

Bridging Aging and Disability

Emerging and Promising Practices



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Identifying Emerging and Promising Practices



We want to learn about where bridging is happening and successes



Can help other states who are thinking about bridging

- **Examples of where to start**
- **Lessons learned**
- **Replicate practices in other states**



How We are Identifying Practices

- **Call for Information (First Year of CoP Grant)**
 - Aging and disability networks, ACL, White House
 - Received over 360 responses
- **Now Identifying Practices from Community of Practice States**



How We are Sharing Information

Initial Report and Summaries

- Plain language version

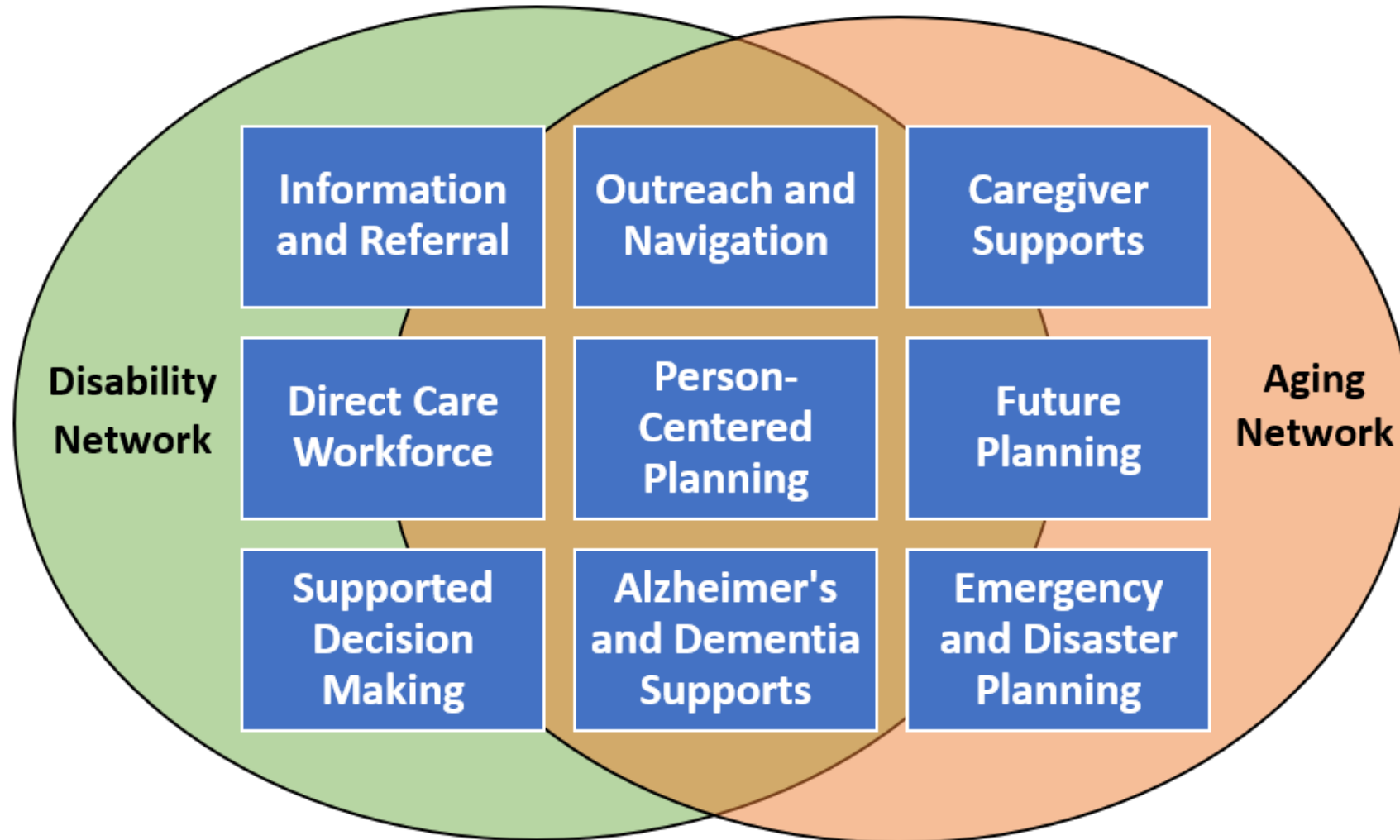
Ongoing Inventory of Practices

- NACDD Bridging Aging and Disability Webpage (23 practices)

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

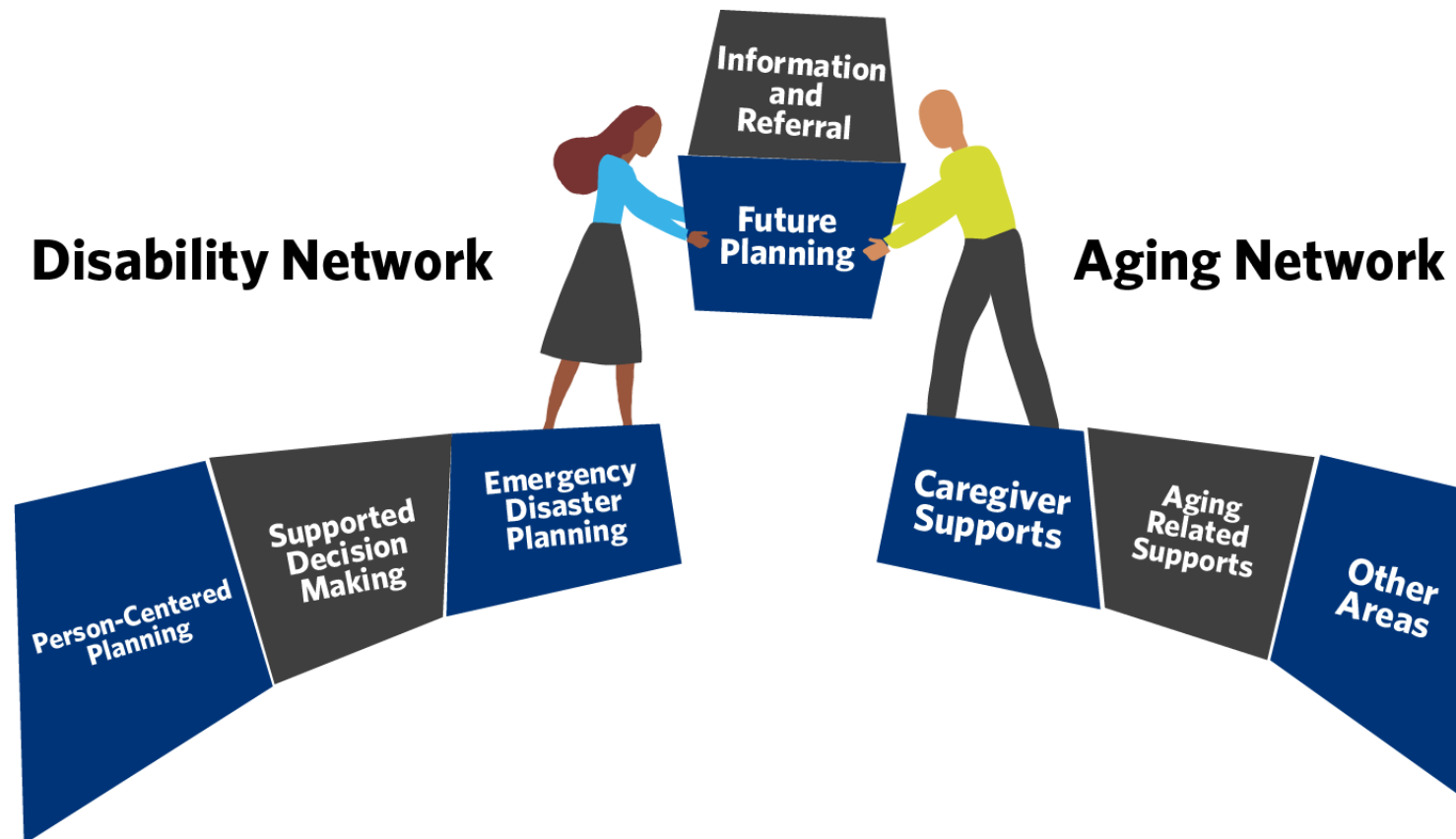


Areas Where Bridging is Happening



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



Inventory of Practices

Discovery and Navigation

- The Arc Center for Future Planning
- Dementia Friends for IDD
- Addition of Disability Information to ADRC Resources (HI)*
- Webinar Series Aging with IDD (MA)
- National Task Force on Dementia (NTG)
- Aging and IDD Information and Resources (NJ)
- Person-Centered Approaches for Healthcare Decision Making
- Skills2Care-ID
- WE CARE (MO)

Connecting and Networking

- The Future is Now
- Planning Forward
- MI-OCEAN Family Support Project (MI)
- Multicultural Future Planning (DC)*
- My Life My Decision (NM)*
- Sib2Sib Mentoring Program
- Charting the Lifecourse in Aging System (CT)*

Services and Policies

- Bridging Aging and Disability in Disaster Response (HI) *
- Disability Services Reform Amendment Act of 2018 (DC)
- Modified Intake Form for Aging System Entry (DC)*
- Direct Support Professional Internship Program (DC)*
- Lifespan Respite Care Program
- Prioritization of Needs (PA)
- Multisector Plan on Aging (CT)*

Examples of Bridging Practices (1)

Information and Referral

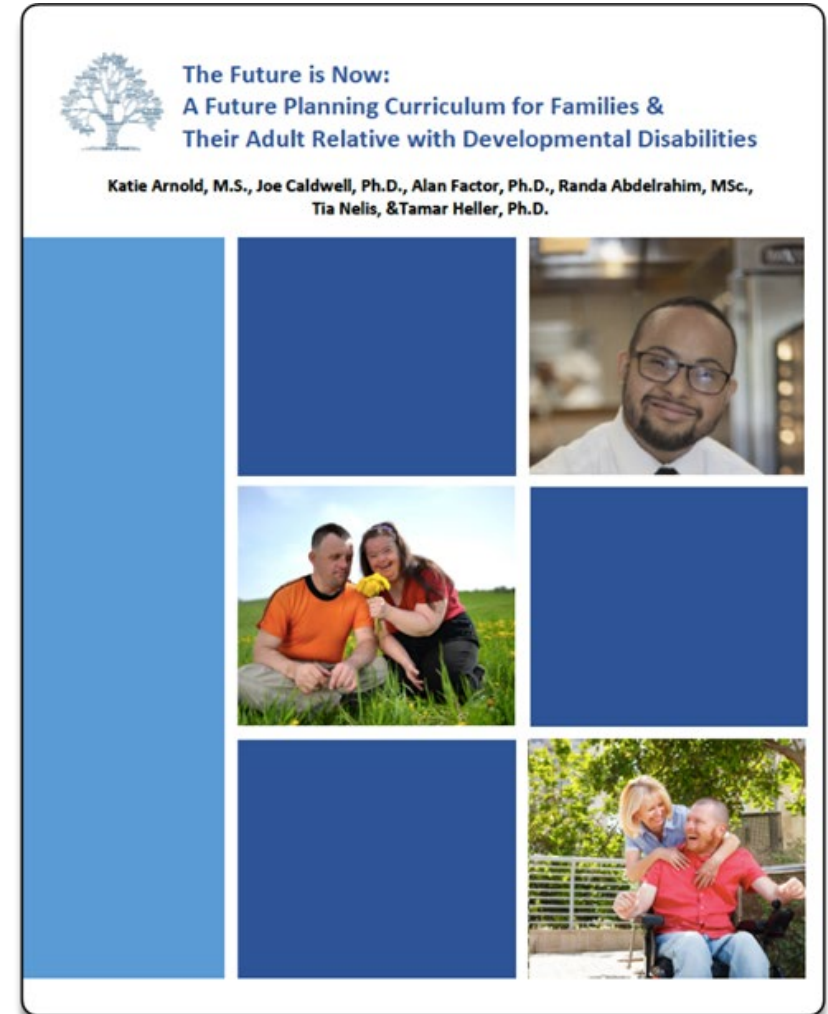
- Several states working to improve ADRC/NWD systems
 - Improve disability resources (Hawaii)
 - Disability training for new ADRC network (Iowa)
- Curriculum on aging and IDD for Aging network, including Title VI Native American programs (Michigan)
- Addition of questions to aging intake forms to identify aging caregivers of adults with IDD (DC)



Examples of Bridging Practices (2)

Future Planning and Caregiver Supports

- The Future Is Now (University of Illinois at Chicago)
- The Arc Center for Future Planning (Arc of the US)
- Future Planning at Multicultural Senior Centers (DC)
- Addition of future planning and aging-related questions to guides for facilitators of person-centered planning (CA and OK)
- WE CARE –training for people with IDD on being caregivers for aging family members (Missouri)



Examples of Bridging Practices (3)

Other Areas

- Emergency and disaster planning (AL)
- Supported decision-making (NM)
- Hospice and palliative care and adults with IDD training (KS)
- Alzheimer's and dementia supports for adults with IDD (HI)
- Collaboration on multisector plans on aging to ensure inclusion of disability (CT)



Consistent Themes/Learnings



Provide a regular forum

- Break down silos
- Learn what each other does
- Share best practices and approaches
- Find common ground and ways to work together

Evidence Base: *Publication on BADN Promising Practices*



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