



Sent on behalf of Aging and Long-Term Support Assistant Secretary, Bill Moss

Dear Interested Stakeholder,

On November 1st, the Department of Social and Health Services, in partnership with the Area Agencies on Aging, released a new website for Washington citizens featuring information about long-term services and supports.

Community Living Connections www.waclc.org provides individuals, families, friends, and caregivers with a one-stop, online location to find options for in-home assistance and community services for older adults and individuals with disabilities.

The website features a directory of local, state, and national resources to help people remain in their own homes as well as information about alternative living options. Individuals can explore and connect to services, and plan for future needs.

The Community Living Connections website is HIPAA compliant and meets state and federal regulations for privacy and accessibility. From the website, individuals can create and manage their own healthcare information, request assistance, and have the option to share healthcare information with others.

“Community Living Connections will help individuals locate their choice of services in their community” said Bill Moss, Assistant Secretary of the DSHS Aging and Long-Term Support Administration.

The Community Living Connections website features four main sections and individuals can:

Explore options and learn about the full range of private and publicly funded long-term services and supports available in most Washington communities.

Find services with the resource directory and take an online self-assessment to identify service options from the resource directory.

Connect with the community using the online map to view, find, and contact local offices for Community Living Connections, Home and Community Services, Independent Living Centers, Veteran Administration Medical Centers, and the Developmental Disability Administration.

Plan and prepare for long-term services and supports, including financial, legal, and independent and healthy living options.

Partnering organizations can link their websites to the CLC website. We can share our logo and if they want, send a widget tool that opens up directly into the resource directory. If a partner organization is not in the resource directory, they can go to the Connect section, learn about the Inclusion/Exclusion Criteria, and submit the Organization Inclusion Request Form. If an organization's information is in the system but needs updating, they can enter the changes directly from the listing. It will be uploaded to the correct Resource Directory Specialist who will review the information and contact them as needed before publishing the changes.