



DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC SECURITY

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# Arizona State Plan on Aging 2023-2026

# State Plan Background

- Older Americans Act (OAA) requires each State Unit on Aging (SUA) submit State Plan on Aging every 4 years
    - [Current Plan FFY 2019-2022](#)
    - [Draft Plan FFY 2023-2026](#)
      - Submit to Administration for Community Living (ACL) under DHHS
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# Timeline

- Posted online for public comment: [Draft Arizona State Plan on Aging 2023-2026](#)
  - Two virtual public comment meetings (statewide):
    - Late April
    - Early May
  - Plan Updates
  - Routing/Governor's Signature
  - Submit to ACL by 7/1/22
  - Effective 10/1/22
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# Goals, Objectives, Strategies, and Outcomes

## Goals:

1. Older adults in Arizona have access to quality care
  2. Increase awareness and understanding of aging issues
  3. Increase the ability of adult Arizonans to maintain their individual well-being and safety
  4. Strengthen paraprofessional and professional workforce
  5. Enhance infrastructure to deliver services
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# Goal 1

## Older adults in Arizona have access to quality care

- 1.1 Strengthen and enhance the dementia capability of the aging network to promote independence
  - 1.2 Increase access to care coordination, healthcare, and other social services for all seniors
  - 1.3 Provide information and promote understanding of options, benefits, and available services through a variety of formats
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# Goal 2

## Increase awareness and understanding of aging issues

- 2.1 Strengthen and enhance information sharing on aging issues to promote support
  - 2.2 Promote the usage of positive person-centered pronouns of older adults and other ageism terminology
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# Goal 3

## Increase the ability of adult Arizonans to maintain their individual well-being and safety

- 3.1 Promote healthy lifestyles to reduce long-term illness and mortality from preventable and chronic diseases
  - 3.2 Support aging services and programs that promote independence and self-determination of choices
  - 3.3 Strengthen efforts to prevent and respond to reports of elder maltreatment
  - 3.4 Foster inclusion and diversity of underserved and underrepresented populations in accessing NMHCBS within the Aging Network in Arizona
  - 3.5 Respond to the ongoing effects of COVID-19 pandemic
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# Goal 4

Providers for older adults in Arizona can provide an integrated and well-trained informal, paraprofessional, and professional workforce

- 4.1 Strengthen, expand, and evaluate the Family Caregiver Support System
  - 4.2 Develop a direct care workforce sufficient to meet the growing care needs in Arizona
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# Goal 5

Arizona has the necessary infrastructure to deliver needed support services

- 5.1 Develop programs and approaches to close the current gapes in aging services infrastructure and delivery system, especially to underserved areas
  - 5.2 Develop methodology for setting service rates that provide adequate network coverage
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