

# California Collaborative for Long Term Services and Supports

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## At a Glance

The California Collaborative for Long Term Services and Supports (LTSS) is a coalition of 36 statewide organizations and 15 affiliates who work to advance aging and disability policy for all populations who need long-term services and supports. [Member organizations](#) represent people, caregivers, providers, advocates, legal services, labor, and insurers. Collectively, Collaborative organizations act on behalf of millions of California seniors and people with disabilities, their families, and those who provide them with services and supports. Since its formation in 2011, the Collaborative has sponsored hundreds of policy conversations on LTSS issues, has met and collaborated with state and federal officials, and has been a voice at the California Legislature on behalf of LTSS and the populations who use these services. Giving equal importance to issues of aging and disability, the Collaborative serves as a valuable resource where diverse perspectives come together to make [recommendations](#) and act on policies that advance person-centered care and support the dignity, independence and well-being of aging and disabled Californians.

## Guiding Principles

1. **Dignity:** The services are grounded in respect for the person who uses them and driven by the preferences of that person.
2. **Choice:** Access to all types of services is provided on an equal footing.
3. **Flexibility:** The services are comprehensive and flexible enough to meet changing needs and incorporate new modes of service and supports.
4. **Quality:** Public funding and oversight that values and rewards high-quality care.
5. **Legality:** The services are consistent with the legal rights of individuals who use them.
6. **Cultural Competence:** The services are appropriate and responsive to the needs of underserved populations.
7. **Accessibility:** The services and information about them are easy to locate and use and are physically and programmatically accessible.
8. **Affordability:** The services are cost-effective for the person and the system.
9. **Inclusive:** The system recognizes and supports the crucial role of high-quality paid and unpaid caregivers, including family caregivers, and emphasizes the importance of workforce development and training.
10. **Independence:** The services support maximum independence, full social integration and quality of life.



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