



BUILDING A CALIFORNIA FOR ALL AGES

The California Master Plan for Aging

OVERVIEW: A comprehensive roadmap to build a California for all ages was released by Governor Newsom in January, 2021! The [Master Plan for Aging](#) (MPA) provides a historic vision and ten-year action plan for addressing California’s rapidly changing demographics and the widespread system of inequities exacerbated during the COVID-19 pandemic. The plan reimagines housing and healthcare by 2030, while providing an immediate series of concrete actions to create a “California For All Ages.”

A STAKEHOLDER DRIVEN PROCESS: The MPA emerged from an extensive planning process led by the CA Department of Aging with widespread public and [stakeholder engagement](#). A broad coalition of stakeholders, including members of CCLTSS, met for 18 months to forge recommendations. These recommendations were turned into five bold goals, and 23 strategies to be implemented by 2030.

FIVE BOLD GOALS: emphasizing equity and inclusion, intergenerational impact, and opportunity for community involvement.

HOUSING FOR ALL AGES AND STAGES	HEALTH REIMAGINED	INCLUSION AND EQUITY, NOT ISOLATION	CAREGIVING THAT WORKS	AFFORDING AGING
<p>Target: Millions of new housing options to age well. As California gets older and the cost of living goes up, growing numbers of older adults and people with disabilities will need safe, affordable housing options for all ages and stages of life.</p>	<p>Target: Closing the equity gap and increasing life expectancy. Providing access and supports so that Californians can age with optimal health and quality of life at home in their communities.</p>	<p>Target: Increase life satisfaction as Californians age by offering lifelong opportunities for work, volunteering, engagement and leadership and protection from isolation, discrimination, abuse, neglect and exploitation.</p>	<p>Target: One million high-quality caregiving jobs. Bold actions are needed now to ensure we care for our care workers and help Californians through the rewards and challenges of caring for aging loved ones.</p>	<p>Target: Closing the equity gap and increasing elder economic sufficiency. Providing Californians with economic security for as long as they live.</p>

TAKING ACTION: Implementation is off to a quick start!

- **100 action-ready initiatives** to address issues exacerbated by the pandemic, from staffing shortages in skilled nursing facilities to a lack of broadband access, have been adopted by state agencies and are ready to be deployed.
- The [Master Plan for Aging Local Playbook](#) is available for local communities to build customized strategies on aging, disability and dementia. CCLTSS will support this work by convening Regional Master Plan for Aging Forums to identify priorities in communities throughout the state.

- **State Investment:** The Governor’s 2021-2022 [budget](#) included \$5 million for Master Plan for Aging leadership and operations; \$7.5 million and half-year funding of \$5 million next year, to expand ADRC, \$15 million for Alzheimer’s research, caregiver and provider training and educations, and \$17.5 million for senior nutrition.
- **Legislation:** 37 bills that align with the goals of the MPA were introduced in the California Legislature. A summary of bills can be found at [Justice in Aging](#). Tracking updates provided by CCLTSS can be found [here](#).

ACCOUNTABILITY: A publicly accessible, user-friendly Data Dashboard for Aging will measure progress on the execution of the Master Plan and will be regularly updated to advance Master Plan priorities over the next 10 years. Successful implementation of the MPA will require extensive coordination and regular communication with the public and stakeholders, including:

- The appointment of a Senior Advisor on Aging, Disability, and Alzheimer’s to advance cross-Cabinet initiatives and partnerships with stakeholders;
- Utilizing the Disability and Aging Community Living Advisory Committee to ensure inter-governmental and stakeholder coordination;
- Regular legislative hearings and oversight to track progress and support coordination;
- Leveraging federal funding to invest in a statewide system of LTSS;
- A continuation of the transparent communication and engagement forged in the successful development of the MPA.

IMPACT: The COVID-19 pandemic revealed the urgency of restructuring how we protect and support older adults and people with disabilities, particularly those living in low-income and disadvantaged communities. Members of the California Collaborative witnessed first-hand how lives are saved and supported through the network of home and community-based supports activated during the crisis. The MPA will expand access to these services for all Californians. We look forward to working with state and local leaders, our regional organizations and communities statewide to begin successful implementation of the MPA.

Together, we will build a better California for all ages!

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