



Program: Evidence-Based Disease Prevention:
National Technical Assistance Center on Prevention in the Elderly

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Project's Overall Design

The goal of the National Technical Assistance Center is to be the nationally recognized source of timely and useful information and assistance on evidence-based disability and disease prevention programs for community aging service providers and a leader in the movement to bring effective, accessible and affordable prevention services to older adults.

The objectives of the Center are:

- To support Prevention Demonstration Grantees to successfully implement evidence-based disability and disease prevention programs
- Provide technical assistance to Aging Services Network program developers on designing, developing, implementing, and evaluating evidence-based prevention programs
- Assist AoA to further develop an evidence-based prevention program
- Synthesize and disseminate learnings, findings, and other knowledge related to the Demonstration Program to Grantees, the Aging Services Network, and other stakeholders
- Develop a comprehensive knowledge base on evidence-based disability and disease prevention interventions for older adults suitable for programs for community aging service providers
- Identify and/or construct manuals and resources on the programming components that are necessary for providers, administrators, and consumers to implement evidence-based prevention programs

- Assist AoA with National Conference, convene the Technical Advisory Group, and create other opportunities for visibility, growth and improvement in the larger prevention program
- Manage the Center efficiently and with attention to our customers and partners

Anticipated Outcomes

- To provide a measurable improvement in knowledge and skills related to the design, development, implementation and evaluation of evidence-based prevention programs among demonstration grantees.
- To increase awareness of and use of knowledge and tools related to evidence-based disability and disease prevention programs among the Aging Services Network
- To increase awareness of and support for AoA's Prevention program and its role in enhancing the health and well-being of older adults.

Partnerships

- The National Technical Assistance Center Leadership Team – includes key experts in the areas of prevention, research, and aging. This team will help NCOA staff conduct the work of the center.
- Technical Advisory Group – includes experts from the Aging Services Network, the field of prevention, and other federal and non-federal partners. This group will help guide AoA's program development activities in prevention.
- Senior Services of Seattle/King County will work with NCOA to identify practical strategies to increase adoption of the evidence-based programs among community agency service providers.