

2023 Policy Priorities

AgeGuide’s policy priorities address the growing disinvestment in aging services as demand for these programs continues to increase. **To better support Illinois' growing population of historically marginalized older adults**, our priorities for FY23 include the following:

Support Essential Services

<p>State Ask</p>	<p>Support the Governor’s FY24 budget for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Home Delivered Meals - Social Connection programs* - Alzheimer’s Disease and Related Disorders* <p>*Illinois Department on Aging Statewide Priorities</p>
<p>Federal Ask</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Increased investments, particularly for Older Americans Act Title IIIB – Supportive Services <p>The capacity of Older Americans Act programs must be dramatically increased to both address growing needs and to realize the benefits of our longer years.</p>

Support Family Caregivers

Most of us want to live at home and in our own communities as long as possible. To do so, we will need support. Investing in caregivers saves the state millions of dollars in Medicaid payments for nursing homes stays and keeps people at home longer.

<p>State Ask</p>	<p>In 2022, the Illinois General Assembly, for the first time, allocated \$4M to support family caregivers. These funds support a new assessment tool that allows us to tailor services and supports to help families keep loved ones at home. We’re asking for a \$2M increase to expand the following services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tailored interventions - Support services & respite care - Hands-on-caregiver training & stress relief - Support for grandparents raising grandkids (kinship care)
<p>Federal Ask</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Increase federal investment in Older Americans Act Title III E – National Family Caregiver Support Program