



Illinois Department on Aging

FY26-28 IL State Plan on Aging Planning

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The **MISSION** of the Illinois Department on Aging is 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.**

Person
Centered
Programs

Culturally
Appropriate
Services

Advocacy
and
Education



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Area Agency on Aging Area Planning

The mission of the AAAs as defined by the Older Americans Act is in part to:

“be the leader relative to all aging issues on behalf of all older persons in the planning and service area. This means that the area agency shall proactively carry out, under the leadership and direction of the State agency, a wide range of functions related to advocacy, planning, coordination, inter-agency linkages, information sharing, brokering, monitoring and evaluation, designed to lead to the development or enhancement of comprehensive and coordinated community-based systems in, or serving, each community in the planning and service area. These systems shall be designed to assist older persons in leading independent, meaningful and dignified lives in their own homes and communities as long as possible.” (45 CFR 1321.53)

FY 2025-2027 Area Plan

The Area Plan is developed for a three-year period using community needs assessment findings to serve older adults and caregivers in their PSA targeting older Illinoisans in “greatest economic and social need.”

The Area Plan details how each AAA will implement planning, service delivery, and/or service monitoring activities that meet the Statewide Initiative objectives as well as how programs developed, and services funded under the Older American Act program meet identified needs within the region.

Three statewide initiatives will be prioritized for the FY 2025-2027 Area Plan period. The initiatives were chosen to be included based on input and feedback received from older adult community members and caregivers, challenges and priorities raised by the AAA network, and community needs and priorities identified by IDoA.

Area Plan Programs and Funding

OLDER AMERICAN ACT (FEDERAL) FUNDING

- Title III-B Supportive Services and Senior Centers, In Home Services, and Community Services (\$17.5M)
- Title III-B Ombudsman (\$694K)
- Title III-C1- Congregate Meals (\$13.3M)
- Title III-C2- Home Delivered Meals (\$12.7M)
- NSIP (Nutrition Services Incentive Program) (\$7.3M)
- Title III-D- Health Promotion (\$893K)
- Title III-E- National Family Caregiver Support Program and Older People Raising Relative Children (\$6.9M)
- Title VII Elder Abuse (\$197K)
- Title VII Ombudsman (\$788K)

STATE FUNDING

- Caregiver Support Services (\$5.3M)
- Community Based Equal Distribution (\$1.8M)
- Home Delivered Meals Funds (\$52.3M)
- Ombudsman Funds (\$2.4M)
- Planning and Service Funds (\$15.6M)

Targeted populations

(as defined in the New Older American Act Rules)

Greatest economic need, as used in this part, means the need resulting from an income level at or below the Federal poverty level and as further defined by State and area plans based on local and individual factors, including geography and expenses.

Greatest social need, as used in this part, means the need caused by noneconomic factors, which include:

(1) Physical and mental disabilities;

(2) Language barriers;

(3) Cultural, social, or geographical isolation, including due to:

- (i) Racial or ethnic status;
- (ii) Native American identity;
- (iii) Religious affiliation;
- (iv) Sexual orientation, gender identity, or sex characteristics;
- (v) HIV status;
- (vi) Chronic conditions;
- (vii) Housing instability, food insecurity, lack of access to reliable and clean water supply, lack of transportation, or utility assistance

needs;

- (viii) Interpersonal safety concerns;
- (ix) Rural location; or
- (x) Any other status that:
 - (A) Restricts the ability of an individual to perform normal or routine daily tasks; or
 - (B) Threatens the capacity of the individual to live independently; or

(4) Other needs as further defined by State and area plans based on local and individual factors.

**Initiative #1:
Increase
statewide
visibility**

Increase statewide visibility of the Aging Network to connect Illinoisans with supports and services that encourage independence, dignity, and quality of life as we age.

Initiative #2:
Drive
continuous
quality
assurance and
improvement
activities

Drive continuous quality assurance and improvement activities that emphasize person-centered and trauma-informed services while maximizing effectiveness of services delivered through the Aging Network.

Initiative #3: Increase public awareness and knowledge of caregiver needs

Increase public awareness and knowledge of caregiver needs, as well as resources and services available throughout the state of Illinois to promote increased caregiver engagement in person-centered, trauma informed, and evidence-based programs and services.

State Plan on Aging

The goal of the State Plan on Aging is to integrate overarching findings and goals from the regional area plans to create a comprehensive actionable statewide plan with data driven performance measures that moves Illinois forward in better supporting older people and family caregivers.

Opportunities for Stakeholder feedback

The Department facilitated 23 Caregiver Roundtables that will be considered in the Development of the State Plan on Aging, August – October 2023

The Department will be facilitating opportunities to obtain the views of older individuals, family caregivers, service providers, and the public in July – September 2024 through various methods including meetings, focus groups, and surveys.

There will be a Public Comment Period and Public Hearings in January 2025

FY26-FY28 IL State Plan on Aging timeline

