

Frozen Funding Equals Suffering for Many Older Adults in Illinois



Funding for services that enable older and disabled Illinoisians to live at home in their communities comes from the Federal Older Americans Act (OAA). In FY24, 478,000 older adults (17% of the IL older adult population) received services.

AAAs and the aging network are important employers and drivers of job creation in the communities we serve. In 2019 it was estimated that this network provided more than 2000 jobs in Illinois.

Statewide, with no OAA \$ the following will be lost per month;

30,264

Fewer Contacts Providing Information, Assistance, & Outreach

Information, assistance, and outreach helps older adults make informed decisions about program, benefits, and services to help them live independently at home for as long as possible.

542

Fewer Older Adults Receiving Options Counseling

Options Counseling advises older adults about cost-effective options for community-based, long-term services and supports.

14,933

Fewer Rides Provided to Older Adults

Transportation programs provide older adults access to medical appointments, shopping, congregate dining locations, and senior centers.

925

Fewer Older Adults Receiving In-Home Services

In-Home services include housekeeping, respite care, telephone reassurance, and minor home repairs.

1,138

Fewer Consultations provided by the Ombudsman Program

The Illinois Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program (LTCOP) is a resident-directed advocacy program which protects and improves the quality of life for residents in a variety of long-term care settings.

5,378

Fewer Older Adults Served by Health Screening, Health Promotion & Education Programs



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183,209

Fewer Home-Delivered Meals to

1,253

Fewer Older Adults

154,971

Fewer Congregate Meals Served to

4,981

Fewer Older Adults

3,389

Fewer Contacts Providing Older Adults Legal Assistance

1,388

Fewer Older Adults Served by Multi-Purpose Senior Centers

753

Fewer Informal Caregivers and Relative/Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Served

The US Administration on Aging estimates that every federal dollar leverages an additional \$3 through private donations, local and state support.

Cost of Home Delivered Meals for One
Senior for Entire Year

\$2,602

Cost of One Day of Hospital
Care

\$2,754

Cost of Ten Days in Long Term Care
Facility

\$2,070

Source: Meals on Wheels America. 2021. "Delivering So Much More Than a Meal in Illinois."