

Area Agencies on Aging

Description:

As the State Unit on Aging, the Department of Social Services, Aging Services Division grants Federal and State funds to five Area Agencies on Aging (AAA) within the State. AAAs are private, nonprofit planning agencies, which are directed by their own Board of Directors and Advisory Councils. Each AAA submits a four-year plan to the State Unit on Aging outlining its goals for developing and funding programs for elderly individuals in its region.

Funds are distributed through an intrastate funding formula, which contains a number of factors including the elderly population in the region and number of elders who are considered at risk. AAAs ask for proposals from local providers to deliver services to the elderly; they grant funds to those who show the most potential and creativity. The majority of these funds are provided, through the Older Americans Act of 1965. AAAs fund services in the following categories under this Act:

Supportive Services and Senior Center Participation (Title IIIB):

Title IIIB provides funding for access services such as transportation, information and referral, outreach services, legal assistance, case management and in-home services, including home health aide and homemaker. Health care, adult day care, senior center operation, education and counseling and other community services may also be provided with these funds.

Nutritional Services (Title IIIC):

Title IIIC funds support congregate meals served in group settings, home-delivered meals and nutrition education. These services are provided by Elderly Nutrition Projects.

Disease Prevention and Health Promotion (Title IIID):

Title IIID funds provide various services to help prevent disease and promote good health among older adults. There is priority under this section to use a portion of these funds to conduct medication management. Other services can include providing pertinent education and elderly health screening.

National Family Caregiver and Support (Title IIIE):

Title IIIE provides funds for supportive services to help family caregivers of older adults as well as elderly individuals, including relative caregivers who are raising children. These funds help to provide caregivers with information about available services, assistance with accessing services, counseling and training, respite care and other supplemental services that complement the care they provide.

Prevention of Abuse to the Elderly (Title VII):

Title VII provides funds to increase community awareness of elder abuse, neglect and exploitation. These funds enhance the ability of professionals to prevent elder abuse by encouraging the development and dissemination of timely and accurate information on best practices. Funds also foster the development of programs, models and initiatives that can measurably decrease elder abuse.

Fees are not charged for Older Americans Act services; however, the Act stipulates that programs must provide individuals an opportunity to contribute toward the cost of the services used to maintain the level of services and/or to provide additional services. Priority for all services is given to those in the greatest economic and social need.

The AAAs use state funds to supplement and match services provided through the Older Americans Act. State funds have been used to provide adult day care aide positions and day care services for persons with Alzheimer's Disease and related dementias, elderly health screening, transportation and meals.

AAAs may also receive waivers to provide direct services related to community education, advocacy, case management, information and assistance, benefits counseling and training. Programs that are offered by the AAA may vary by region.

Eligibility Requirements, Service Areas and Program Year:

Eligibility Requirements:

- Must be age 60 or older.
- Must be age 60 or older and homebound to receive home delivered meals.

Service Areas:

Statewide

Program Year:

Varies by program.

Contact Information:

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Refer to [Appendix A](#) for a list of towns served by each AAA.

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