

THE POWER OF MEMBERSHIP

In 2018, LeadingAge Oklahoma worked to make a positive impact on long term care in our state.

ADVOCACY

- Conducted the first Town Hall member forum to address member concerns and challenges with nearly 50 members participating.
- Passed legislation to assemble the Long Term Care Services and Supports Advisory Committee for the development of a strategic plan for aging in Oklahoma.
- Worked with our members to share the critical need for provider rate increases that contributed to rate increases for all providers.
- More legislative contacts, press coverage, and provider engagement in advocacy efforts than ever before.
- Organized Senior Day at the Capitol which drew the attendance of more legislators than any previous year even though it had to be moved to an offsite location.
- Represented the not-for-profit sector at meetings such as the Long Term Care Facility Advisory Board, the State Council on Aging, Focus on Excellence Advisory Committee, Medicaid Advisory Committee, Oklahoma Health Care Authority, Oklahoma State Department of Health, Oklahoma State Board of Examiners for Long Term Care Administrators, Ombudsman Advisory Committee and other entities to access the latest updates, regulatory issues and funding concerns.

EDUCATION

- Provided 72 hours of NAB approved continuing education.
- Twenty-six educational seminars offered to educate, enlighten, and inspire providers across the continuum of care.
- Seminars encompassed specialized education topics including workforce, dementia care, MDS, regulatory changes and aging services trends to keep providers updated on the latest information.
- Nearly 2,000 long term care professionals benefitted from the educational seminars.
- Provided networking opportunities for Executive Directors, Human Resources, Senior Housing, Adult Day Health Services, Activity Directors, PACE and Culture Change.
- LeadingAge OK Annual Conference is recognized as the state's largest long term care conference and one of the most affordable educational experiences.

RESOURCES

- Requirements of Participation resources made available for providers to ensure successful implementation of the most substantive regulatory change in 25 years.
- Monthly newsletter with critical regulatory and legislative updates as well as the latest information on long term care issues of importance.
- Special pricing and programs through Value First.
- Collaboration and networking opportunities with mission-driven not-for-profit providers to share and inspire innovation in Oklahoma.
- Clinical and regulatory consulting services addressed member inquiries on a host of topics relating to regulatory compliance, operations, clinical issues, and other provider concerns.
- Music and Memory, a \$374,000 grant program, was made available to Medicaid nursing home providers as well as information for all members regarding the positive impact of this program for the residents in member communities. LeadingAge OK brought this exceptional program to the state for the benefit of all nursing home residents.
- Compensation and Benefits survey to assist members with a wealth of data for human resources.
- Website providing a directory and consumer information to share the importance of the not-for-profit difference that is accessed by 2,000+ visitors each month.
- Provided the LeadingAge Insights reports: 5-Star Analysis, Hospital Readmission, and other quality metrics to drive quality improvement with expert consultation provided on 5-star report.

ASSOCIATION

- For over 24 years, LeadingAge OK has represented the not-for-profit sector and works for a much larger goal: to make a positive impact on all long term care services for the benefit of all individuals served.
- Association reserves are at 7 months of operating expenses, just short of the 9 month target. Dues for all categories are 16.7% of the budget, well below the national standard of 40-60%.

