

Arkansas Department of Human Services
Division of Aging and Adult Services

Policy Type	Subject of Policy	Policy Number
AAA Functions	Advocacy Requirements for Area Agencies on Aging	218

Policy Statement:

In order to fulfill its role, each Area Agency on Aging will:

1. Furnish appropriate technical assistance to providers of supportive services, nutrition services, or multipurpose senior centers in the planning and service area covered by the area plan;
2. Take into account in connection with matters of general policy arising in the development and administration of the area plan, the views of recipients of services under such plan;
3. Serve as the advocate and focal point for the elderly within the community by monitoring, evaluating, and commenting upon all policies, programs, hearings, levies, and community actions which will affect the elderly;

Where possible, enter into arrangements with organizations providing day care services for children or adults, and respite for families, so as to provide opportunities for older individuals to aid or assist on a voluntary basis in the delivery of such services to children, adults, and families;

5. Develop and publish methods by which priority of services is determined, particularly with respect to the delivery of priority services.
6. Establish effective and efficient procedures for coordination between the programs assisted under this title and programs described below:
 - a. the Job Training Partnership Act,
 - b. title II of the Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973,
 - c. title XVI, XVIII, XIX, and XX of the Social Security Act,
 - d. sections 231 and 232 of the National Housing Act,
 - e. the United States Housing Act of 1937,
 - f. section 202 of the Housing Act of 1959,
 - g. title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974,
 - h. title I of the Higher Education Act of 1965 and the Adult Education Act,
 - i. sections 3, 9, and 16 of the Urban Mass Transportation Act of 1964,

- j. the Public Health Service Act, including block grants under title XIX of such Act,
 - k. the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Act of 1981,
 - l. part A of the Energy Conservation in Existing Buildings Act of 1976, relating to weatherization assistance for low income persons,
 - m. the Community Services Block Grant Act,
 - n. demographic statistics and analysis programs conducted by the bureau of the Census under title 13, United States Code,
 - o. parts II and III of title 38, United States Code,
 - p. the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and
 - q. the Developmental Disabilities and Bill of Rights Act.
7. Conduct efforts to facilitate the coordination of community-based, long-term care services designed to retain individuals in their homes, thereby deferring unnecessary, costly institutionalization, and designed to emphasize the development of client-centered case management systems as a component of such services;
 8. Identify the public and private nonprofit entities involved in the prevention, identification, and treatment of the abuse, neglect, and exploitation of older individuals, and based on such identification, determine the extent to which the need for appropriate services for such individuals is unmet;
 9. Facilitate the involvement of long-term care providers in the coordination of community-based long-term care services and work to ensure community awareness of and involvement in addressing the needs of residents of long term care facilities;
 10. Coordinate the categories of services specified in paragraph (2) for which the area agency on aging is required to expend funds under part B, with activities of community-based organizations established for the benefit of victims of Alzheimer's disease and the families of such victims;
 11. Coordinate any mental health services provided with funds expended by the area agency on aging for part B with the mental health services provided by community health centers and by other public agencies and nonprofit private organizations;
 12. If there is a significant population of older Indians in the planning and service area of the area agency, the area agency shall conduct outreach activities to identify elder Indians in such area and shall inform such older Indians of the availability of assistance under this Act.

13. Compile available information on institutions of higher education in the planning and service area regarding:
 - a. the courses of study offered to older individuals by such institutions; and
 - b. the policies of such institutions with respect to the enrollment of older individuals with little or no payment of tuition, on a space available basis, or on another special basis; and include in such compilation such related supplementary information as may be necessary, and based on the results of such compilation, make a summary of such information available to older individuals at multipurpose senior centers, congregate nutrition sites, and other appropriate places; and
14. With funds and information received under section 307 (a) (31) from the State agency-
 - a. carry out activities to identify older individuals with greatest economic need who may be eligible to receive, but are not receiving, supplemental security income benefits under title XVI of the Social Security Act (or assistance under a State plan program under title XVI of that Act), medical assistance under title XIX of the Social Security Act, and benefits under the Food Stamp Act of 1977;
 - b. conduct outreach activities to inform older individuals of the requirements for eligibility to receive such assistance and such benefits; and
 - c. assist older individuals to apply for such assistance and such benefits;

Purpose

To fill the requirements of the Older Americans Act.

Scope:

Applies to all Area Agencies on Aging

General Authority

Older Americans Act

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