

Rural Services for Seniors & People with Disabilities at Risk

A federal agency that supports aging and disability services in many counties may soon be dismantled.

What is the Administration for Community Living (ACL)?

The ACL is a federal agency that helps older adults and people with disabilities live independently and stay connected to their communities. It supports programs like:

- Home-delivered meals & transportation
- In-home services and caregiver support
- Assistive technology & independent living centers
- Elder justice programs
- Advocacy for disability and aging rights

What's Happening?

A proposed federal restructuring would dissolve the ACL, splitting its programs between two other agencies. This would reduce visibility, authority, and funding for the services it provides.

This could mean:

- Longer wait times
- Fewer services
- Increased isolation
- Loss of vital independence supports

"If access to the programs that ACL oversees is hindered, older adults and people with disabilities will lose the ability to choose where and how they want to live and fully participate in their communities." -From Justice for Aging (<https://justiceinaging.org>)

Why This Matters Here:

All counties, regardless of their urban or rural status, have residents who rely on ACL-supported programs for maintaining independence and community connections. Caregivers and families depend on these programs to help loved ones stay home, not in institutions.

What You Can Do:

➡ Learn more at:

www.aapd.com/hhs-restructuring-letter

➡ Speak up to keep services local, strong, and accessible.

**Let's protect the services that protect our community.
Together, we can keep our county independent and thriving.**

