

Bridging Aging and Disability:

Supporting Families Best Practices Series

June 26, 2025 1-2:30 p.m. (CT)

What is the Bridging Aging & Disability Networks Initiative?

- The Bridging Aging & Disability Networks Initiative brings together state government entities, the federally-funded aging & disability network, and other external partners through State Alliance Teams (SATs) to support States to advance systems change efforts to enhance and improve services and supports available to aging individuals with I/DD and their families, and then replicate these efforts across the country.
- Participating State Teams receive:
 - Small cash grants of \$5-10,000/year
 - State-specific technical assistance (approximately 40-50 hours/year)
 - Quarterly National COP Meetings + Quarterly TA Events
 - Annual In-Person CoP Meeting

State BADN Framework

Partners/State Alliance Teams

- State Councils on Developmental Disabilities
- State Developmental Disability Agencies
- State Units on Aging and/or Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs)
- Others
 - Advocacy Groups
 - Caregiver Groups
 - Providers

Objectives

- Establish State Alliance Team.
- Develop workplan with 1-3 major goal areas & projected milestones for improving services and supports as well as collaboration within and across the IDD and aging systems.
- Share learnings and promising practices with other participating BADN state alliance teams as part of a national community of practice.

Efforts-to-Outcomes

- Best practices
- Resource Leveraging
- Service Coordination
- Changes in Policy & Practice
- Capacity Building
- Improved education, outreach and information sharing
- Enhanced organizational culture/change

Participating States

Since FY2022

Connecticut

District of Columbia

Florida

Hawaii

New Jersey

Since FY2023

California

New Mexico

Since FY2024

Alabama

Arizona

Illinois

Iowa

Kansas

Michigan

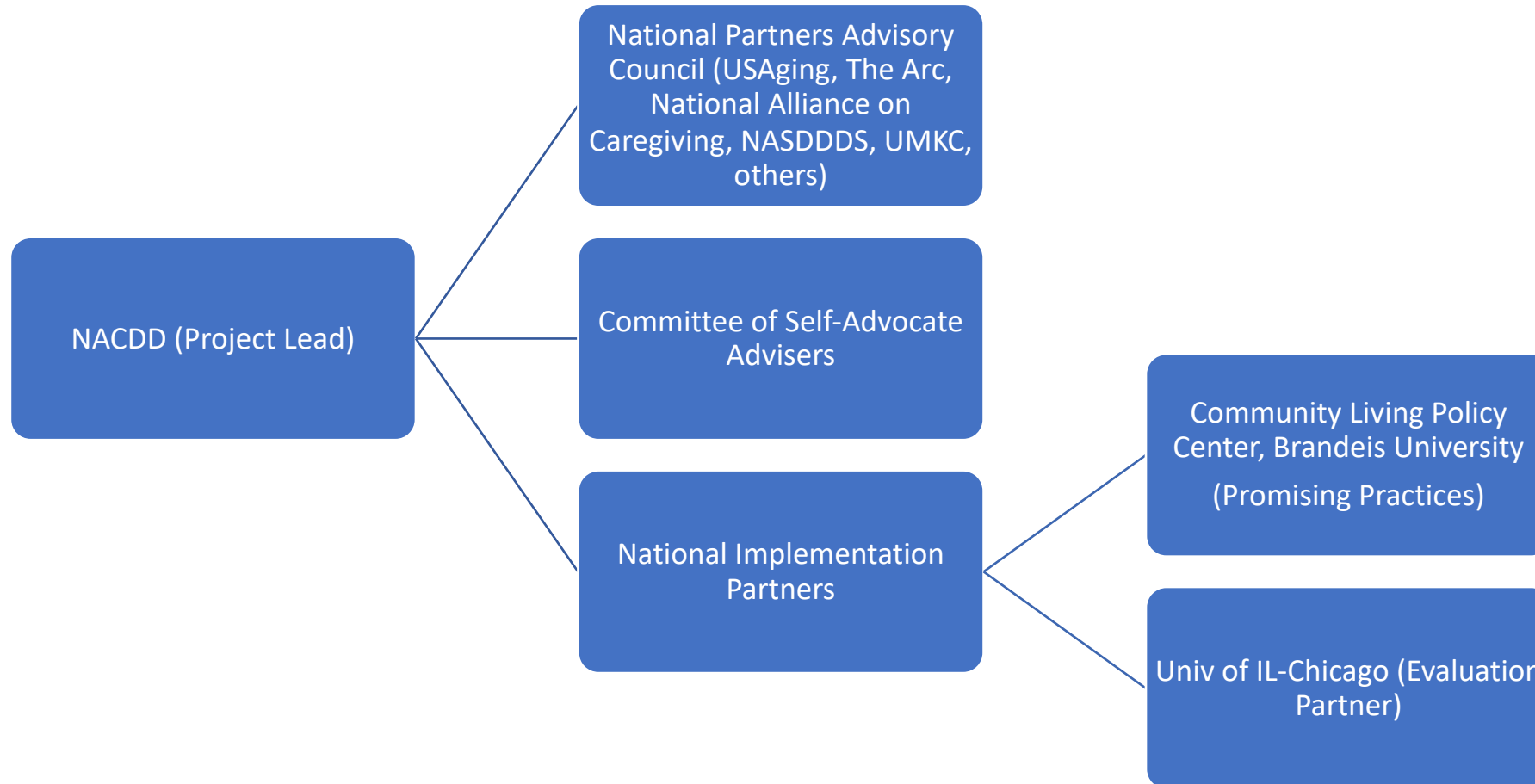
New York

North Dakota

Oklahoma

Texas

BADN National CoP Leadership & Project Management Structure

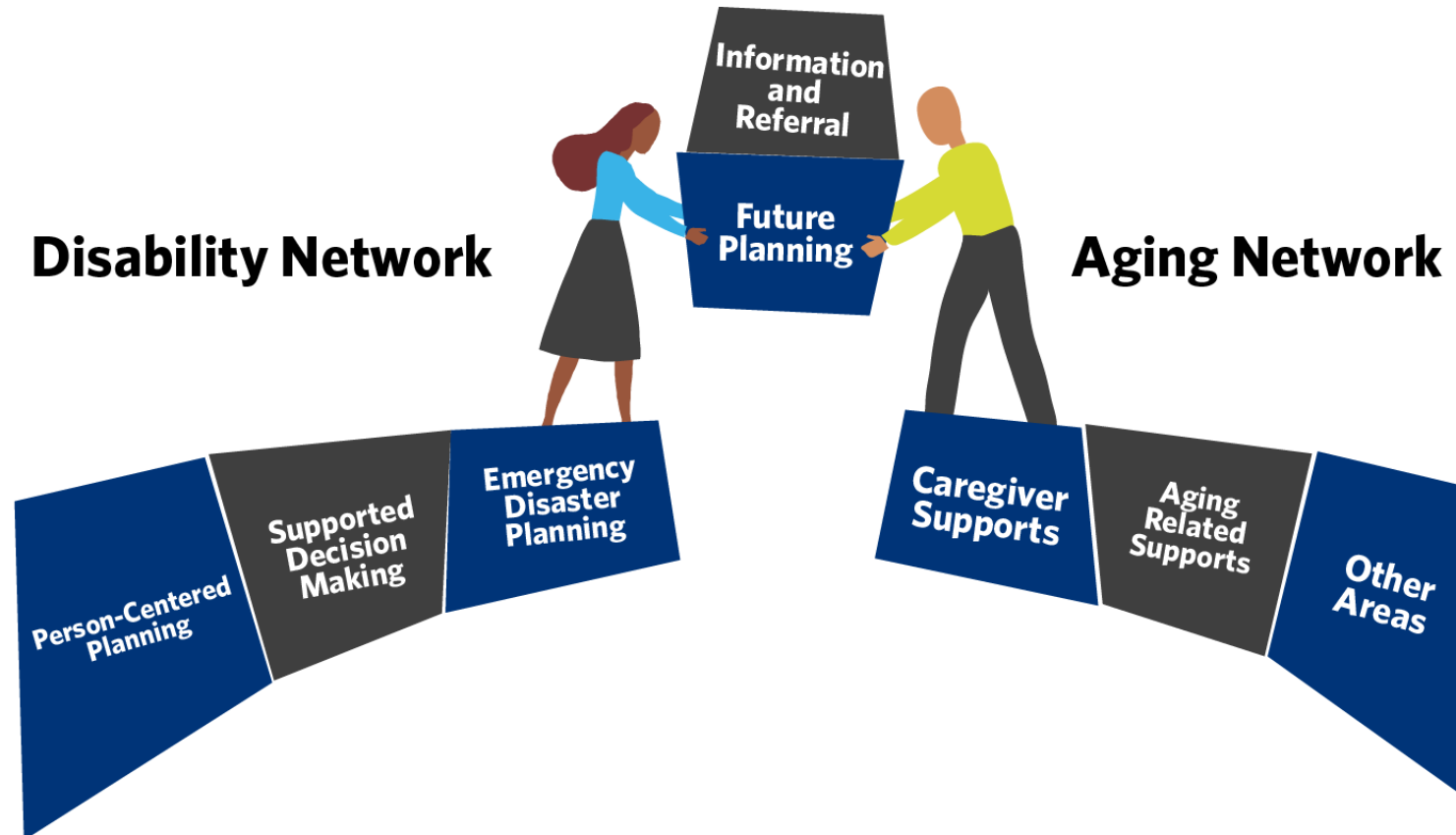


Representative Examples of Outcomes supported by BADN

- Inclusion of Futures Planning into Medicaid HCBS IDD Waivers under Individualized Service Plan/Person-Centered Planning Process
- Development of Guide on Brain Health & IDD
- Emergency Response Planning/Awareness/Outreach Activities focused on Aging IDD Population and their Families
- Cross-training of case managers and services coordinators across IDD and Aging systems on services available across networks and strategies for improving access for aging individuals with IDD to these supports
- State Legislation on Supported Decision Making and other Alternatives to Guardianship

Areas Where Bridging is Happening

Opportunities to Bridge Aging and Disability Networks to Improve Supports for Aging Adults with IDD and Family Caregivers



Bridging Aging & Disability: State Panelists

- Connecticut: Walt Glomb, Connecticut DD Council
- Hawaii: Daintry Bartoldis, Hawaii DD Council
- Michigan: Tedra Jackson/Tracy Vincent, Michigan DD Council
- Oklahoma: Jenifer Randle, Oklahoma DD Council
- New Jersey:
 - Patricia Brennan, New Jersey Division of Developmental Disabilities
 - Kyoko Coco, New Jersey Council on Developmental Disabilities



Collaboration in Action -- Connecticut

Discussion

*Please share your questions with us via
Chat or Q&A Feature on Zoom for the
panelists*

Thank You!

*For more information, please
check out our website updates
in mid-July 2025 at:*

<https://nacdd.org/bridging-aging-disability/>



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on Developmental Disabilities