

Nebraska DHHS State Unit on Aging

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Division of Developmental Disabilities



Mission

Promote the dignity, independence, and freedom of choice for older Nebraskans and persons with disabilities.

Work with partners to help Nebraskans stay in their homes and communities.



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Older Americans Act

Nebraska Community Aging Services Act

- *Aging Advisory Committee
- *Care Management Program
- *Senior Volunteer Program

Aging & Disability Resource Center Act

Alzheimer's and Other Dementia Advisory Council



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Older Americans Act

Signed by President Linden Johnson on July 14th, 1965.

Foundation for home and community-based services for older adults and their caregivers and people with disabilities.

Established the Administration for Community Living.

State Units on Aging

Area Agencies on Aging

National Aging Network

56 state and territorial units on aging

Over 600 Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs) More than 270
Title VI Native
American
Aging
Programs

Over 20,000 community service providers



"The Older Americans Act clearly affirms our Nation's sense of responsibility toward the well-being of all of our older citizens,"

President Johnson remarked at the bill signing on July 14, 1965.



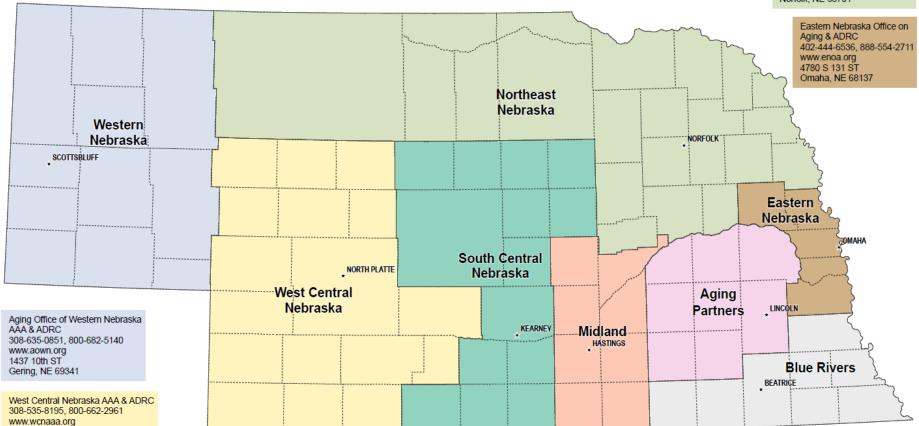
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Helping People Live Better Lives.

Nebraska Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs)

Northeast Nebraska AAA & ADRC 402-370-3454, 800-672-8368 www.nenaaa.com 110 N 37th ST, UNIT 101 Norfolk, NE 68701



South Central Nebraska AAA & ADRC 308-234-1851, 800-658-4320 www.agingkeamey.org 620 E 25th ST, STE 12 Keamey, NE 68847

115 N Vine North Platte, NE 69101

> Midland AAA & ADRC 402-463-4565, 800-955-9714 www.midlandareaagencyonaging.org 2727 W 2nd ST, STE 440 Hastings, NE 68901

Aging Partners AAA & ADRC 402-441-7070, 800-247-0938 https://www.lincoln.ne.gov/City/Departments/Aging-Partners 600 S 70th ST, BLDG 2 Lincoln, NE 68510 Blue Rivers AAA & ADRC 402-223-1376, 888-989-9417 www.braaa.org 103 Eastside BLVD Beatrice, NE 68310 NEBRASKA
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MAP UPDATED: APRIL 2024

Nebraska 2024 – 2027 State Plan For Aging

Goals

1

Expand advocacy programs for persons living in all living situations.

2

Promote and develop programs to protects the rights and prevent abuse of older adults and people with disabilities 3

Promote and develop programs to support individual self-determination and control.

4

Support and promote long-term services and supports for persons in all living situations.

5

Promote effective, responsive, and accountable management practices.

State Programs



The Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) is for Nebraskans 60 years or older, people with disabilities of all ages, family members, caregivers, and advocates. Local ADRCs provide information, referrals, and assistance for accessing community services and long-term care options.

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The Senior Volunteer Program helps the elderly stay in their home. Volunteers are aged 60 and older help with daily tasks.



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State Aging Advisory Committee

12-member Advisory Committee appointed by the Governor.

Advise the SUA on the needs of older Nebraskans and reviews its policies and budgets.

Alzheimer's and Other Dementia Advisory Committee

Submit a State Alzheimer's Plan to the Legislature and Governor with findings and recommendations regarding:

- The needs of individuals living with Alzheimer's disease or other dementia,
- Services available in the state for those individuals and their family caregivers, and;
- Availability of healthcare providers and facilities to meet the current and future needs of such individuals



Older Americans Act

The Older Americans Act provides for a range of programs.

Supportive Services (III-B) -

Adult Day Service, Transportation, Case Management, Legal Assistance, Chore, Homemaker, Personal Care, etc.

- Nutrition Services (III-C1 & III-C2)
 Congregate & Home Delivered Meals, Nutrition
 Counseling/Education
- Health Promotion Disease Prevention (III-D)
 Evidence-based disease prevention and health promotion
- National Family Caregiver Support Program (III-E)

Access Assistance; Counseling, Support Groups, Training; Respite; Supplemental Services, Information Services, Family caregiver support services

Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program (VII)
 Long-term Care Ombudsman and Prevention of Elder Abuse,
 Neglect and Exploitation

Title III eligibility – age 60+ for the majority of services.

Older Americans Updated Act March 2020

- The Administration for Community Living released a final rule to update regulations for implementing OAA programs on March 15, 2024.
- Regulated entities must comply by October 1, 2025.
- State Unit on Aging currently working on drafting new program instructions to comply with new regulations
- SUA has met with Area Agencies on Aging to gather input.
- SUA seeking additional stakeholder input.
 - Public Comment/Stakeholder Input Meeting
 - o December 16, 2024, 10:30 − 11:30 a.m.

More information will be posted on the State Unit on Aging website. https://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/Aging.aspx

Questions?

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