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I. FY27-28 State Plan on Aging

1. DAAS has engaged Myers & Stauffer to conduct research, community engagement, and the writing of the next State Plan on Aging.
2. Myers and Stauffer will be reaching out with planning and timelines in March

II. WEAAD, June 16, 2025

- A. **Conference Theme:** *Arizonans United Against Elder Abuse: It takes a Village*
- B. Expecting ~300 participants
- C. Two AAAs (SEAGO and WACOG) are presenting a panel discussion on the effectiveness of local coalitions focused on elder abuse prevention
- D. Registration opens March 1

III. Older Americans Act Performance System (OAAPS)

- A. DAAS submitted required annual federal fiscal year OAAPS reporting at the end of January for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 24 (these are services provided by AAAs)
 1. In FFY 24, the number of clients served in Arizona were about 54,000 through home and community based services and over 2,000 through family caregiver services.
 2. Additionally, around another 4,000 individuals who are caregivers of older adults were served in FFY 24.

Adult Protective Services

- I. In December, APS automated the process of cross-reporting to the Department of Health Services (DHS), increasing time sensitivity and reducing human error.
- II. DES/APS, in partnership with the Department of Public Safety and the Department of Child Safety, launched the Centralized Background Check system late last year, which automates the process for employers to check an employee's fingerprint clearance card status, verification of not being on the APS registry, and verification of not being on the DCS central registry, all in one place. <https://cbc.az.gov/>
- III. Reminder about HB2764:
 - A. *Beginning January 1, 2025, verify that a potential employee is not on the adult protective services registry pursuant to section 46-459. If a potential employee is found to be on the adult protective services registry, the residential care institution, nursing care institution or home health agency may not hire the potential employee.*
 - B. *On or before March 31, 2025, verify that each employee is not on the adult protective services registry pursuant to section 46-459. If an employee is found to be on the adult protective services registry, the residential care institution, nursing care institution or home health agency shall take action to terminate the employment of that employee.*

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- C. *Beginning March 31, 2025, annually reverify that each employee is not on the adult protective services registry pursuant to section 46-459.*