

State of Connecticut **Department of Aging and Disability Services** State Unit on Aging

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Connecticut State Plan Development 2024-2027

The Department of Aging and Disability Services - State Unit on Aging (ADS-SUA) has begun planning activities for the development of the State Plan on Aging for the next three-years (2024-2027).

We anticipate your valued participation in the formulation of the new State Plan and would like your support in spreading the word in your communities as we are seeking increased community participation throughout the State Planning development cycle. Increased participation will allow us to obtain key information that will inform optimal planning of priorities for the state's longterm services and supports system for older adults and their caregivers. To this end, we seek input from consumers, caregivers, Area Agencies on Aging (AAA) as well as Connecticut residents who are recipients of Older Americans Act (OAA) services.

We plan to host **Community Listening Sessions** to present the draft goals for the State Plan in your region and would like to convene on days and times when members of the community are most likely to be present whether at a weekly event or scheduled program. Again, this will ensure maximum input into optimally planning for long-term supports and services that are needed in your communities.

The State Unit on Aging would like to work together to disseminate information regarding the dates for the Community Listening Sessions to encourage participation, as well as to field questions and support valuable participant input in this process. We appreciate your partnership as we respond to questions and concerns from the residents in your region to ensure these are reflected in the State Plan.

Finally, there will be a Community Survey distributed via email and hard copies on site to be completed by program participants.

We seek your support in the following:

- > Dissemination of information about the upcoming Community Listening Sessions inperson and virtually to present draft goals for the Connecticut State Plan on Aging.
- Assist with the dissemination of a Community Survey through appropriate channels to reach as many of your clients as possible for the purpose of collecting information about program support and services to older adults in your area.

Thank you for your valuable partnership and support as we embark on the development of another State Plan on Aging.