

NGA Policy Academy: Strategies to Balance Long- Term Care

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Next Steps

Critical factors—RTI case studies

- Clear coherent comprehensive commitment of policy makers to balancing LTC
- Continuous, systematic planning and data-based policy analysis and research (linking data sets)
- Systematic involvement of stakeholders
- Recognizing fiscal realities
- Integrating and consolidating administrative and budget authority

Next Steps (cont'd)

Conditions for rebalancing—Center for Home Care Policy and Research

- Focus on integration/consolidation in order to: Pool resources across settings, payers and programs to promote flexibility, choice and accountability and HCBS expansion; efficiently target services to the “right people” at “the right time”
- Empowering consumers

Next Steps (cont'd)

- An organizational framework for mental health and health/wellness
- Integrating services and funding through the aging network (Oregon, Washington, Massachusetts and New Mexico)
 - Consolidating administrative, budgetary authority
 - Managed LTC strategies (Arizona, Wisconsin, Family Care, Florida models)