

Fiscal Director's Refresher Training

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Older Americans Act (OAA)

Overview



- 1965 Great Society Legislation
- Establishes the Administration on Aging (AoA), State Units on Aging (SUAs) and Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs)
- OAA - up for reauthorization in 2011



- Federal Mechanism for Aging Grants
- Requires VDA and the AAAs to Advocate for Older Individuals

President Johnson signing the OAA in 1965

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Title I: Objectives / Definitions

- Adequate Income
- Best Possible Physical and Mental Health
- Suitable Housing
- Institutional & Community-Based Long-Term Care
- Employment Without Age Discrimination
- Retirement in Health, Honor, Dignity
- Participation in Civic, Cultural, Educational Activities
- Community Services such as Transportation
- Education About Sustaining and Improving Health
- Protection From Abuse, Neglect, and Exploitation

Title II: Administration on Aging

- Authorizes, Organizes, and Finances

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Title III: State and Community Programs

Part A:

Defines the Purpose

- Maximize Independence and Dignity
- Remove Individual and Social Barriers
- Continuum of Care
- Managed In-home and Community-Based Long-Term Care Services

State Units on Aging (SUAs)

- Develop and Administer State Aging Plan
- Advocate for Older Individuals
- Designate Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs)
- Establish Policies, Procedures, Service Standards
- Provide Technical Assistance

Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs)

- Develop and Administrator Local Aging Plan
- Establish Advisory Council
- Provide Services
- Establish Focal Points to Provide Services
- Facilitate Coordination of Community Long-Term Care Services

Part B: **Support Services & Senior Centers**

- Community-Based Services and In-Home Services: adult day care, checking (reassuring contact), chore, homemaker, personal care, residential repair and renovation.
- Access Services: care coordination, information and assistance, transportation.

Part C: **Nutrition / Meals**

- Subpart 1: Congregate (Group)
- Subpart 2: Home Delivered

Part D: **Disease Prevention and Health Promotion**

Part E: **National Family Caregiver Support Program**

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Title IV: Activities for Health, Independence and Longevity

- Demonstration Grants / Programs
 - Aging & Disability Resource Center Grants
 - Alzheimer's Disease Grants
 - Evidence Based Programs (Chronic Disease Self-Management Program)

Title V: Community Service Senior Opportunities Act

- Older American Community Service Employment Program
 - States
 - National Contractors

Title VI: Grants for Native Americans

- Federally recognized American Indian Tribes
- Native Hawaiian Program

Title VII: Vulnerable Elder Rights Protection Activities

- Ombudsman
- Elder Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation
- State Legal Assistance Development

OAA Eligibility for Services



- ❖ Age 60 and over (except Title III-E Grandparents and Title V is 55)
- ❖ Not an entitlement (guaranteed access to benefits) like Social Security, Medicare or Medicaid
- ❖ Services can be curtailed due to lack of funding
- ❖ Self-declaration of income – Not means tested. There is no verification of ability to pay, but programs target poverty
- ❖ Income information may be asked to determine fee-for-service/cost sharing

Questions?

