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Arkansas seniors asked for input on future services

The Arkansas Department of Human Services Division of Aging and Adult Services wants Arkansas seniors to tell it how the division can serve them in coming years.

The division is seeking input from senior Arkansans age 60 and older through an online survey until April 17. Their responses will be used in the development of the Arkansas State Plan on Aging for the next four years. The plan determines how the division will allocate its finances to best serve the more than 600,000 seniors who live in Arkansas.

To gather this information, DAAS has developed a short survey to help identify the needs and challenges of seniors. The responses will be used to shape areas of focus and initiatives which may be undertaken through 2019.

Please visit the DAAS webpage at <http://humanservices.arkansas.gov/daas> and click on the survey link on the left column called Arkansas Senior Survey to answer questions about senior needs. Even though the survey asks for the participant's name, it is not required and those who take it can remain completely anonymous.

The Division of Aging and Adult Services has an annual budget of approximately \$50 million. In state fiscal year 2014, DAAS served more than 152,000 seniors and adults with disabilities through more than a dozen programs including a variety of Medicaid programs, Adult Protective Services, which investigates suspected abuse, neglect or exploitation of adults and supportive services administered by local Area Agencies on Aging.

For more information on the survey, contact Gwen McLarty at 501-320-6557.

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