



C4A 2023-24 Policy Priorities

WHO WE ARE

The California Association of Area Agencies on Aging represents Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs) in California. AAAs are established under the Older Americans Act as the backbone of the aging social service delivery network. We work with community partners and statewide allies to educate the public and government about aging and disability related policy and funding issues, and to advocate for solutions to those issues.

OUR VALUES

We believe that systems and services should be equitable and inclusive of all, with special attention given to populations who have been historically marginalized and disenfranchised. Our policies and actions intend to enhance the independence and living experience of older Californians and those living with disabilities.

Sustainable & Robust Funding for AAA Network

Adequate funding and support to sustain existing and developing services and their delivery going forward. Flexible, timely funding that includes the full cost of administration, overhead, and staffing ratios necessary to support the AAAs' growing array of services. Updating the Older Americans Act and Older Californians Act will be necessary.

No Wrong Door (NWD) Coordinated System Development

Comprehensive approach, with strategies that address health, human services, housing, transportation, employment and income security, and which thoughtfully integrate ADRCs into NWD.

Housing Security

Accessible, stable housing, including residential care, for all life stages. Housing preservation and homeless prevention.

Economic Security

Adequate basic income, job opportunities and training for persons choosing or needing to work in older adulthood.

Affordable & Sustainable Transportation Beyond Cars

Options for communities to provide a variety of mobility options to meet the needs of their residents, with a particular focus on isolated, rural communities.

Long-Term Services & Support

Programs that enable older Californians and their loved ones to live independently at home and within their communities. This includes policies that streamline payment for community services through Medi-Cal and Medicare.

Caregiver Support

Systems that significantly impact the ability of individuals to remain in the community through a well-trained and better-paid caregiver workforce and through supports to unpaid family caregivers.

Emergency Preparedness

Development of emergency preparation, response, and recovery programs targeting those most impacted by emergencies -older individuals and those living with disabilities- with AAAs fully integrated into programs.