



# Senate Committee on Health and Human Services

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Department of Aging and Disability Services

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# Evidence-Based Interventions

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- Offered by area agencies on aging (AAAs) and aging and disability resource centers (ADRCs)
- Reduce the negative impacts of chronic disease
- DADS oversees three programs:
  - Chronic disease self-management program
  - Diabetes self-management program
  - Care transitions intervention

# Expanding Evidence-Based Interventions

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- Opportunities for improved collaboration:
  - Partner with managed care organizations, Medicaid and Medicare providers
  - Educate hospitals, physicians and first responders
  - Statewide promotional campaign
- Promoting and expanding evidence-based interventions:
  - Pursue national, state and local grant funding
  - Training and certification
  - Brochures and outreach materials

# Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE)

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- Comprehensive community-based program providing services to individuals:
  - Age 55+ who qualify for nursing facility admission and Medicaid;
  - Who live in a PACE service area; and
  - Who are able to safely live in the community at the time of enrollment.
- Receive services in a day activity and health services facility
- All needed medical services within a capitated monthly fee
  - Below the cost of comparable nursing facility care
  - Includes both Medicaid and Medicare services

# PACE History

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- 2001 – Senate Bill 908, 77<sup>th</sup> Legislature, Regular Session
  - Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) required to develop and implement PACE statewide
  - Required DADS to adopt rules to implement the program
- 2002 – Bienvivir All-Inclusive Senior Health (El Paso)
- 2004 – The Basics at Jan Werner (Amarillo)
- 2010 – Silver Star Health Network (Lubbock)
- 2015 – Senate Bill 3823, 84<sup>th</sup> Legislature, Regular Session
  - Requires HHSC to modify data collection methods related to PACE reimbursement rates
  - Evaluate and report on outcomes in PACE v. Medicaid managed care

# PACE Expansion in Texas

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- 2013-14 General Appropriations Act allowed for expansion of up to three additional PACE sites and provided funding for additional sites and participants.
- September 2014 – through Request for Proposal (RFP) process, DADS identified three potential awardees for PACE expansion sites.
- November 12, 2015 – Tentative awardees notified DADS that they would not submit PACE application

# Behavioral Health and Aging Workgroup

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- Joint initiative between the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) and DADS
- Established in 2012 to increase awareness of behavioral health issues and enhance collaboration between agencies
- Outcomes and planned activities:
  - **Increased Training**
    - Applied Suicide Intervention Skill Training
    - SafeTALK Training
    - 2015 behavioral health training held at benefits counselors training
    - Planned 2016 training on behavioral health and aging
  - **Medication screening event for older individuals**
  - **National Suicide Prevention outreach materials**
  - **Behavioral health preparedness survey of service providers**

# Age Well Live Well Campaign

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- Launched in 2011
- Focuses on:
  - Improving physical and social health of older adults, people with disabilities, their families and the community
  - Providing opportunities to stay socially connected and volunteer
  - Creating awareness of aging issues and resources offered through Age Well Live Well partners
- Includes community partnerships and collaboration with other agencies



# Age Well Live Well: Community Collaboration

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- Encouraging local organizations to develop community partnerships focused on aging well
- Partners include local governments, corporations and academic, faith-based, nonprofit and medical groups
- Age Well Live Well partnerships:
  - Assess community needs
  - Highlight local resources and services
  - Share resources among partners
  - Develop programming

# Age Well Live Well: Agency Collaboration

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- DSHS Healthy Texas Communities:
  - Highlight communities with health-based interventions
  - Provide technical assistance to communities wanting to improve their environments
- DADS and DSHS working to unite Age Well Live Well partnerships with Healthy Texas Communities to:
  - Access broader audiences
  - Share limited resources
  - Amplify common messages
- Example: Abilene Healthy Texas Communities
  - Joined Age Well Live Well partnership to create a culture of health and wellness by:
    - Increasing awareness of the benefits of routine exercise
    - Increasing local media coverage of aging issues
    - Creating and supporting opportunities for active living
    - Promoting equitable access to resources that support active lifestyles

# Age Well Live Well: Next Steps

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- Interest in Age Well Live Well continues to grow
- DADS planning includes:
  - Raising further awareness of this initiative
  - Increasing the number of community partnerships
- Local partnerships share common needs:
  - Staff support for administrative functions
  - Marketing resources
  - Funding support through grant opportunities
  - Promotion from local leadership
- Cross-agency collaboration:
  - Continued coordination with DSHS
  - Exploring opportunities afforded by HHS Transformation