



Working Together To Build A Network: MCP and CBO Collaboration in Arizona

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The mission of the Aging and Disability Business Institute (Business Institute) is to successfully build and strengthen partnerships between community-based organizations (CBOs) and the health care system so older adults and people with disabilities will have access to services and supports that will enable them to live with dignity and independence in their homes and communities as long as possible.

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- Independent Living Research Utilization/National Center for Aging and Disability
- American Society on Aging
- Partners in Care Foundation
- Elder Services of the Merrimack Valley/Healthy Living Center of Excellence
- The National Council on Aging (NCOA)
- The Evidence-Based Leadership Council (EBLC)
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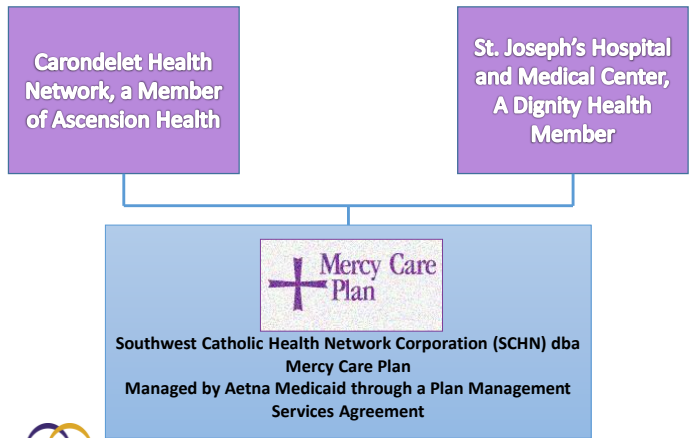
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Mercy Care Plan



- Mercy Care operates four health care programs in Arizona:
 - ✓ Acute Care (AHCCCS contract)
 - ✓ Arizona Long Term Care System (ALTCSS) (AHCCCS Contract)
 - ✓ Developmentally Disabled (ADES contract)
 - ✓ Medicare Special Needs Plan (SNP) (CMS contract)



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Every Medicaid Program is Different

- States have the flexibility to design and administer programs within broad federal guidelines.
- Remember, if you've seen one Medicaid program, you've seen one Medicaid program...
- What makes AHCCCS different?
 - Services covered, populations covered, children's programs



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Mercy Care Plan: Long Term Care



AHCCCS
State Agency
for Medicaid Programs

Mercy Care
Plan

LTC



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- Arizona has been a model for long term care for over 30 years
- Other states pay anywhere from 65% to 85% of Medicaid to long term care facilities
- In Arizona, less than 45% of total dollars spent have gone to long term care facilities



Aging in Arizona

In Most States:

- Assisted living (private pay)
- Skilled nursing facility (Medicaid)
- Small HCBS Waiver (usually less than 2,000 individuals)

In Arizona:

- Skilled nursing facility (less than 30% statewide)
- Assisted living center (Medicaid)
- Assisted living home (Medicaid)
- Adult foster care (Medicaid)
- Attendant care in your own home (Medicaid)
- Attendant care – Family (Medicaid)
- HCBS – (Medicaid)



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Steps that the Program Contractor takes to ensure that the ALTCS members obtain the services they need:

- Case Management assessments every 90 to 180 days depending on setting
- CM uses a structured assessment tool
- CM uses the Health Needs Tool to determine the amount of caregiver time necessary for each member
- Development of member centered service plan



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Steps that the Program Contractor takes to ensure that the ALTCS members obtain the services they need:

- Vulnerable member identification in case management system
- Case management crisis response team
- Safe Tool identifies members at risk for skin breakdown and falls
- PCP Initiative
- Regular case management visits and availability
- Role of Specialty Teams



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Mercy Care Plan: Long Term Care

Facilitates to Meet Member's Needs:

- Both specialized placements in SNF's and in the community have been developed to meet needs
- Behavioral health units in SNF's
- Community placements such as Adult Foster Care
- Coordination of Mercy Care Advantage BH benefits



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Be aware of the services that the AAA offer: "No longer just HDM's and ADHC"

Services we can choose from at AAA Region One:

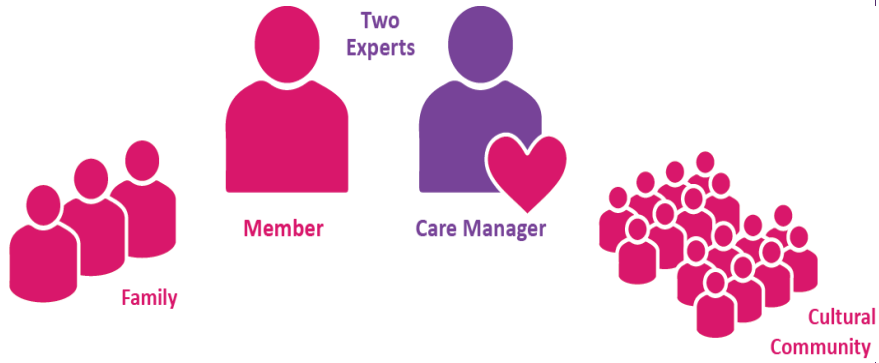
- Home Delivered Meals
- Adult Day Health Care
- Behavioral Health Services
- Hoarding Program
- Refugee Program
- SAIL Program



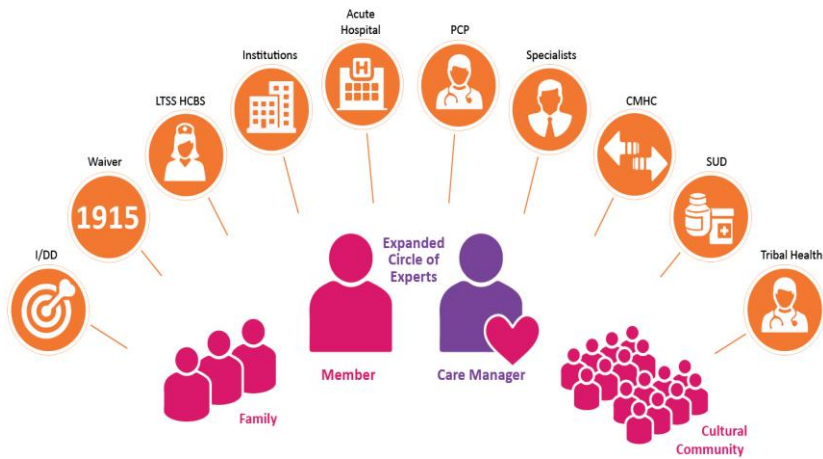
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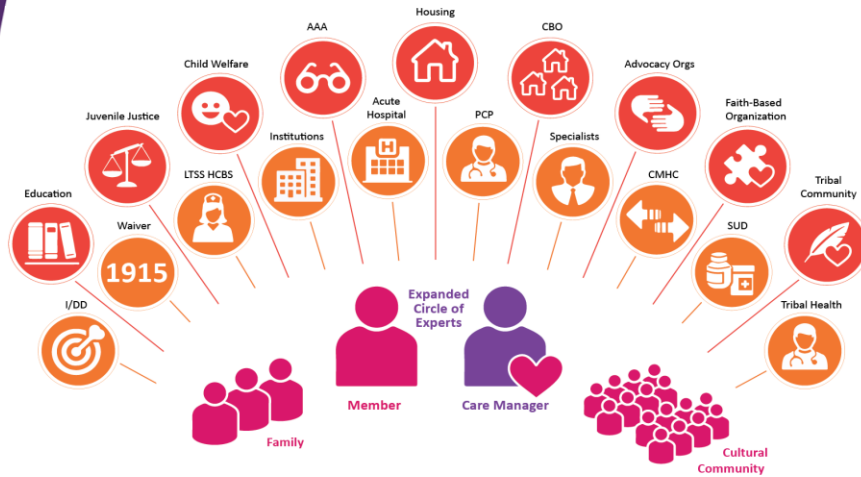
Initial Engagement: Member, Family, Community



Coordinating with Existing Experts on the Care Team



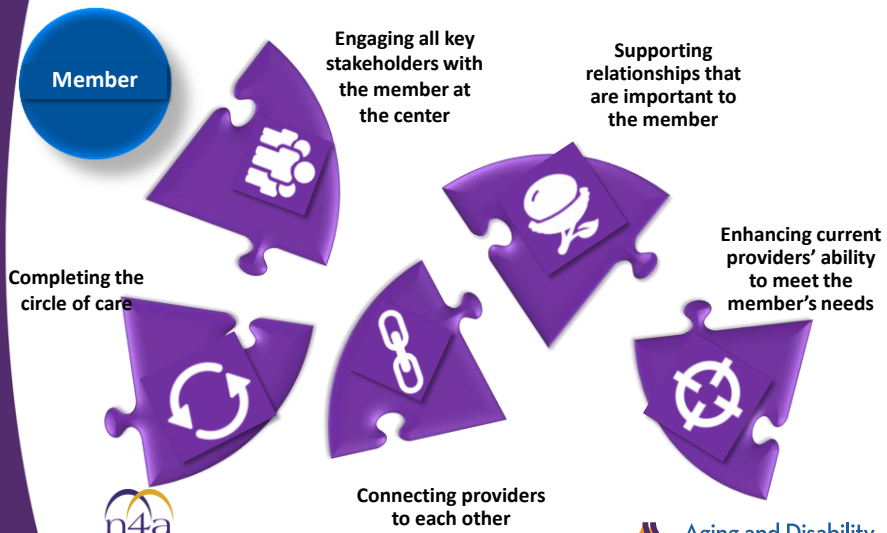
Transformation: Wraparound System of Care



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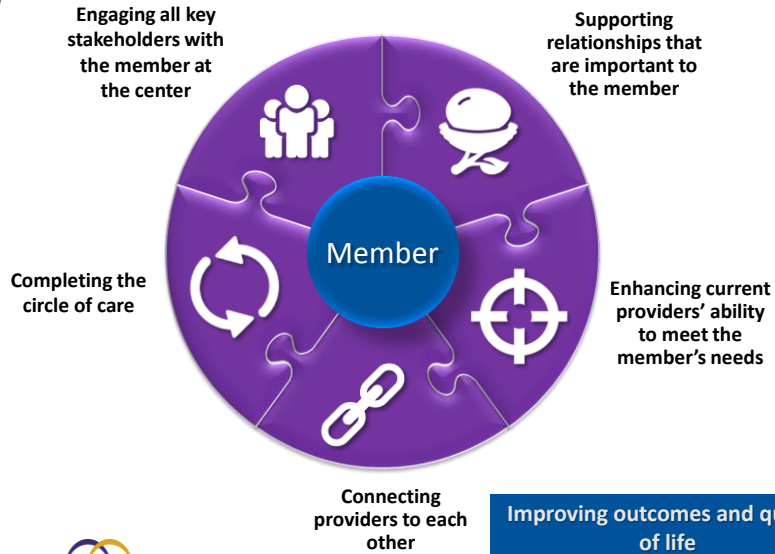
Despite the efforts of many organizations, the system of care is still fragmented



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Member-Centric Managed Care



Improving outcomes and quality of life



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Diversity of Needs and the Continuum of Care



Core Value Proposition:
As your health needs change, the right care is always there!

But how do we speak to members across the continuum?



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Value-Based Partnerships:

- Value based care
- Value based partnership
- Value based payment



It's simple – keep the “focus” on the member!



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**Responding to
Community Needs
for 43 Years**



**Private Non-Profit Organization, 501(c)(3)
Serving over 100,000 Maricopa County Residents Annually**



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Service Area: Maricopa County and Metro Phoenix



- 4 million residents
- 25% are 55 and older
- County is 100 miles wide
- 4th largest in the U.S.
- 30% of older adults have at least one disability
- 50% have at least one chronic condition
- 13% report difficulty living independently

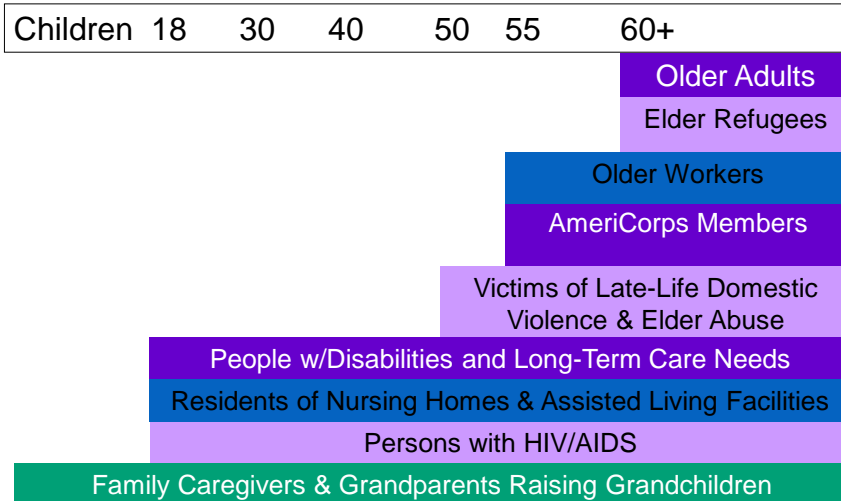
- ⑦ Region 7 serves the Navajo Nation, which is located in the northeastern corner of the
- ⑧ Region 8 serves the Inter Tribal Council of Arizona, Inc. Member tribes are located throughout the state.



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Who We Serve



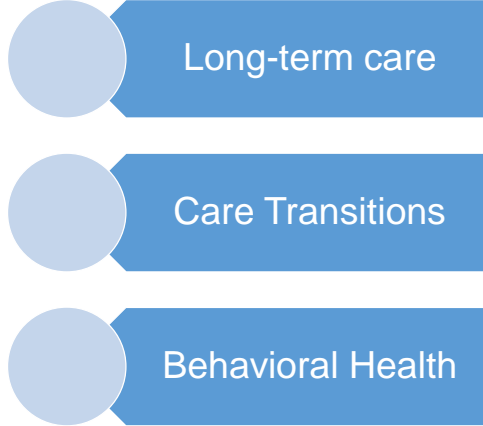
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Relationship with Managed Care

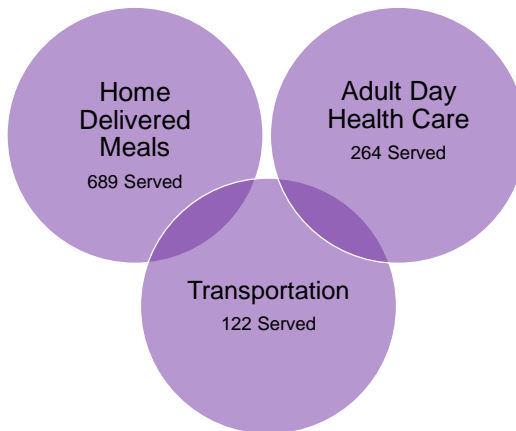


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Long-Term Care



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Behavioral Health

- Clinical Services
 - Provided by LCSWs
 - Medicare & Medicaid Certified
 - Contract with other insurance payors
- Hoarding Therapy
- Prevention Education Services
 - Opioid Initiatives
 - Evidence-based programs
 - Suicide awareness
 - Wellness Initiative for Senior Education (WISE)
 - Mental Health First Aid
 - Rx Matters
 - Matter of Life
 - Singing in the Rain



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Care Transitions Success

- CMS Community Care Transitions Program from 2012-2017
- Goal was to reduce 30-day-all-cause readmissions by 20%.
- Partnership with four local hospitals
 - Honor Health John C. Lincoln North Mountain
 - Honor Health Deer Valley
 - Honor Health Scottsdale Osborn Medical Center
 - Abrazo West Campus
- Lessons Learned
 - Adequate staff
 - High volume (30% penetration)
 - Partnerships with SNF

Results

- Served **15,719** high risk Medicare beneficiaries from Feb 2012-Jan 2017 through CCTP
- Readmission rate among high risk target group reduced by **36%**
- 30-day all cause readmission rate reduced by **16%**
- Recognized as one of the top **three** teams in the nation.



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Current Contract with Mercy Care

Intervention



Utilization Review Nurses from Mercy Care select and refer members. Area Agency staff visit member at bedside, obtain consent, work with plan to monitor discharge.



Transition Coaches (Social Workers) visit clients within 24-48 hours of discharge and conduct the intervention.

- ensure follow up doctor appointments are made
- complete a medication reconciliation
- provide a personal health record and information about the red flags of their disease
- perform a comprehensive assessment for psychosocial needs and home safety



Maintain contact by phone for the remainder of the 30 days. Refer for community supports, connect members with plan benefits, including case management.

Results

- Since May 2017, **131** received intervention.
- Readmission rate **10%**
- Highest **acuity** patients
- **Educate** on health plan benefits
- Referral to **case management** if needed
- Referral to Agency programs, especially **home delivered meals** and **behavioral health**.



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Contract Nuts and Bolts

- **Volume**
 - Approximately 1,100 MCA Members are discharged from hospital or SNF each month
 - Goal is to refer 50 members per month under contract
- **Criteria**
 - Started with specific diagnosis but now expanded
 - Allows for referrals based on social determinants of health
- **Billing**
 - Billed monthly (contracted rate per member)
 - All who received post discharge intervention are billed
- **Operations**
 - Monthly meetings with clinical teams
 - Member report provided monthly on outcomes



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Benefits of Partnership

Mercy Care

- Face-to-face home visit
- Extends their service network through connection to Area Agency providers and resources
- Data sharing through report back on members served
- Completion of member survey

Area Agency on Aging

- Stronger relationship with healthcare community
- Culture change
 - Building infrastructure
 - Providing visits within 24-48 hours
- Improve processes to help clients with more acute needs



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