



Administration for Community Living

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services



*"Our goal is for all Americans to live healthier,
more prosperous, and more productive lives."*

- Secretary Kathleen Sebelius



*"For too long, too many Americans have faced the impossible choice between moving to an institution or living at home without the long-term services and supports they need. The goal of the new **Administration for Community Living** will be to help people with disabilities and older Americans live productive, satisfying lives." - Secretary Kathleen Sebelius*

Overview

- This new HHS Operating Division brings together the Administration on Aging (AoA), the Office on Disability (OD) and the Administration on Developmental Disabilities (ADD)
- This single agency is charged with developing policies and improving supports for seniors and people with disabilities.

Why Is This Important?

- The common interests of the aging and disability populations have been recognized at the local and state levels.
- The mechanisms for providing supports that facilitate community living have been brought together into agencies that serve both populations.
- Yet at the federal level, policy development, community outreach and program implementation related to aging and disability across the lifespan was fragmented across HHS.

Background

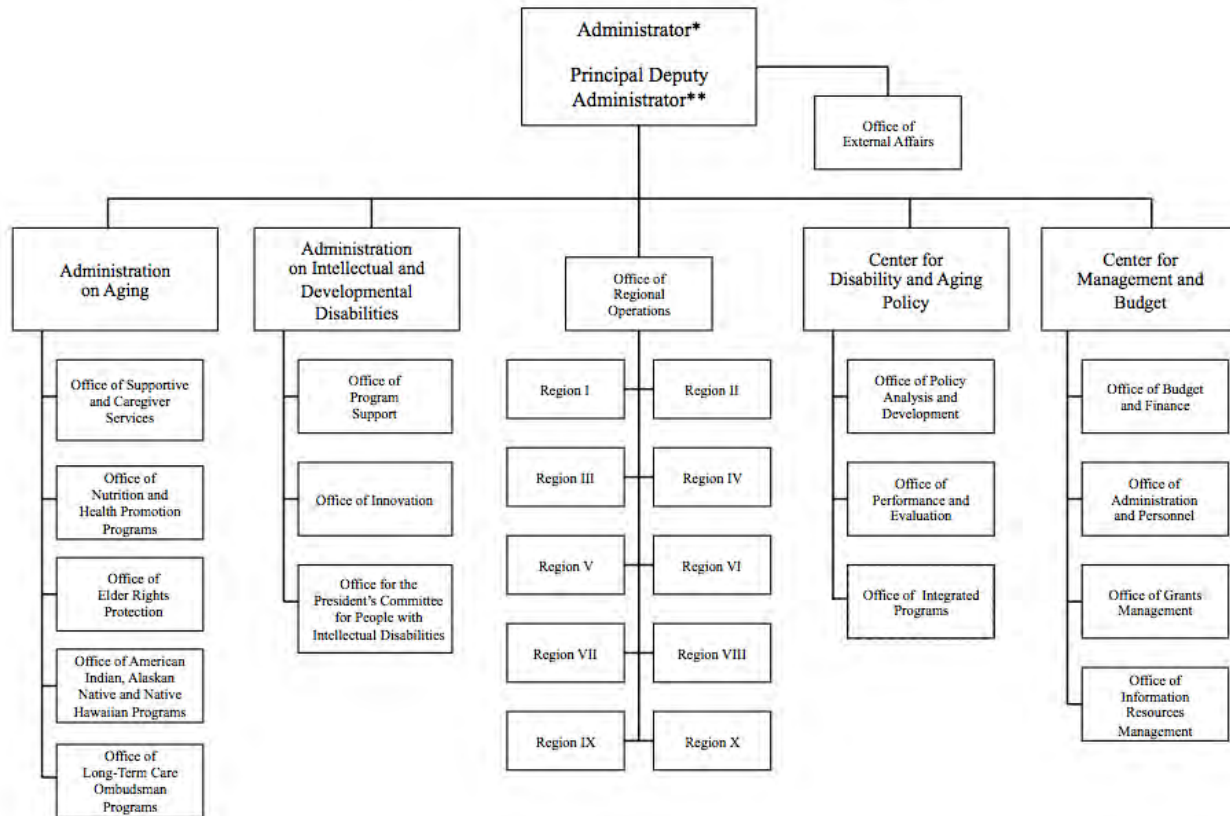
- In 2009, on the 10th anniversary of the Supreme Court's landmark Olmstead decision, President Obama announced *the Year of Community Living*.
- He directed the HHS and HUD Secretaries to work together to identify ways to improve access to housing, community supports, and independent living for people with disabilities.

Background

- In 2009 HHS Secretary Sebelius established an interagency Coordinating Council co-led by the Director of the Office on Disability and the Assistant Secretary on Aging.
- Through the Community Living initiative, stakeholders and states have been engaged, investments made to improve access to housing and critical long-term services and supports; increase in communities that have Aging and Disability Resource Centers and enhanced state participation in the Money Follows the Person program.

Organizational Structure

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