



# **Pennsylvania's Area Agencies on Aging**

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# Older Americans Act



- Older Americans Act (OAA) was authorized by the federal government in 1965 and created the Federal Administration on Aging, State Units on Aging, and the Area Agencies on Aging.
  
- OAA Funding:
  - In-Home Meals
  - Congregate Meals
  - Information & Referral
  - Care Management
  - Legal Assistance
  - Caregiver Support
  - Protective Services
  - PA LINKS
  - Title V Employment
  - Ombudsman
  - Health & Wellness
  - Transportation

# PA Department of Aging



- PA Department of Aging (PDA) serves as the state unit on aging.
- Provides oversight and support for PA's Area Agencies on Aging.
- Funding:
  - Older Americans Act
  - PA Lottery (PennCare)
  - Other Augmentations

## PA Area Agencies on Aging



- 52 AAAs serve the Commonwealth: 33 are county-based, and 19 are non-profit.
- Manage multiple funding streams and contracted and volunteer services.
- AAAs are trusted entities within the local communities and leaders serving older adults.
- AAAs develop, coordinate, and deliver aging services in every community across the Commonwealth.
- Provide a wide range of options allowing older adults to choose the home and community-based services and living arrangements that suit them best.

# Services Provided Through AAAs



- Adult and Older Adult Protective Services
- Senior Community Centers
- Adult Day Care
- Congregate Meals
- Care Management
- Emergency Response
- Advocacy
- Employment Services
- In-Home Meals
- Environmental Modifications
- Family Caregiver Support
- Legal Assistance
- Health and Wellness Promotion
- Insurance Counseling
- Transportation
- Domiciliary Care

## Services Provided Continued



- Personal Care Services
- Respite Care
- Outreach
- Overnight Shelter
- Personal Assistance
- Notary Service
- Assistance with completion of government forms
- Long Term Care Ombudsman
- PACE/PACENET Applications
- Volunteer Opportunities
- Veterans Home and Community Based Services
- Voter Registration
- Long Term Care Assessment
- Lifeline Emergency Response
- Foster Grandparent Program
- Information and Referral

# What is P4A?



- The Pennsylvania Association of Area Agencies on Aging (P4A) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit Association formed in 1977 to support the AAAs with the local delivery of person-centered services to older Pennsylvanians.
- [www.p4a.org](http://www.p4a.org)
- Rebecca May-Cole, Executive Director
- Board of Directors

# Aging Population in PA



- More than 3 million adults over 60 years of age currently reside in PA.
- One in four Pennsylvanians is over 60 years of age.
- Older adult population is expected to reach 4 million by 2030 – nearly one-third of the total PA population.
- 85+ population will also continue to increase.



## **AAA Local Issues**

- Funding
- Provider Staffing
- Staff Recruitment & Retention
- Protective Services, including Scams
- Collaboration with Behavioral Health/Drug & Alcohol Programs

## **AAA Network Issues**

- Funding
- Guardianship
- Legislation
- Master Plan on Aging & Disabilities



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