

Southeastern Association of Area Agencies on Aging



Area Agencies on Aging offering assistance, advocacy, and answers on aging in your community.

2017 SE4A LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

The SE4A chose three important issues that impact older adults in the nine southeastern states. These three priorities are:

Capacity of the Older Americans Act

The OAA helps older adults live safely at home through delivery of community based services. Investing in OAA programs is more cost effective than paying expensive Medicare claims or Medicare/Medicaid skilled nursing facility (SNF) cost. These supportive services are crucial to the health and well-being of older adults.

Enhancing the Health of Older Adults

Recognize the pivotal role that the Aging Network plays in bridging the gap between the health and long-term services and supports systems to help increase patient safety, improve quality of care and reduce health care costs.

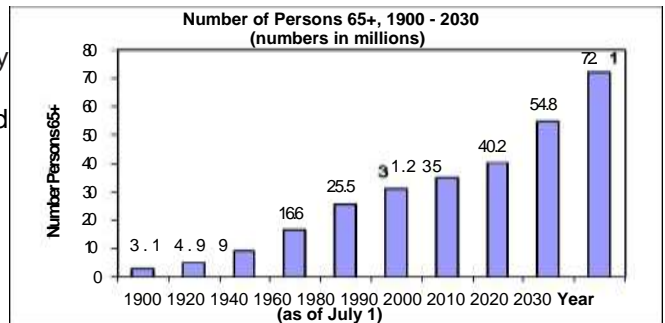
2017 Appropriations

Restore the funding of the OAA programs by increasing total funding to at least FY2010 levels.



DEMOGRAPHIC SHIFT

- ❖ The older population--persons 60 years or older—numbered 63 million in 2015.
- ❖ Persons 60 years plus represent 19.9% of the U.S. population.
- ❖ The number of people in the oldest-old age group (85+) is projected to grow from 6.3 million in 2015 to 14.6 million by 2040.
- ❖ By 2040 the number of 65 and over population are expected to increase by 72%.
- ❖ In 2050, 20 percent of the population aged 65 and over is projected to be Hispanic, up from 7 percent in 2010.



(Source: U.S. Department of Commerce Economics and Statistics Administration U.S. CENSUS BUREAU, American Community Survey 5 year estimate.

AREA AGENCIES ON AGING RESPONSIBILITIES VITAL TO YOUR DISTRICT



- Planning, developing, coordinating, monitoring and arranging for services management
- Provide or manage services to seniors (i.e. access, and community based services)
- Manage and monitor both state and federal dollars for Older Americans services
- Responsible for developing and coordinating the Family Caregiver Support Program
- Management and delivery of the Long Term Care Ombudsman Program
- Responsible for medication assistance programs, senior employment, SHIP, Senior Centers, disaster planning, support services, nutrition programs and services, etc.
- Implementation of initiatives associated with the Affordable Care Act including: Care Transitions, Medicare Benefits Counseling, MDS 3.0 Section Q, evidence-based health promotion programs, and aging and disabilities resource centers.

SUPPORT AREA AGENCIES ON AGING