

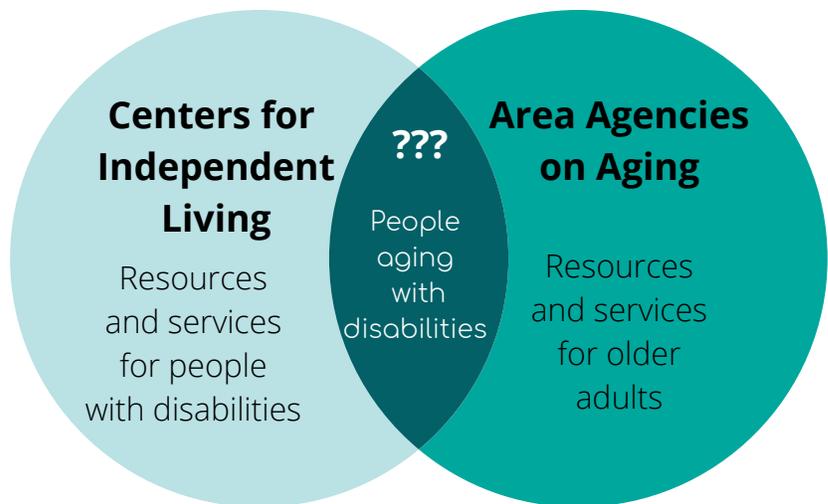


Community Engagement For Disability And Aging Research

*Supporting Community Engagement
and Participation*

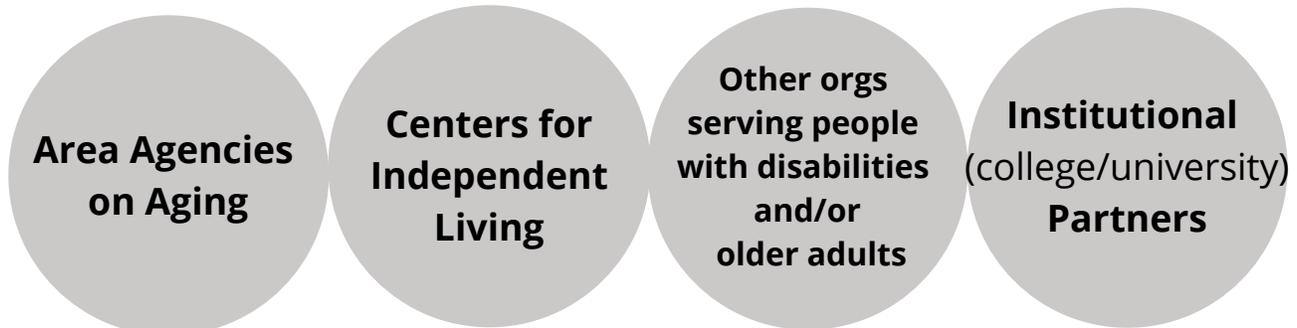
Long-term supportive services provide resources and support for older adults and people with disabilities in the community

But this fragmented system can leave people who are aging with disabilities unsure of where to seek services and can result in their exclusion from research.



To address this gap, we created a **Community-Based Research Network (CBRN)** for people aging with disabilities

CBRN Members



CBRN activities so far

- Educational opportunities provided by institutional partners
 - In-person trainings
 - Regular webinars about topics relevant to aging with disability
- Participant recruitment for research

After the first successful year of the CBRN, we surveyed staff at member organizations for their feedback

Survey results stressed the importance of:

- Building trust to recruit more organizations into the network
- Finding common ground
- Respect for people's time
- Communication--especially finding convenient modes of communication--is key

Challenges and areas for improvement in the CBRN include:

- Meeting needs of member organizations
- Dealing with conflicts of interest
- Finding funding
- Partnering with more academic institutions

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