





UPDATE FROM THE OFFICE OF INDIAN ELDER AFFAIRS

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OVERVIEW

AGING & LONG-TERM SERVICES DEPARTMENT

- ALTSD was created in 2004 by the New Mexico State Legislature.
- ALTSD operates New Mexico's Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) and the State Ombudsman Program.
- ALTSD is also the designated state agency for Adult Protective Services, State Agency Unit on Aging, the Office of Indian Elder Affairs and is an active partner in New Mexico's Aging Network.

Though these divisions, ALTSD supports aging in place by providing services in homes and communities, establishes programs and offers resources to support caregivers, combat senior hunger, encourage healthy and productive aging, and build and sustain capabilities to meet emerging needs and challenges.


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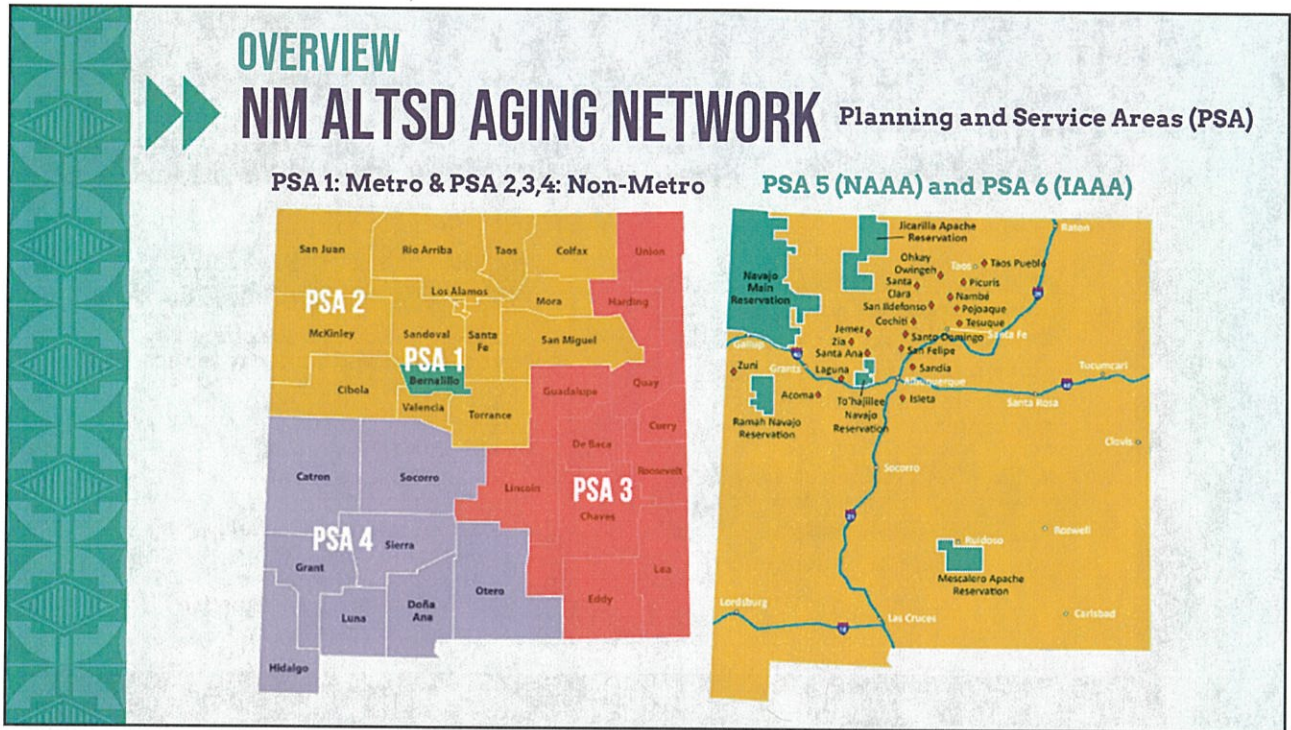


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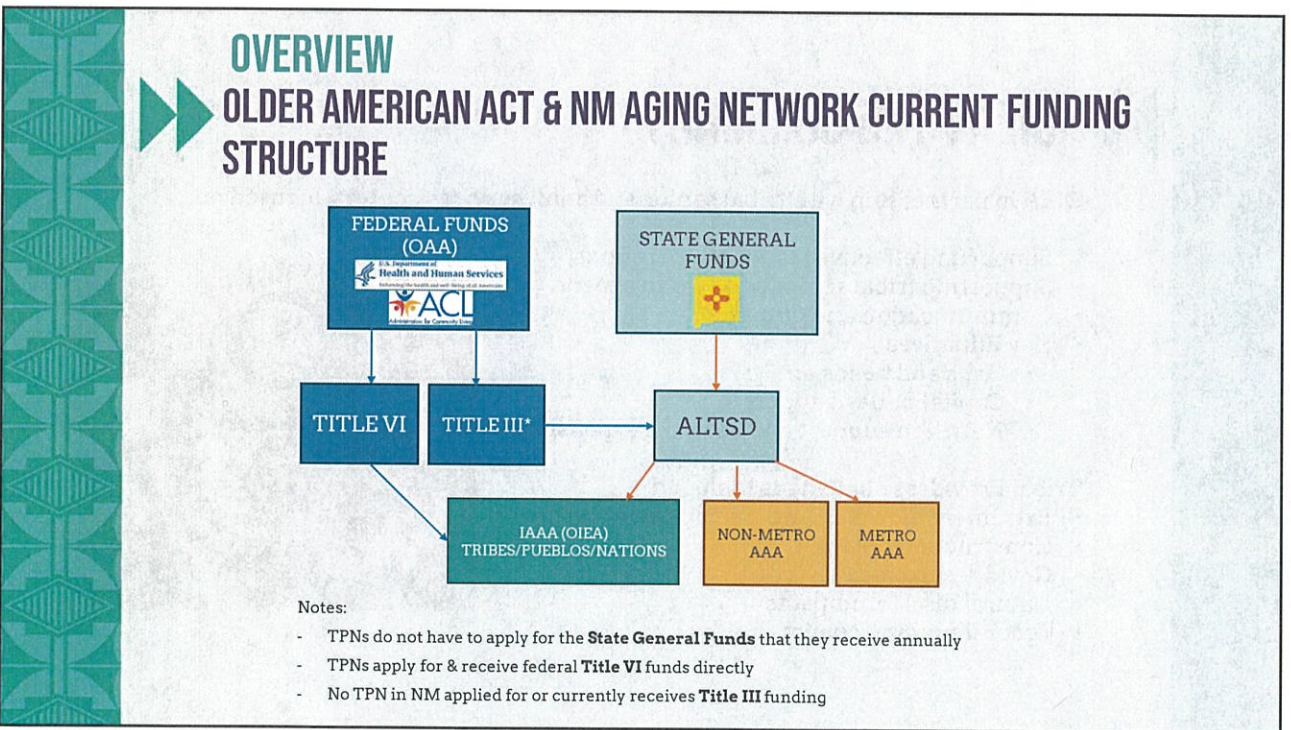
OVERVIEW **OLDER AMERICANS ACT STRUCTURE**



The Older Americans Act of 1965 (OAA) established a national network of federal, state, and local agencies to plan and provide services that help older adults to live independently in their homes and communities. This interconnected structure of agencies is known as the Aging Network and is headed by the Administration for Community Living (ACL) which is a federal agency within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services .



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▶ AGENCY TRIBAL COLLABORATION

Division highlights:

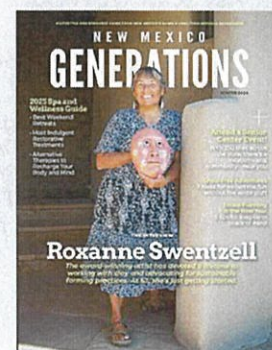
- **Capital Outlay**
 - During the 2025 legislative session, ALTSD was appropriated \$13,118,000 in capital outlay funding. Of this amount, \$1,346,589 was designated for TPN projects and SB425 reauthorized an additional \$4,863,523 for TPNs.
 - 9 applications from PSA 5 & 6 were added to ICIP for funding consideration in the 2026 legislative session
 - 5 projects will be funded from 2025's House Bill 450's \$10 Million appropriation.
 - PSA 5 = 1 project totaling \$24,000 and PSA 6= 4 projects totaling \$623,000
- **Consumer & Elder Rights Division**
 - State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) actively coordinates with OIEA and offers ongoing outreach to several regions, providing Medicare Savings Program application assistance, personalized counseling, open enrollment assistance, and educational presentations.

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▶ AGENCY TRIBAL COLLABORATION

Continued:

- **External Affairs**
 - Social media, outreach events, ALTSD's NM Generations magazine features, ALTSD newsletter & e-newsletters
- **Human Resources**
 - 100% of ALTSD's 201 employees completed the STCA "Cultural Competency Training"
- **Information Technology**
 - ALTSD has partnered with senior centers to install televisions that deliver educational, health-related, and community-building programming. As of June 30, 2025, every TPN senior center except Cudei (Shiprock/San Juan County), which is still under construction, has a Smart TV installed. Centers have the option to request specific information to be included in the content.



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OIEA FY25 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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1. Improved Communication & Outreach:

- Aging Network Division's (AND) Capital Outlay
 - Advanced announcements of application cycle
 - AND developed timeline calendar
- Office of the Secretary
 - Tribal Meetings and Center Visits
- Tribal Consultation: ALTSD actively solicited feedback and input from Tribes, Nations and Pueblos for the FY 2026-2029 ALTSD Draft State Plan.
 - May 7, 2025: Virtual Meeting - Mescalero
 - May 14, 2025: In-Person and Virtual Meeting - Albuquerque
 - May 16, 2025: In-Person Santa Fe
 - May 19, 2025: Virtual Meeting
 - June 25, 2025: In-Person Santa Fe

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OIEA FY25 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

2. Implemented Department and OIEA Initiatives

- Launched Gaps & Needs Analysis: AmeriCorps VISTA Project Identifying Tribal eldercare needs for supplemental services. This project strives to improve the quality of life for tribal elders through accurate data from tribal providers. From February through June of FY25, OIEA Special Projects Coordinator Antonella Harrison and AmeriCorps VISTA Member Julianna Wagner accomplished 16 site visits.

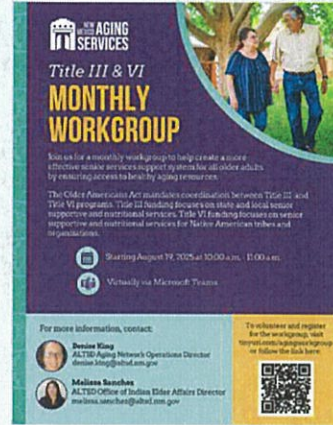


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OIEA FY25 GOALS & OBJECTIVES

1. Title III and Title VI Coordination:

- A workgroup of AAA providers is being formed to focus on enhancing coordination between Title III and Title VI programs.
 - The AAAs, IAAA and NAAA collaboration will benefit New Mexico seniors, tribal elders, and Tribal providers by creating a more effective senior services support system for all older adults.
 - Additionally, ALTSD and OIEA are working towards developing a more accessible Title III application and funding allocation process on behalf of Tribal Providers.



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2. Technical Assistance to Improve Senior Services

- Data Analyzation for the OIEA AmeriCorps VISTA Project: Tribal Provider gaps and needs will be identified in relation to tribal diversity of culture, language, landscape and community, thus illustrating the necessity of unique approaches specific to tribes.
- Training and Training Development. OIEA will continue to increase training, by equipping Tribal Provider and fiscal staff with tailored technical assistance, OIEA aims to support effective senior service provision, consumer data collection and successful expending of allocated funding.
- Develop OIEA 101: An Introduction to ALTSD, OIEA, and the Aging Network. Develop informational introductory presentations to be utilized for ALTSD department division collaborations, Tribal Provider staff and new hire training, annual appointed, or elected, Tribal Leadership & Administration orientation and stakeholder presentations.

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 GLORIETA CONFERENCE CENTER

Registration for the 47th Annual New Mexico Conference on Aging is now open through August 29.

This year's event will take place at the Glorieta Conference Center from September 23 – 25 and is presented by the Aging and Long-Term Services Department (ALTS) and the Anchorum Health Foundation.

This year's conference theme, "EngAGE as you Age," will focus on healthy aging and vibrant living. Attendees will have the opportunity to engage in informative sessions, recreational activities, and get connected with important resources.

Registration cost is \$40 and includes:

- Access to all keynote presentations, breakout sessions and panels.
- Entry to the resource expo.
- Breakfast, lunch and snacks during the conference.
- Interactive and recreational activities, including stargazing, pickleball, mini golf and guided hikes.
- Admission to the social dance, featuring live entertainment from New Mexico music legend Al Hurricane Jr.
- Free shuttle service between Santa Fe and the Glorieta Conference Center.

Conference Highlights
 Three days of programming featuring:
 • Interactive workshops and information sessions
 • Engaging speakers, activities, and entertainment
 • Insurance, health, caregiver, long-term care, and other resources
 • Meals and snacks
 • Exhibits and networking
 • Shuttles to and from Santa Fe and around the venue
 • Concert by Al Hurricane Jr.

Resources
 • Multi-state agency expo
 • On-site benefits sign-up opportunities
 • Recreational activities including pickleball, zip lining, nature hikes, crafts and more!

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QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

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