NASHP Aging Policy Academy
Informational Webinar
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The National Academy for State Health Policy (NASHP) is a nonpartisan organization committed to developing and advancing state health policy innovations and solutions.

NASHP provides a unique forum for the productive exchange of strategies across state government, including the executive and legislative branches.
Importance of Aging Policy in States

- Rapidly aging population
- Most want to age in home and community settings
- High cost of care
- Workforce shortages, especially direct care workers
- COVID-19 pandemic exacerbated already existing workforce, nursing home, and family caregiving issues
AGING POLICY ACADEMY: Objectives

• Assist states in accelerating measurable progress on policies that will address the needs of older adults, while optimizing state spending and capacity

• Elevate aging as a priority in states
Each state can choose one or more of the three policy priority track(s):
  - Home and community-based services
  - Nursing home system reform
  - Direct care workforce
AGING POLICY ACADEMY: Benefits of State Participation

• Over the course of the academy, states will be supported in the following ways:
  • Expert consultants to provide customized, individual technical assistance for the state’s identified policy priority areas
  • In-person site visit for each state conducted by NASHP staff and expert consultants
  • Monthly virtual meetings with each state team
  • Quarterly virtual meetings with the entire Academy to exchange insights and promising practices, troubleshoot any barriers, and engage federal leaders
  • Potential meeting with federal officials
AGING POLICY ACADEMY: Application Guidelines

• State teams of up to 5 members:
  • A senior state employee with policy decision-making authority as team lead
  • State officials or administrators who can implement the state’s specific goals and project activities
  • Other team members could include Medicaid directors, aging directors, health and human services commissioners, governor’s health policy advisors, state legislators, university researchers, local government entities, community-based organizations, and other relevant team members

• Applications will include specific and measurable policy goals and activities; demonstration of capacity to address goals; and what expertise, technical assistance, and resource are needed to achieve the goals
AGING POLICY ACADEMY: Application Timeline

• January 10, 2023: Application Opens
• January 26, 2023: Informational Webinar
• February 21, 2023: Applications Due at 5 p.m. ET
• February 28, 2023: Selected States Notified
• March 14, 2023: Policy Academy Kick-Off
Questions?