



FACT SHEET

AGING SERVICES OVERVIEW

Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs) were established under the Older Americans Act of 1965 to respond to the needs of Americans age 60 and over. By providing home and community-based services, AAAs make it possible for older adults to live with independence and dignity in their homes and communities as long as possible. Services that are provided are funded through the Federal Older Americans Act, New York State, county government, participant contributions, and other sources.

DEMOGRAPHICS OF SENIORS RECEIVING SERVICES FROM AREA AGENCIES ON AGING

For the twelve month period ending March 31, 2009, the following number of persons were served by Area Agencies on Aging in New York State:

Low Income persons.....	196,369
Low income minority persons.....	76,736
Frail/disabled persons.....	212,345
Persons over age 75.....	183,609
Persons over age 85.....	109,829
Minorities.....	129,153
Total persons age 60+ served.....	599,031

The 60+ population in NYS in 2008 was 3,558,460. The above figures reflect that approximately 16.5% of the 60+ population are receiving services through AAAs. The senior population is projected to reach 5,302,667 by the year 2030. If all other factors remain equal, New York State would need to provide services to 848,427 seniors – an increase in services for 249,395 people; a 70% increase in need.

SERVICES PROVIDED BY AREA AGENCIES ON AGING

For the twelve month period ending March 31, 2009, the following number of persons were served by Area Agencies on Aging in New York State:

Caregiver Services.....	124,318 hours
Case Management.....	963,620 hours
Nutrition Counseling.....	14,644 hours
Home Delivered Meals.....	14,161,983 meals
Congregate Meals.....	11,246,764 meals
Adult Day Services	765,021 hours
Personal Care Level 1 (housekeeping/ chore services).....	656,592 hours
Personal Care Level 2 (homemaking/ personal care).....	2,505,508 hours
Transportation.....	1,935,689 rides
Legal Assistance.....	80,872 hours
Information & Assistance	2,213,949 contacts
Health Promotion.....	102,651 activities
Personal Emergency Response.....	10,059 Individuals have a PERS unit



ELDERCARE SERVICES

AAAs are a focal point for information, advocacy and coordination of eldercare services, including:

- Home Delivered and Congregate Meals
- Nutrition Counseling
- Information & Assistance
- Caregiver Support Services
- Health Insurance Information & Assistance
- Home Energy Assistance
- Long Term Care Information through NY Connects
- Adult Day Services
- In-home Services
- Legal Services
- Health & Wellness
- Volunteer Opportunities

FUNDING OVERVIEW

Funding for Aging programs comes from four main sources: the Federal Government through the Older Americans Act, the State, local match, and participant contributions. Some areas also receive funds from other sources.

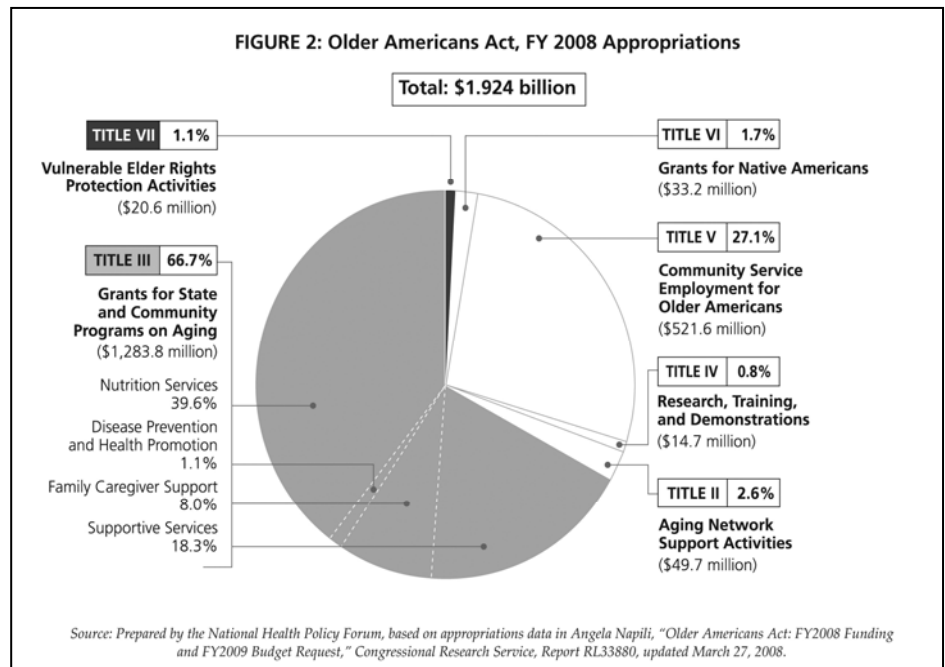
Federal Funding from the Older Americans Act (OAA), through the U.S. Administration on Aging, falls into several categories with varying levels of flexibility, see charts at right. OAA funds are for the purpose of assisting the State and its area agencies on aging to develop or enhance for older persons comprehensive and coordinated community based systems.

State Funding (administered by the NYS Office for the Aging and distributed to AAAs by formula) includes the match requirement to the Federal funds and in addition provides for the following programs administered through the 59 AAAs:

- Expanded In-Home Services for the Elderly Program (EISEP)
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) (includes home delivered meals, congregate meals and nutrition counseling)
- Community Services for the Elderly (CSE)
- Respite
- Transportation
- Health Insurance Information Counseling & Assistance Program (HIICAP)
- Congregate Services Initiative (CSI)
- Long Term Care Ombudsman Program
- Caregiver Resource Centers

Older Americans Act For Titles III-B, C1, C2 and E, the state must match at least 25% of plan administration costs. For Title III-B, C1, C2 and D, the state must match at least 10% of service costs. For Title III-E services, the state must match at least 25% of service costs.

At a Glance: Older Americans Act Structure	
Title I	Declaration of Objectives. Sets out broad social policy objectives oriented toward improving the lives of all older people.
Title II	Administration on Aging (AoA). Establishes AoA within the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) as the chief federal agency advocate for older persons and sets out the responsibilities of AoA and the Assistant Secretary for Aging. Establishes aging network support activities.
Title III	Grants for State and Community Programs on Aging. Authorizes activities of state and area agencies on aging and funds for supportive and nutrition services, family caregiver support, and disease prevention and health promotion activities.
Title IV	Activities for Health, Independence, and Longevity. Authorizes research, training, and demonstration projects in the field of aging.
Title V	Community Service Senior Opportunities Act. Authorizes grants to support part-time employment opportunities for unemployed low income people age 55 and older who have poor employment prospects.
Title VI	Grants for Native Americans. Authorizes grants for supportive and nutrition services to American Indians, Alaskan Natives, and Native Hawaiians.
Title VII	Vulnerable Elder Rights Protection Activities. Authorizes grants for the long-term care ombudsman program and services to prevent elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation.



Local funding is required to support the federally funded programs as well as the state funded programs. Area Agencies on Aging are required to match at least 25% of the service expenditures for both the EISEP and CSE programs. The CSI program also requires at least a 25% local match to state funding.

Local Offices for the Aging rely heavily on volunteers to assist with a number of their programs. Volunteer drivers deliver home delivered meals, provide transportation to doctor's appointments for those that can no longer drive, provide insurance counseling, provide non-medical respite care to relieve caregivers, and assist seniors with the application processes for weatherization assistance, heating assistance, food stamps, etc.