

Area Agencies on Aging

An Area Agency on Aging is a public or private nonprofit agency, designated by the state, to address the needs and concerns of all older Americans at the local level. "Area Agency on Aging" is a generic term. Specific names of Area Agencies on Aging may vary. Area Agencies on Aging may be part of a city or county government, a regional planning organization or a private non-profit agency. Each Area Agency on Aging is responsible for a specific geographic area— either a city, a single county or a multi-county district. In New York State, there are 59 local offices which service each county, the City of New York, the St. Regis Mohawk Indian Reservation and the Seneca Nation of Indians.



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Programs and Funding

The Older Americans Act was first enacted in 1965 and helped create community-based programs and services to improve the quality of life for older Americans. Services funded by the Act have become critical in sustaining a growing older population. In addition to federally funded programs, New York State has created three additional programs wholly funded by state and local dollars to provide supportive service to frail, low-income seniors, who need assistance to maintain their independence at home, enabling them to participate in family and community life.

Community Services for the Elderly (CSE)

The Community Services for the Elderly Program was established in 1979 to help older adults remain in their homes and participate in family and community life. This state-funded program ensures the coordination of many varied programs and services provided to older New Yorkers. State aid is provided to all local offices for the aging for the expansion of existing services, as well as for the creation of new services as needed. Services under this program include transportation, home care, adult day care, respite and case management.

Expanded In-home Services for the Elderly Program (EISEP)

EISEP is an expansion of the Community Services for the Elderly Program and is a major state initiative to direct older New Yorkers in need of long term care toward community-based care prior to the time they may need institutional care. The program targets critical services to functionally-impaired older citizens who need assistance in activities of daily living. Funding is through a statutory per capita formula and is used for in home services, case management, non-institutional respite and ancillary services.

EISEP helps eligible residents who are 60 or older, impaired in activities of daily living (such as eating, dressing, bathing or toileting) or who are unable to prepare meals, clean house, shop, do laundry or take their medications.

EISEP has four service components:

Case management—the foundation of the program helps older persons and their families assess their needs and develop, implement and maintain an appropriate plan of services and service delivery.

In-home Services at two levels: **Housekeeper/chore** (environmental support) and **Homemaker/personal care** (environmental support and hands-on care).

Non-Institutional Respite to provide temporary relief to informal caregivers. Types of respite include companion service and social adult day care.

Ancillary Services—a flexible category designed to meet the different and unique needs of individuals which affect his/her ability to remain at home.

Services provided under EISEP, with the exception of case management, which is free, are paid for under a sliding fee scale.

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)

All local offices for the Aging receive State SNAP funds to supplement nutrition programs funds. In 1984, SNAP was created as part of New York's response to hunger and to help the nutritionally at risk of all ages. SNAP funds both home delivered and congregate meals. In addition, nutritionally at risk persons are provided nutrition counseling by registered dietitians, shopping assistance and transportation.

For more information on these programs,

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