

## Definitions

**Long Term Services and Supports:** Long-term services and supports (LTSS) help older adults and people with disabilities accomplish everyday tasks that many of us take for granted. Tasks like bathing, getting dressed, fixing meals, and managing a home.

<http://www.ncoa.org/public-policy-action/long-term-services--supports/>

**Senior Citizens:** Senior – This term refers to any older adult older person or elder. Some (such as the United Nations) consider anyone over the age of 60 to be a senior, whereas others (such as the Centers for Disease Control) consider seniors to be people over age 65.

**People with Disabilities:** "Any person who has a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities; has a record of such impairment; or is regarded as having such an impairment."

[http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program\\_offices/fair\\_housing\\_equal\\_opp/disabilities/inhousing](http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/fair_housing_equal_opp/disabilities/inhousing)

**Caregiver:** A person who provides direct care (as for children, elderly people, or the chronically ill).

<http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/caregiver>

**Service Equity:** Providing the highest quality services for all Oregonians while helping them attain the best possible health and well-being. Achieving service equity involves engaging diverse cultural groups and working in partnership with these groups to develop programs and policies that meet their needs.

[http://www.oregon.gov/oha/OHPR/RSCH/docs/hospital\\_report/state-of-equity-report.pdf](http://www.oregon.gov/oha/OHPR/RSCH/docs/hospital_report/state-of-equity-report.pdf).

**Age-Friendly Communities:** Communities that are accessible for all age groups. This includes infrastructure, such as housing, transportation, and community design. It also includes social and cultural resources.

[http://www.who.int/ageing/age\\_friendly\\_cities\\_network/en/](http://www.who.int/ageing/age_friendly_cities_network/en/)

**Culturally Responsive:** Services that are delivered in a way recognizes an individual's uniqueness and differences from others. Differences can relate to the dimensions of race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, socioeconomic status, age, physical abilities, religious beliefs, political beliefs, or other ideologies.

<http://www.eval.org/p/cm/ld/fid=92>