



NATIONAL DISABILITY RIGHTS NETWORK AND THE P&A NETWORK

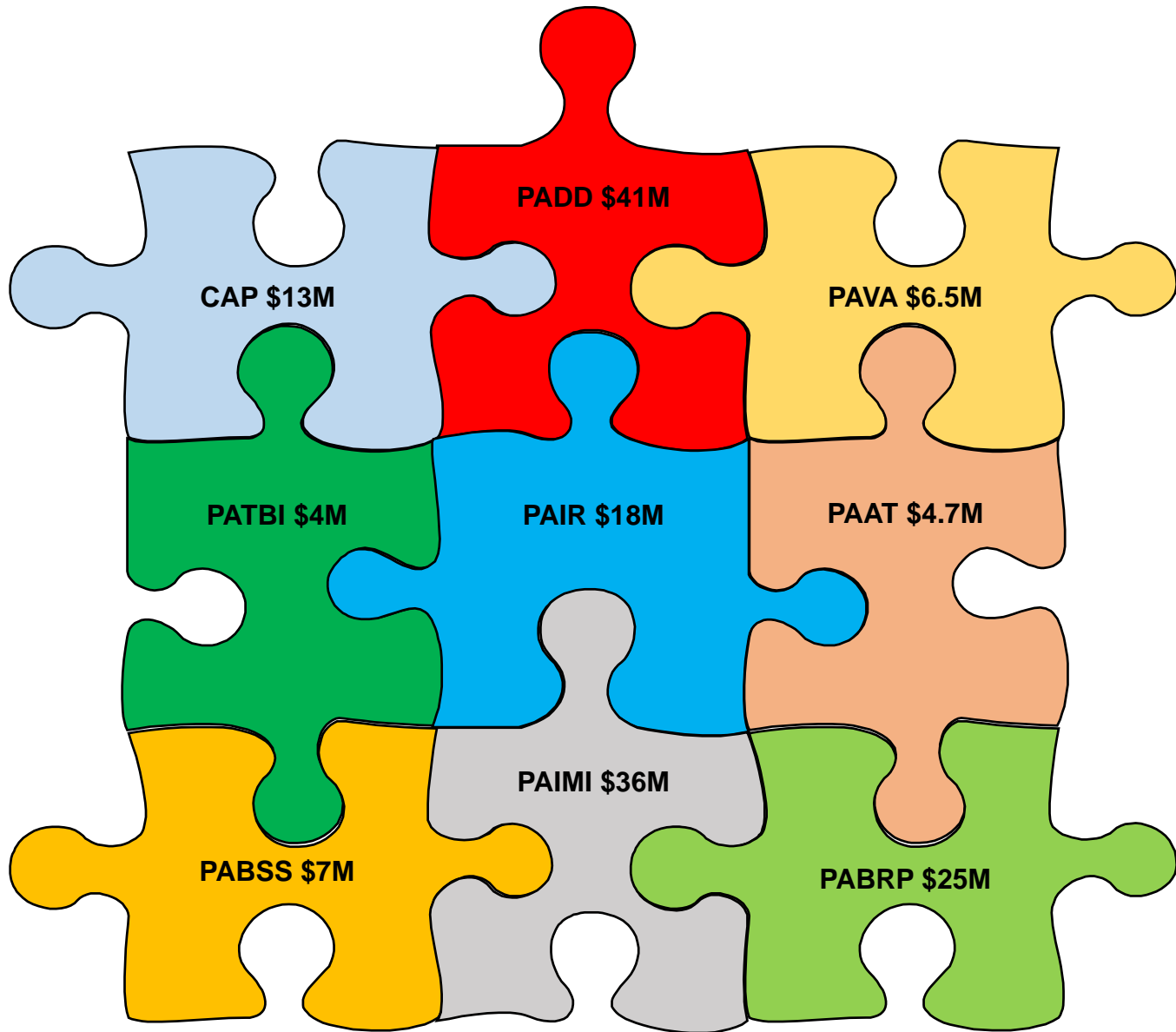
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Protection and Advocacy Agencies

- Created in 1978 and has grown to 9 federal programs
- A program in every state and territory plus a program in the southwest serving the Native American population
- 57 in total
- Mostly non-profits with 5 exceptions in state agencies

Negotiations along the way

- CAP – no class action
- “has” to “had”
- PAIMI – advisory board TA set aside
- AT - subcontract
- PAVA - no litigation



P&A Standards

- Follow the federal statutes and regulations but go beyond where core features not addressed
- Generally accepted norms for a P&A
- Self assessment to ID strengths and challenges
- Not best practice or to establish compliance

Philosophy

- People with disabilities are full and equal persons under the law and are entitled to equal access to the opportunities afforded to all members of American society.
- People with disabilities are entitled to be free from abuse, neglect, exploitation, discrimination, and isolation, and to be treated with respect and dignity.

Philosophy Cont.

- People with disabilities have access to age appropriate services and supports that are shaped by the unique needs and preferences of each individual. Such service and supports are designed to foster independent, productive and integrated community life.
- People with disabilities have the right to make choices about all aspects of their life including daily routines and major life events.

Principals that Guide P&A Work

- Advocates use multiple strategies to promote rights enforcement, independence and Inclusion of people with disabilities
- Advocacy services are client directed
- P&As are leaders on disability issues.
- Advocacy services are independent and accessible to people with disabilities

Values to Guide our Work

- People with disabilities are included in all activities undertaken by the P&A.
- P&As work zealously to protect and advocate for their clients and people with disabilities in their state.
- Boards of Directors, PAIMI Councils and P&A services reflect the diverse cultural, ethnic, racial, and disability diversity in their state.

Fiscal Management in P&A Standards

- Managed by sound fiscal principles, and follows federal guidelines
- Accurate fiscal information and documentation of revenues and expenses
- Financial information assists Board and management maintain financial soundness and assure that program funds are spent and accounted for as required
- Follows Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP)

Structure of Protection & Advocacy Systems

- Governor's Designation
- Formula Grant
- Continuum of Remedies
- Authority
- Priority Setting

Governor's Designation

- Ongoing Nature
- Re-designation for Good Cause Only
 - Not pursuing mandates
 - Not aggressive advocates
- 5% Monitoring/Administrative
- No Supplanting of State Funds



Formula Grant

- Different Formulas
- Minimums
- All Boats Rise Together
- Benefits
 - Stability
 - Build Capacity

Continuum of Remedies

- Information and Referrals
- Outreach to Unserved and Underserved Communities
- Training, including Self Advocacy Skills
- Legal Counsel and Advice
- Negotiation and Mediation
- Administrative Proceedings
- Individual Litigation
- Investigations of Abuse and Neglect
- Monitoring
- Public Policy and Legislative Advocacy
- Public Relations
- Systemic Litigation and Advocacy

Authority

“Pursue legal, administrative & other appropriate remedies”

- Range of Issues
- Ranges of Remedies
- Ability to Respond
- Access Persons, Records, Facilities

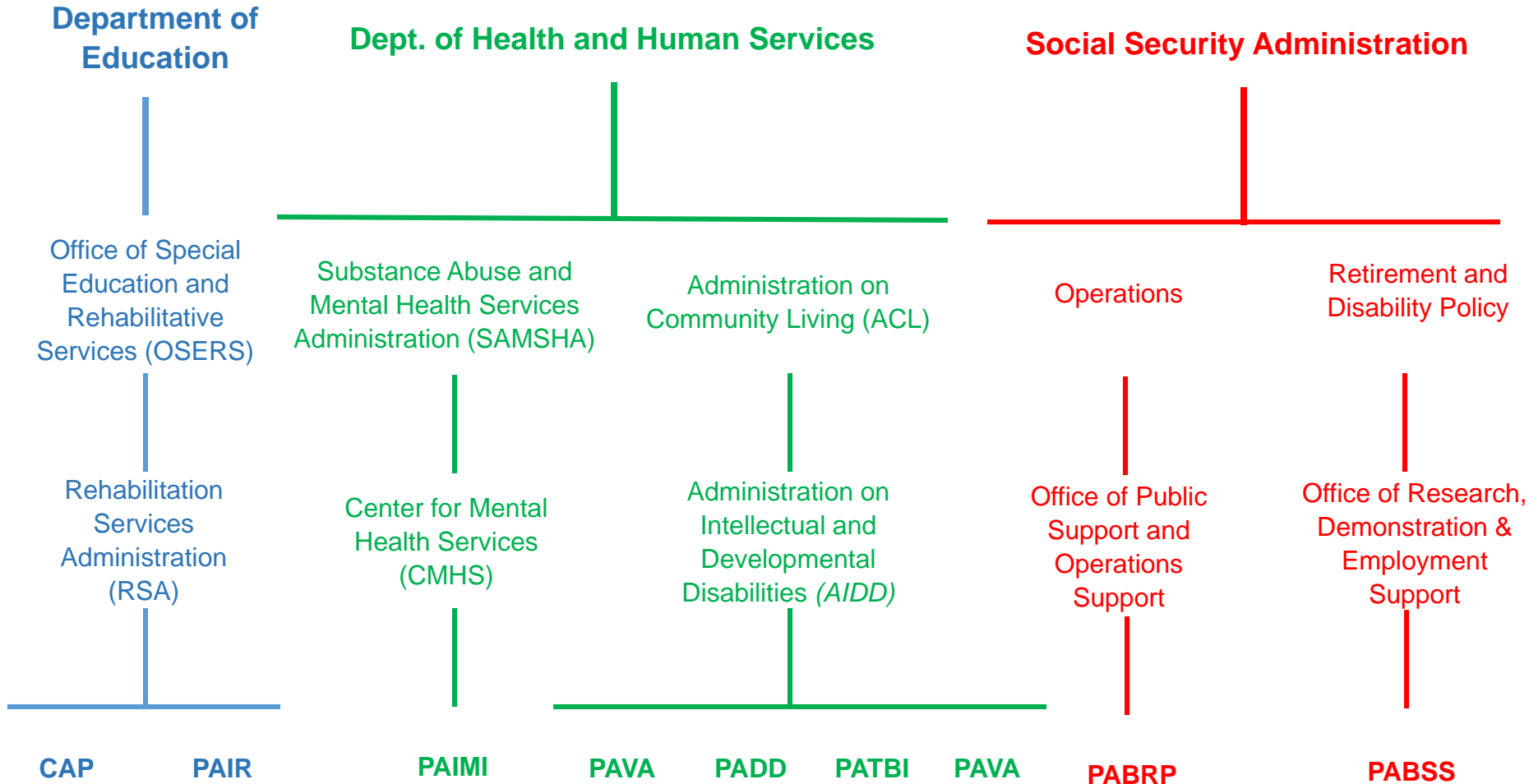
Priority Setting

- Public input
- Accommodation
- Scope of each priority
- Case acceptance
- Priority funding
- Current priorities
- Proposed priorities
- How to Say No

Fiscal Accountability

- Applications
- Federal Agency Oversight
- A-133
- Private Audits
- OIG Oversight
- Board Oversight

Federal Government



Congress
(Authorize/Appropriate)

Policy & Funding

Delegate Authority

NDRN
(Public Policy,
Membership Services,
Training & TA)

Administrative Advocacy

Federal Agencies
DHHS, ED, SSA
(Oversight/NGA)

Membership Dues

Formula Grants

P&A/CAPs
(Continuum of Remedies)



NDRN Activities

- Trade Association
- Training and Technical Assistance Provider
- Quality Assurance
- Membership Services
- National Disability Rights Leadership
- Contractor and Fundraiser for Members

