New York City, is a private, nonpartisan, national philanthropy

dedicated to improving the care of older adults. The leader in the field of aging and health, the Foundation has three priority areas: creating age-friendly health systems, supporting family caregivers, and improving serious illness and end-of-life care. For more information, visit johnahartford.org and follow [@johnahartford](https://twitter.com/johnahartford).

About the Peterson Center on Healthcare

Established by the Peter G. Peterson Foundation in 2014, the [Peterson Center on Healthcare](http://petersoncenter.org) is a non-profit organization dedicated to making higher quality, more affordable healthcare a reality for all Americans. The organization is working to transform U.S. healthcare into a high-performance system by finding innovative solutions that improve quality and lower costs, and accelerating their adoption on a national scale, collaborating with stakeholders across the healthcare system, and engaging in grant-making, partnerships, and research.

About the Milbank Memorial Fund

The Milbank Memorial Fund is a nonpartisan foundation that aims to improve population health by connecting leaders with the best available evidence and experience. It does this work by:

- Identifying, informing, and inspiring current and future state health policy leaders to enhance their effectiveness
- Convening state health policy decision makers on issues they identify as important to population health, particularly in areas related to primary care, aging, and sustainable health care costs
- Publishing high-quality, evidence-based publications and *The Milbank Quarterly*, a peer-reviewed journal of population health and health policy