Improving Older Adult Services: An Approach to the Long-term Care Crisis

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How Do We Achieve the Ideal?
Understanding the Service Needs of African American Seniors in Los Angeles County:

Findings from the Advocates for African American Elders Community Survey

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Putting Our Seniors First...
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Snapshot of Findings from AAAE Community Survey

- 81.5%: Never heard of Coordinated Care Initiative
- 27.3%: Not aware of programs for seniors
- 47.7%: Did not participate in programs for seniors
- 35.2%: Wanted services that were missing
Snapshot of Findings from AAAE Community Survey

- 44.6%: Did not know how to use a computer
- 43%: No access to the Internet
- 23.9%: Not happy with quality of senior services
- 90.9%: More needs to be done to provide quality services to African American seniors
Supportive Social Policies

• California Homes and Jobs Act (SB 391)
• Supplemental Security Income Restoration Act (H.R. 1601)
• Positive Aging Act (S. 525)
Supportive Workforce Provisions (ACA)

• Geriatrics Health Professions Education and Training
• Total FY2013 Title VII in California: $2,632,539
• Total FY2013 Title VIII in California: $247,377
Size of Paid Direct-Care Workforce in California, 2012

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By 2030, 3.5 million additional health care professionals and direct-care workers will be needed nationwide...
Occupational Growth Projections for California, 2010-2020

- All occupations: 16%
- All Direct-care workers: 39%
- Nursing aides, orderlies & attendants: 22%
- Home health aides: 52%
- Personal care aides: 43%
Nationally, between 2010 and 2030, women aged 25 to 44 (the typical direct care worker) will increase by only 7%...
Over the next two decades, Los Angeles County will gain 867,000 older adults and lose 630,000 people younger than 25 years old...
The U.S. could have nearly 63,000 fewer doctors than needed by 2015.

That number could double by 2025.
Current and Future Geriatrician Shortfall

- 4.41 million: Number of adults 65 years and older
- 739: Number of certified geriatricians in 2011
- One geriatrician for every 5,968 older adults
- 2,813: Number of geriatricians we need to train between now and 2030
Currently 80% of care is provided informally by friends and family members...
California Family Caregivers

- 4,020,000: Number of family caregivers
- $47 billion: Estimated economic value of unpaid contributions in 2009
- $14,711,105: Total FY2013 National Family Caregiver Support Program Funding in California
  - $3.75 per caregiver in California
- 7.7 to 1: family caregiver ratio in 2010
- 4.4 to 1: family caregiver ratio in 2030
- 2.7 to 1: family caregiver ratio in 2050
New Disparity in Nursing Homes: Whites Leave, Minorities Enter

Change in SNF Ethnic Composition in California, 2001-2010

- White
- Black
- Hispanic
- Asian-PI
How Do We achieve the ideal?

Improve access and quality of older adult services to vulnerable seniors to reduce the cost of long-term care and increase the quality of life for seniors and their families.