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# **OLDER AMERICANS ACT**

# Older Americans Act: Mission of the State Agency

“The Older Americans Act intends that the State agency on aging **shall be the leader relative to all aging issues** on behalf of all older persons in the State. This means that the State agency shall proactively carry out a wide range of functions related to advocacy, planning, coordination, interagency linkages, information sharing, brokering, monitoring and evaluation, designed to lead to the development or enhancement of comprehensive and coordinated community based systems in, or serving, communities throughout the State. These systems shall be designed to **assist older persons in leading independent, meaningful and dignified lives** in their own homes and communities as long as possible.”

Older Americans Act, 45 CFR § 1321.7:

<https://www.law.cornell.edu/cfr/text/45/1321.7>

# Emerging Federal Direction

Administration for Community Living developed the Strategic Framework to support state efforts to:

1. Address the holistic needs of older adults and people with disabilities through program coordination and integration with health care financing and delivery; and,
2. Support partnerships across health care and social service organizations to improve health care outcomes and lower costs by effectively addressing social determinants of health (SDOH) and integrating the delivery of long-term services and supports (i.e., community integrated health networks).

“No single state agency acting alone will be able to respond to the projected growth in SDOH related service and support demands and associated costs. State health and human service leaders have an important and timely opportunity to evolve from focusing not only on administration and oversight of federal and state funding, but can also serve as strategists working across state government and beyond to ensure adequate growth and modernization of aging and disability networks in their states. Developing strong relationships across state agencies and with other partner organizations is essential to identifying and implementing the most effective and efficient strategies to partner with health care payers and providers and to coordinate funding for SDOH services and supports in the future.”

Strategic Framework for Action, Administration for Community Living, p.7:  
[https://acl.gov/sites/default/files/programs/2020-06/ACL\\_Strategic\\_Framework\\_for\\_Action\\_v1\\_%20June%202020\\_final\\_508\\_v2.pdf](https://acl.gov/sites/default/files/programs/2020-06/ACL_Strategic_Framework_for_Action_v1_%20June%202020_final_508_v2.pdf)

# **OLDER COLORADANS ACT**

# Older Coloradans Act

Passed in 1964 in-line with Older Americans Act

Part 1 - creates Colorado Commission on Aging

Part 2 - creates the State Office on Aging and lays out duties of the Area Agencies on Aging

This should be our starting point

What comes next for Older Coloradans Act?

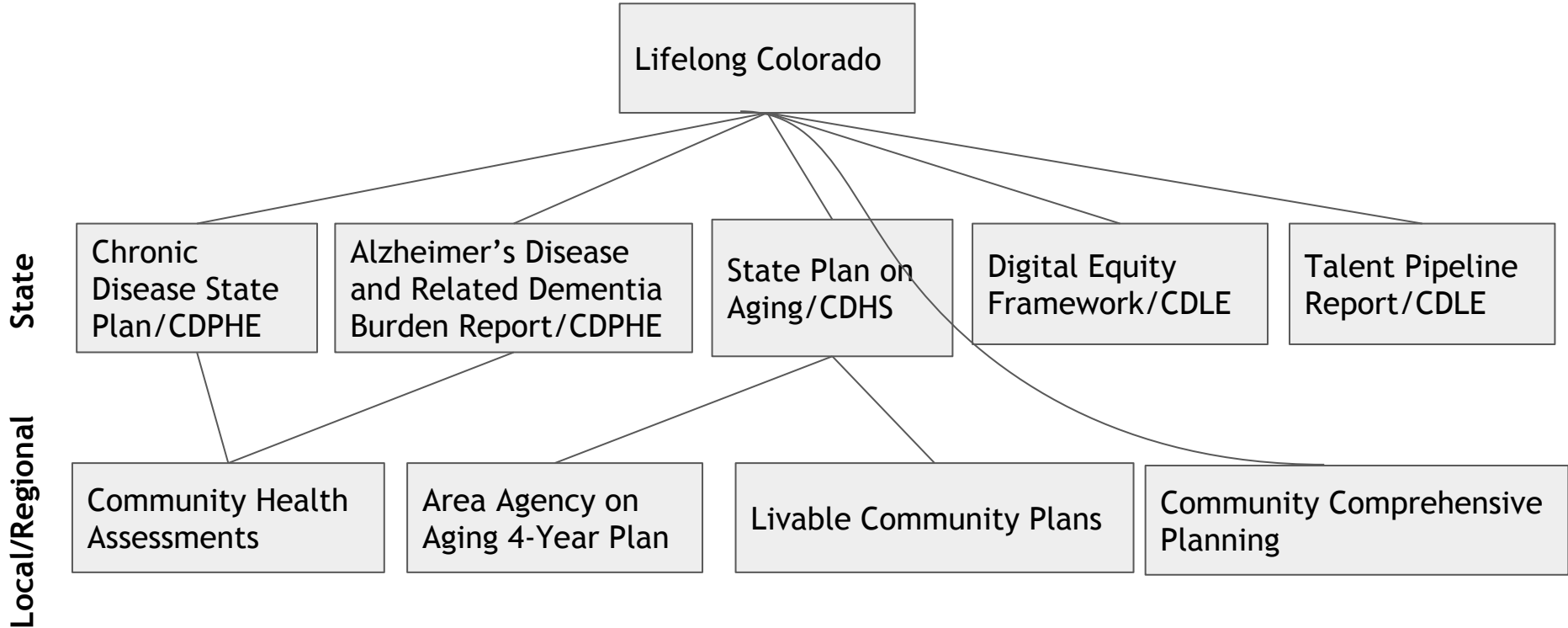


# Lifelong Colorado

**A Colorado well adapted for aging is one where  
all individuals can thrive - a Colorado for all**

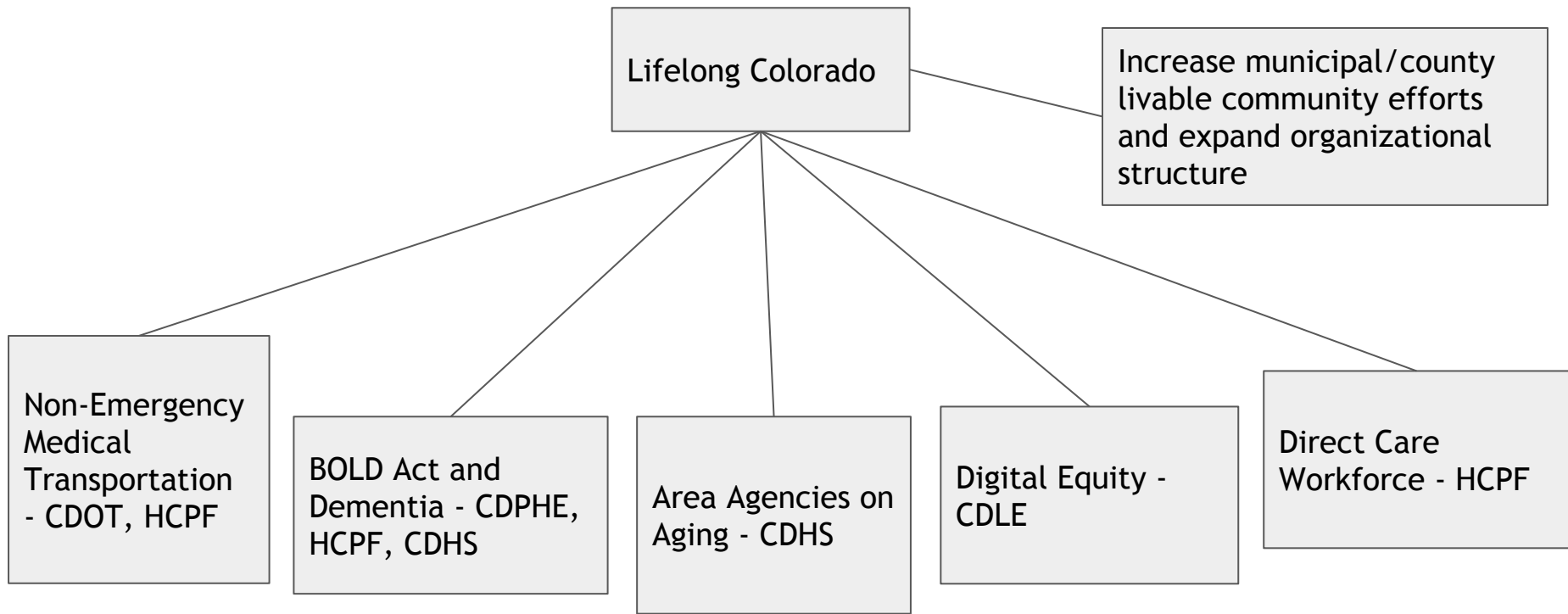


# Lifelong Colorado: State, Regional, and Local Strategies



*Note: This is not meant to be comprehensive, just an illustration*

# Lifelong Colorado and FY21-22 Priorities



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# Feedback from Survey

Promotion of age-friendly communities

Autonomy or more shared leadership

Move beyond poverty/fragility focus

Fund pilot programs and emerging technologies

Better engagement with private sector

Increased autonomy and authority

Improved rural engagement

Align language with OAA

Revise antiquated language

Sustainable funding

Direct engagement with legislature

Move beyond core OAA services

Expand focus of AAA/State plans

Revise organizational chart

Expanded representation

Determine unmet needs and fund

Intergenerational and lifespan approach

Implement Strategic Action Plan