



Funded Partner Onboarding Training

Agenda

Module 1 - Overview of the Aging Network

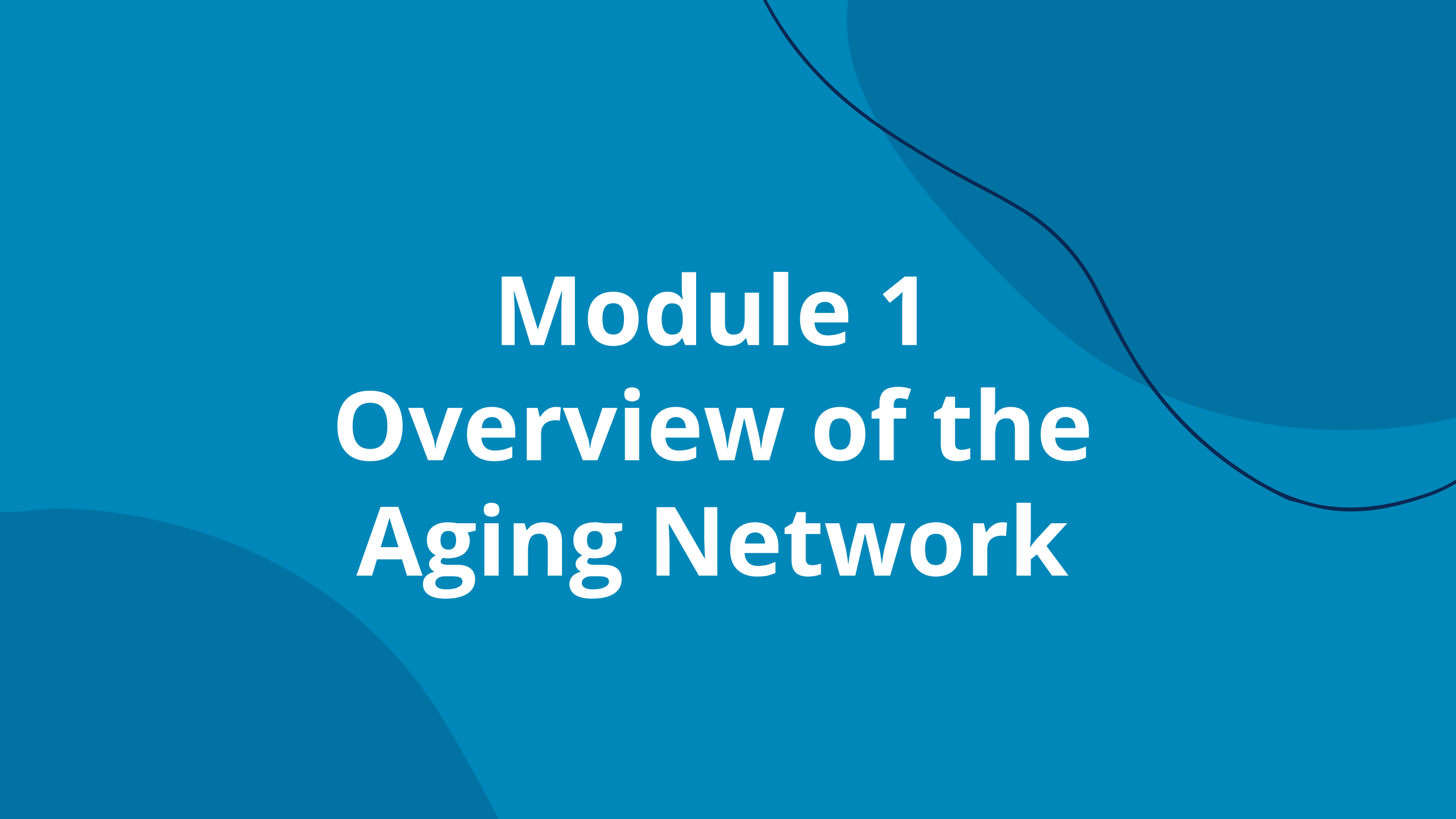
Module 2 - Older Americans Act Programs

Module 3 - Other Aging Network Services

Module 4 - Grants Management

Module 5 - Fiscal Procedures

Module 6 - Resources

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Module 1

Overview of the Aging Network

Learning Objectives



Module 1 - Understand how the Aging Network delivers programs and services for older adults, caregivers, and grandparents/relatives raising children.

Module 2 - Understand programs and services offered in PSA 02 under the Older Americans Act.

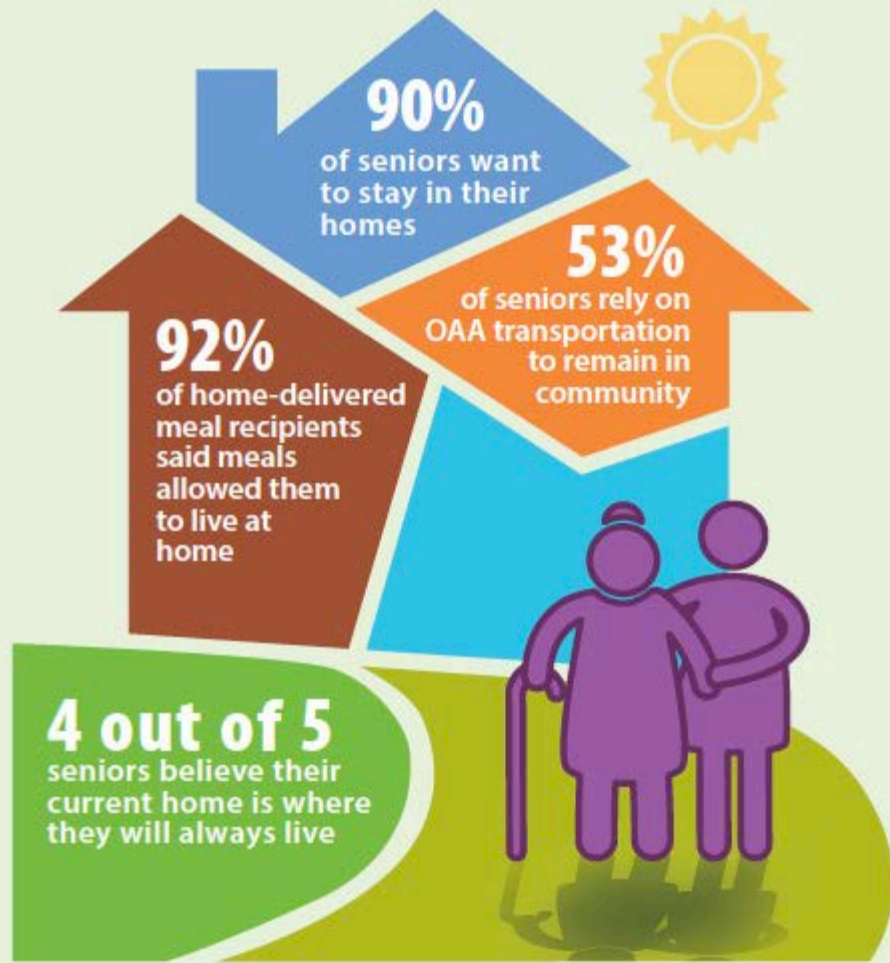
Module 3 - Understand how to access additional services for older adults, caregivers, older relatives raising children and veterans that are not part of the Older Americans Act.

Module 4 - Understand grants management activities and processes essential to delivering Older Americans Act services.

Module 5 - Understand fiscal procedures and processes required for Older Americans Act service delivery.

Module 6 - Identify and utilize other training resources available for Older Americans Act and other aging network services.

OLDER AMERICANS ACT SERVICES
**HELP SENIORS
STAY AT HOME**



Older Americans Act (OAA)

- “Great Society” Initiative 1965
- Support older Americans to live at home
- Creates National Aging Network
- 600+ Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs), 270 Tribal Native American Programs
- Core set of mandatory and optional programs
- Targets vulnerable populations

ADMINISTRATION FOR COMMUNITY LIVING
 IMPROVING THE LIVES OF OLDER ADULTS AND PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES THROUGH SERVICES, RESEARCH, AND EDUCATION

WHAT IS COMMUNITY LIVING?

OLDER ADULTS AND PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES HAVE THE SAME OPPORTUNITIES AS EVERYONE ELSE TO:

- ✓ CHOOSE WHERE TO LIVE
- ✓ EARN A LIVING
- ✓ PARTICIPATE IN SOCIETY
- ✓ MAKE DECISIONS ABOUT THEIR LIVES

WHY IS COMMUNITY LIVING IMPORTANT?

- PEOPLE PREFER IT
- IT COSTS LESS
- IT'S A LEGAL RIGHT
- EVERYONE BENEFITS WHEN EVERYONE CAN CONTRIBUTE

HOW DOES ACL SUPPORT COMMUNITY LIVING?

- FUNDS SERVICES THAT HELP PEOPLE LIVE INDEPENDENTLY
- INVESTS IN RESEARCH, INNOVATION, TRAINING, AND EDUCATION
- ADVOCATES FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES AND OLDER ADULTS

WHO ARE ACL'S PARTNERS?

- NATIONWIDE AGING AND DISABILITY NETWORKS
- STATES, TRIBES, AND COMMUNITIES
- COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES
- NONPROFIT, FAITH-BASED, AND INDUSTRY PARTNERS
- OTHER FEDERAL AGENCIES



Administration for Community Living (ACL)

Federal Administrating Agency

Includes the Administration on Aging

Oversees a variety of programs including OAA Services, Tribals programs, programs for people with disabilities, elder justice etc.

Research, Data, and Resources

Manages Eldercare

Locator <https://eldercare.acl.gov/Public/Index.aspx>

<https://acl.gov/> [About ACL Handout Download](#)



<https://ilaging.illinois.gov/>

Illinois State Unit on Aging (SUA)

Develops/Implements State Plan on Aging

Governing agency for Aging Network

Oversees Older Americans Act Services, SHIP, SHAP, MIPPA, Ombudsman

Direct Contracts for Adult Protective Services, Aging Waiver and Community Care Program

Priority: Respond to the needs of older adults and their caregivers by ensuring equitable access to programs and services that address the social determinants of health and allow older adults to “age in place.”



Nonprofit & Governmental Entities



13 AAAs in Illinois



Tasked with:

**Administration
Planning & Coordination
Program Development
Advocacy**



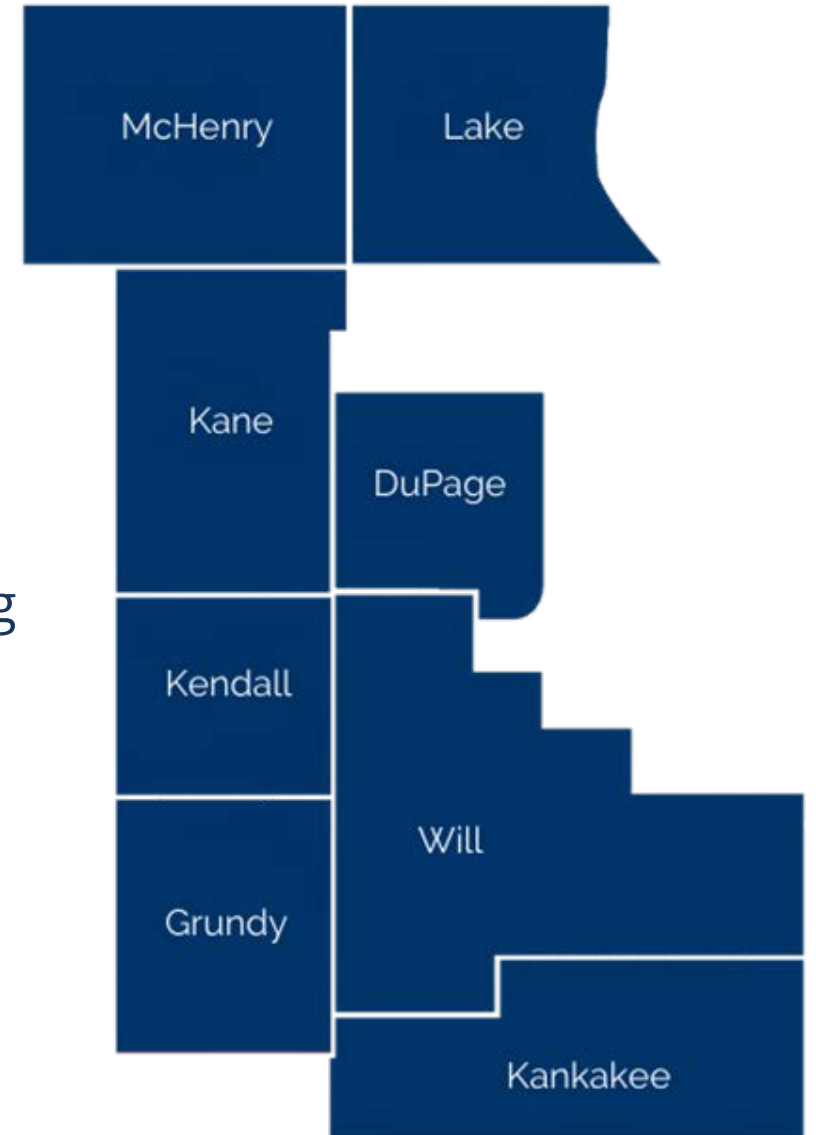
**Contract with the
Local Service Providers**

Area Agencies on Aging



Mission: To be a vital resource and advocate for people as we age by providing thoughtful guidance, supportive services, and meaningful connections

- Area Agency on Aging
- Eight suburban counties surrounding Cook County
- Serves over 725,000 older adults
- 25% of the state's 60+ population resides in its planning & service area (PSA 02)



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What We Do



ADVOCACY

AgeGuide advocates to inform and affect policy change that supports aging at home with optimal health, independence and well-being



COORDINATION

AgeGuide serves as an unbiased resource for aging adults, their families, caregivers, and other aging service providers



PLANNING

AgeGuide interacts with community leaders and healthcare partners to identify gaps in services to meet future needs to the rapidly growing aging population



PARTNERSHIPS

AgeGuide awards funding to local agencies to provide vital Older Americans Act services including programs to address social isolation, access to meals and caregiver support

Advocacy

- Advocacy Breakfast Collaboratives
- Action Alerts
- Social Media: Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn
- AgeGuide Blog
- The Aging Report Newsletter
- AgeGuide Video Resource Library
- The Age Guide Podcast
- Site visits



Take Action

Send a message to Congress today!

Send a letter to legislators with the click of a button.

Help us advocate for policies and funding that supports older adults



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Our Issues

Please Tell Your Federal Legislators the Importance of Continuing to Support and Fund the Older Americans Act for Caregivers and Older Adults!

We Need Your Help to Support Illinois Family Caregivers and Older Adults!

On June 3, 2023, President Biden signed into law H.R. 3746, the Fiscal Responsibility Act of 2022, a bipartisan deal negotiated by him and Speaker of the House McCarthy. The bill gives final approval to bipartisan legislation suspending the debt limit and imposing new spending caps. Even though the debt ceiling agreement is seen as relatively low impact on the economy, advocates and agencies supporting older adults and those with disabilities worry that the weight of any cut could fall heavier on vulnerable populations.

This legislation provides the framework for the appropriations process, where the House and Senate will **decide how to allocate federal funds to non-defense discretionary programs, like the Older Americans Act (OAA) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2024, which begins on October 1, 2023.** We must urge Congress to honor their commitment to funding senior programs. Even with overall spending restrictions in place, **there is still opportunity to advocate for increased funding** for Older Americans Act services!

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Area Plan

<https://ageguide.org/publications/>

3 Year Cycle

Year 1-Plan developed
Year 2 & 3-Plan Amended

Needs Assessment

Community Needs
assessed via focus groups,
surveys; other community
assessments evaluated

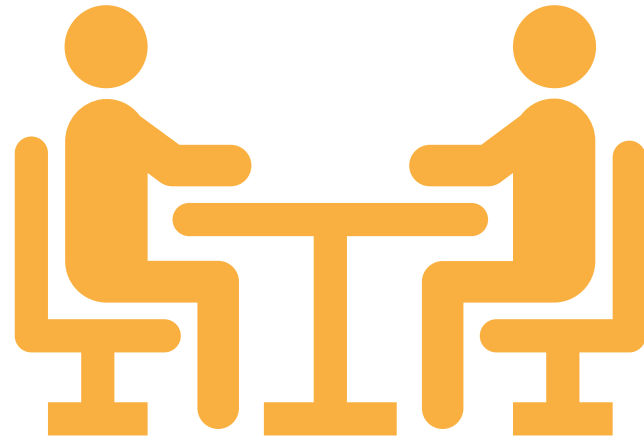
Plan Development

Area Plan developed
based on needs,
historical performance,
funding available; Public
Hearings held for
feedback

Plan Execution

Year 1-Competitive RFPs
for grantees
Year 2&3-Renewal years
Monitor performance of
grants and make
appropriate adjustments

Service Providers



Contracts with local service providers



Deliver OAA Services, Medicare Assistance, Benefits Access, Other State Grants

<https://ageguide.org/multiple-language-resource-sheets-by-county/>

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Module 2: Older Americans
Act Programs