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## MISSION

To **serve and advocate** for older Illinoisans and their caregivers by administering **quality and culturally appropriate programs** that promote partnerships and encourage **independence, dignity, and quality of life.**



# FY25 Key Accomplishments

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## Community Care Program

- Providing an average of **45M** units of service to **78,000** participants
- For every month an older adult stays on CCP and out of a nursing facility, the **State saves an average of \$3,665**
- Increased the number of participants enrolled in Medicaid to **over 83%**, up by more than 4% from the prior calendar year

## Older Americans Act Services

- Providing **11.4 million home-delivered** meals and **1.8 million congregate meals** to older adults across the State
- Hosted over a **dozen State Plan Roundtables** to gather public input for development of a new 3-year State Plan on Aging

## Outreach & Education

- Senior HelpLine **responding to 151,000 calls** connecting older adults and families to needed resources
- SHIP counselors **assisting 104,000 older adults** in understanding health insurance coverage options
- Approving **82,000** license plate discounts, **44,000** Seniors Ride Free enrollments and **19,000** Persons with Disabilities Ride Free enrollments

## Protecting & Advocating

- APS responding to **23,000 cases** of alleged abuse, neglect, exploitation and self-neglect of older adults and adults with disabilities
- Ombudsman Programs **responding to 7,200 requests for assistance and advocacy** in long-term care facilities and homes across the State

# Multi-Sector Plan for Aging

- Governor Pritzker issued Executive Order 2024-02 in August 2024 to begin the development process for a Multi-Sector Plan for Aging (MPA). The MPA is a 10-year blueprint to support healthy aging in Illinois communities, while also addressing issues related to healthcare, housing, transportation, and other social determinants of health. The Executive Order establishes:
  - A **Chief Planning Officer** within IDoA
  - A **Community Advisory Council** consisting of diverse members
  - A **Task Force** of more than a dozen government agencies
  - A **research partner** to support the Chief, Advisory Council and Task Force
- These entities will work together to complete and submit the MPA to the Governor and General Assembly by December 31, 2025.

# Investment in CCP Workforce

Spending on CCP rate increases from 2019 through June 2026 ~\$2.1 billion

## In-Home Services

Date	Provider Rate	Amt. Increase
December 2019	\$20.28	\$1.99
January 2020	\$21.84	\$1.56
April 2021	\$23.40	\$1.56
November 2021	\$24.96	\$1.56
January 2023	\$25.66	\$0.70
April 2023	\$26.92	\$1.26
January 2024	\$28.07	\$1.15
January 2025	\$29.63	\$1.56

- Rates for In-Home Service providers have increased by \$11.34/hour or 62% since November 2019, from \$18.29 to \$29.63.

## Other Direct Care Workforce Recruitment & Retention Efforts

- Secured enhanced FMAP for development of a core training curriculum for direct care workers across waiver programs
- Conducted comprehensive surveys of direct care workers and providers regarding the state of the workforce and training needs
- Hosted focus groups and listening sessions with direct care workers
- Participated in Direct Care Workforce Peer Learning Collaborative with other states and subject-matter experts

# Supporting Unpaid Family Caregivers

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- ▶ Network partners assessed **3,658** caregivers and created **3,350** individualized care plans to support caregivers and reduce burnout
- ▶ Funded development of a **Caregiver Specialist curriculum**, *Foundations in Family Caring*, and Training Portal
- ▶ Selected for an exclusive national **Caregiver Learning Collaborative** aimed at developing core strategies to support family caregivers

# Meet Ron, Who Cares for His Wife

- ▶ Ron's wife, Sally, was diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease in 2006, while they were raising two of their granddaughters.
- ▶ Sally's disease changed their lifestyle as Sally experienced a decrease in the desire to bathe and dress for the day and go out to eat compared to past years of travel, socializing, dinners out, and dancing.
- ▶ These changes left Ron feeling isolated, lonely and overwhelmed.
- ▶ After connecting with a community service provider funded through IDoA and the local Area Agency on Aging, Ron and Sally found new motivation by attending Dementia-Friendly Zoo Outings, Memory Café gatherings, Stress-Busting programs, support groups and counseling sessions.



# FY26 Budget Highlights

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**Total proposed: \$2.02 billion, an 8.7% increase from FY25 enacted**

- ▶ Overall, the budget **maintains** programs for Illinois seniors with notable increases including:
  - ▶ CCP increase of \$144.4 million from FY25 enacted budget
    - ▶ Includes Jan. 1, 2025, rate annualization
    - ▶ Utilization and caseload increases
  - ▶ Home Delivered Meals increase of \$8 million from FY25 enacted budget
    - ▶ Accounts for increased costs of food and delivery
  - ▶ APS increase of \$2.2 million from FY25 enacted budget
    - ▶ Accounts for caseload increases and quality improvement



# FY26 Budget - Overview

Source	FY25 Enacted	FY26 Introduced	Change from FY25	Change from FY25 (%)
General Revenue Fund	\$688,520,105	\$587,653,729	-\$100,866,376	-14.7%*
Commitment to Human Services Fund	\$971,162,100	\$1,208,631,800	\$237,469,700	24.5%
Federal Funds	\$192,995,400	\$212,788,800	\$19,793,400	10.3%
Other State Funds	\$7,745,000	\$13,373,800	\$5,628,800	72.7%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,860,422,605</b>	<b>\$2,022,448,129</b>	<b>\$162,025,524</b>	<b>8.7%</b>

\*Note: Some Community Care Program spending from the General Revenue Fund has shifted to the Commitment to Human Services Fund. The shift between lines does **not** equate to programmatic cuts.

# FY26 Goals and Objectives

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- ▶ Complete and submit a **Multi-Sector Plan for Aging** to the Governor and General Assembly
- ▶ Develop and submit a new, **3-year State Plan on Aging** to the Administration for Community Living
- ▶ Conduct **rate studies** in the Persons Who are Elderly Waiver/Community Care Program
- ▶ Address **workforce shortages** in the Aging Network
- ▶ Support unpaid **family caregivers** through access to resources and training
- ▶ Address social determinants of health of older adults including **food security, housing and transportation**
- ▶ Maximize opportunities for **federal match and funding** and partner with stakeholders to **eliminate programmatic silos**
- ▶ Utilize technology to **streamline Department processes** and data-sharing in anticipation of implementing new federal rules