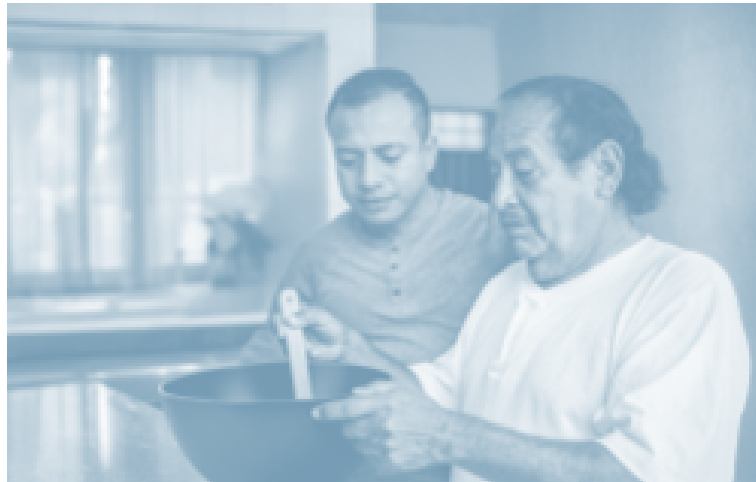




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2026-2030 Older Americans Act (OAA) State Plan on Aging

OAA State Plan on Aging

Welcome



OAA State Plan on Aging – public engagement

- Background
- Invitation for public comments and feedback
- URL for survey:
<https://forms.office.com/g/XZy8M40zFD>

Community Needs Survey



Background

- The Older Americans Act (OAA) originally passed in 1965.
 - Established authority for grants to states for:
 - community planning and social services
 - research and development projects
 - personnel training in the field of aging
 - Provides the foundation for the National Aging Network, which includes the Administration on Aging (AoA), state units on aging (SUAs), area agencies on aging (AAAs), tribal organizations, service providers and volunteers.
- The OAA mandates that states periodically develop State Plans on Aging (State Plan)

State Plan Guidance

State Plans:

- Document the tangible outcomes expected;
- Translate activities, data, and outcomes into proven best practices;
- Provide a blueprint for coordination and advocacy activities; and
- Build capacity for long-term care efforts in the state

State Plans - Structure

Goals, Objectives, Strategies & Outcomes

Goals – visionary

Objectives – specific, measurable, attainable, relevant, timely

Strategies – how to achieve goals & objectives

Outcomes – measurable benefits for older adults

- To the extent possible, should be classified as short, intermediate, and long-term outcomes

State Plans

- Key Topic Areas
 1. OAA Core Programs
 2. Greatest Economic Need (GEN) and Greatest Social Need (GSN)
 3. Expanding Access to Home and Community Based Services (HCBS)
 4. Caregiving
- Here's what the federal guidance requires of States in each of these areas

Key Topic Area 1: OAA Core Programs

All core programs (home delivered and congregate meals, transportation, family caregiver supports, health promotion and chronic disease prevention services for example) must be addressed

- Title III areas to address include:

- Age & dementia friendly efforts; Malnutrition; Assistive technology; Coordination with OAA Tribal Elders programs, and other OAA programs

- Title VII areas to address include:

- Addressing elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation; Multi-disciplinary responses to abuse, neglect and exploitation

- General areas to address include:

- Integrating core programs with ACL's discretionary grant programs; Strengthening and/or expanding Title III & VII services

Key Topic Area 2: Greatest Economic Need (GEN) and Greatest Social Need (GSN)

- Define what GSN and GEN mean in Oregon and how we will address these in our Plan
- Determining need and effectiveness of services; conducting outreach to identified populations; targeting services to those who meet the State's definitions of GEN and GSN
- Examples include:
 - Ensuring meal adjustments for cultural considerations/preferences; providing medically tailored or culturally responsive meals, serving older adults living with HIV/AIDS and other older adults with greatest social and economic needs

Key Topic Area 3: Expanding Access to Home and Community Based Services (HCBS)

- Promoting a comprehensive system of Long Term Services and Supports (LTSS)
- Facilitate the coordination of community-based LTSS services for older individuals
- Incorporating aging network services with HCBS funded by other entities such as Medicaid

Key Topic Area 4: Caregiving

- Strengthening and supporting unpaid caregivers, and joining larger efforts to strengthen the direct care workforce
- Implementing actions in the National Strategy to Support Family Caregiving
- Coordinating with the National Technical Assistance Center on Grandfamilies and Kinship Families

Key Issues Identified So Far

- Most common needs for older adults, identified by Oregon's local Area Plans, include the following:
 - Transportation
 - Affordable Housing and Home Repair
 - Mental and Behavioral Health Services
 - Dementia and Alzheimer's Disease Support
 - Food Insecurity and Nutrition
 - In-Home Services and Caregiver and Respite Support

* Source: Area Plans on Aging

State Plan Deadlines

State Plan Related Action	Regular Timeframes	2026 Deadlines
Suggested Public Hearing(s) completed	Suggested: 180 Days prior	Suggested: 4/1/2026
Public Comment period (30 days)		Mid-May through mid-June
Public Hearing		Mid-June (TBA)
At least one draft version submitted to ACL	120 Days prior	6/1/2026
Final signed version submitted to ACL	90 Days prior	7/1/2026
Effective Date	Federal Fiscal Year (FFY)	10/1/2026

We want to hear from you

Questions / Comments / Feedback

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