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Partners Awarded \$850,000 to Help Californians Control Diabetes and Manage Chronic Disease Pain

SAN FERNANDO, Calif. (Oct. 24, 2017)— [U.S. Administration for Community Living \(ACL\)](#) awarded [Partners In Care Foundation \(Partners\)](#) an \$850,000 federal grant to help reduce serious risk factors associated with chronic pain or diabetes through [Chronic Disease Self-Management Education \(CDSME\) programs](#). This grant enables Partners to provide evidence based programs that reduce serious risks related to [diabetes](#) and [chronic pain](#) in areas with high-incidences of preventable suffering. Partners is one of eight organizations across the nation to receive funding.

Both diabetes and chronic pain impose a challenging burden on older adults, older disabled adults and the healthcare system. Diabetes healthcare alone costs California approximately \$24 billion every year, and the cost per county increases based on population. Reports of chronic disease pain medication death and hospitalization rates are rising. However, the impact of diabetes and chronic pain can be mitigated by providing individuals with practical tools and resources.

“We’re targeting diabetes and chronic pain because they are both very high-risk health factors in California,” said [Partners CEO, June Simmons](#). “The things we do help people manage their health conditions.”

[Simmons](#) went on to say community partners can work together to be more impactful and efficient in combating diabetes and chronic pain by combining our unique approaches to health education programs and services.

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Partners helps people [improve management of their chronic diseases](#) by focusing on healthy environments and developing new skills to cope with conditions related to diabetes or chronic disease pain. This grant helps Partners continue building a network infrastructure to deliver proven programs in communities across California in areas that need it most.

About Partners in Care Foundation

Partners in Care Foundation (Partners) is a nationally recognized, not-for-profit organization serving communities providing preventative support and social services to adults with complex health issues since 1997. Partners is a family of healthcare innovators collaborating with a wide array of health plans, hospitals and physician networks, community based organizations, and governmental agencies. Based in the Greater Los Angeles area, Partners is accredited by the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA). Partners is the largest organization of its kind in California. For more information, visit www.picf.org.

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