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Comments sought on draft State Plan on Aging by June 26

(Salem, OR) — Oregon's draft 2023-2026 State Plan on Aging – which shapes how older adults, people with disabilities, their families and other unpaid care providers are served – is available for review. The public is asked to provide comments on the plan to the Oregon Department of Human Services (ODHS) by 5 p.m. Monday, June 26, 2023.

The plan is developed by the ODHS Office of Aging and People with Disabilities (APD) and is required under the Older Americans Act of 1965. The plan is a contract with the Administration on Aging, a part of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Administration for Community Living and allows Oregon to receive funds under the Older Americans Act.

Oregon's draft State Plan on Aging for 2023-2026 has five focus areas:

- Older Americans Act core programs
- COVID-19 recovery
- Service equity
- Expanding access to Home and Community Based Services
- Caregiving.

Public input will be used as APD finalizes its proposed State Plan on Aging, which it submits to the federal Administration for Community Living. To review the draft State Plan and a summary of the plan, visit the <u>State Unit on Aging webpage</u>. A public hearing is scheduled for Monday, June 26, 2023, at 11 a.m. Information about the public hearing is posted to the <u>State Unit on Aging webpage</u>.

To submit comments on the draft State Plan on Aging:

- Email public comments to SUA.email@odhsoha.oregon.gov
- Mail written comments to:
 ODHS Office of Aging and People with Disabilities
 Attn: Debbie McCuin
 500 Summer St., NE, E-12
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You can get this document in other languages, large print, braille or a format you prefer. Contact the Community Services and Supports Unit at (503) 945-6237 or email SUA.email@odhsoha.oregon.gov. We accept all relay calls, or you can dial 711.

About the Office of Aging and People with Disabilities:

APD's vision is to ensure Oregon's older adults, people with disabilities and their families experience person-centered services, supports and early interventions that are innovative and help maintain independence, promote safety, wellbeing, honor choice, respect cultural preferences and uphold dignity.

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