

Colorado's Area Agencies on Aging Support Older Adults and Caregivers



Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs) respond to the needs of Colorado's growing older adult (60+) population and their family and informal caregivers in the communities we serve. We provide support through direct service, advocacy, funding to community providers, and education. AAAs work with public and private partners to respond to the unique needs in our communities. From supporting people who can remain in their home with the right services, to serving an older adult who benefits from the wellness and socialization opportunities provided at congregate meal sites, our services make a difference in the lives of older adults across the state.

For decades we have maximized private and public resources to ensure that essential services are available to minority, frail, rural, and low-income older adults. Established under the Older Americans Act (OAA) in 1973, AAAs provide or fund services in five broad categories:

- **Information and Assistance** to navigate community resources and services
- **Community-Based Services**, such as adult day care, transportation, and meal programs
- **In-home Services**, such as meal delivery, food shopping, chore services, home modification, and personal care
- **Elder Rights**, including assistance for persons 60+ with financial and legal concerns, and ombudsman services for residents of long-term care facilities
- **Support for Family Caregivers**, including educational opportunities and offering respite (a short break from caregiving responsibility for family members)

2024 marks the last Baby Boomers turning 60. Colorado's 60+ population is about 1.2M people now and is expected to increase to just over 2M by 2050. While overall population in Colorado is projected to increase by 29% from 2021 to 2050, our 80+ population is projected to increase by 181% over this same period. Our aging population is growing. Funding to Colorado's AAAs needs to increase to meet the current and growing needs of older adults and caregivers.

Colorado's 16 AAAs play a pivotal role in assessing local needs, developing programs, and creating service plans that build upon local community strengths. We maximize service potential and avoid duplication of effort by partnering with local agencies. We have an opportunity to make sure people can make the most of their longer, healthier lives through services and social policies to ensure older adults can remain active members of their community.



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