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Subject: ACL Holocaust survivor services

Good morning,

The Older Americans Act of 1965, as amended through P.L. 114-144 in 2016, included a provision requiring the Assistant Secretary for Aging to issue guidance to the Aging Services Network (SUA, AAAs, and service providers) on serving Holocaust survivors. The provision identified that guidance should be issued on promising practices to conduct outreach and service provision to the Holocaust population. ACL created this guidance as a vehicle by which the Aging Services Network can build stronger connections to organizations and stakeholders providing care to Holocaust survivors, to enhance service capacity and quality. The guidance examines the unique needs and challenges of serving Holocaust survivors, with a particular focus on mental and physical health, nutrition, transportation, caregiver support, outreach, legal and ombudsman services, with a foundation in person-centered, trauma-informed approaches.

A link to the OAA / ACL is provided below. Please review to ensure that the services and programs you provide reflect the ACL guidance. Working with you, I will be making changes to the Policies and Procedures Manual as appropriate.

https://aoa.acl.gov/AoA_Programs/OAA/Reauthorization/2016/docs/ACL-Guidance-Holocaust-Survivor-Services.pdf

Thank You,
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