

Area Agency on Aging of Pasco - Pinellas



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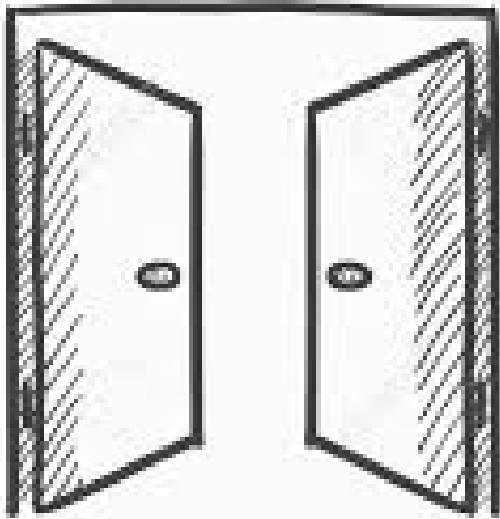
What is an Area Agency on Aging?

- Network of 600+ AAAs in every municipality across the country that are federally mandated to exist under Older American Act of 1965
- Statutorily mandated to exist in Florida under Florida Statute Chapter 430
- Solely focused on planning for and providing services needed for older adults and individuals with disabilities
- Our main goal: keep individuals in the community as long as safely possible
- Why?
 - It is cost-effective for the state
 - It is healthier for the individual
 - It benefits our community

In 2018, we served 51,537 individuals in Pinellas and Pasco Counties.



What is AAAPP's mission?



A trusted resource to advocate, educate and empower seniors, adults with disabilities and caregivers which promotes independence, in partnership with the community.

How does AAAPP accomplish this?

- AAAPP coordinates a network of services to keep individuals in their homes and communities

These services:

- Are provided directly by AAAPP *or* through a network of funded partners
- Are provided as a stand-alone service *or* as a component of case-managed services
- Have varying eligibility requirements
- Have a higher demand than AAAPP is able to address, resulting in waitlists for many services



Listing of AAAPP services

- Adult Day Care
- Adult Day Health Care
- Caregiver Support *
- Case Management
- Chore
- Congregate Meals
- Counseling
- Emergency Alert Response
- Health and Wellness *
- Emergency Home Energy Assistance
- Home Delivered Meals *
- Homemaker
- Information & Assistance *
- Legal Assistance
- Medical Referral/Social Determinants of Health *
- Respite Care
- Statewide Medicaid Managed Care Long Term Care *
- Transportation
- Health Insurance Information and Education *
- Veterans in Home Program *
- Victim Advocate Services *



How do individuals access these services?

Helpline

1-800-963-5337

connects callers to the
closest Area Agency on
Aging

**For out of area phones –
727-217-8111**

Available 8:00 AM – 5PM

M-F, except for state holidays.



Where does the Funding come from?

- 55% from DHHS / federal Older American Act
- 40% from State of Florida General Revenue
- 2% is from State of Florida / LSP
- Less than 4% from
 - Veterans Affairs / federal
 - private donations
 - foundations
 - Pinellas County
- AAAPP and all AAAs in State of Florida are governed by the Older American Act and Florida Department of Elder Affairs.
- We are monitored annually and our AAA is the only one in State of Florida that has 10 consecutive years of no findings. The only other AAA that has no findings for consecutive years is Hillsborough and they have had 2 years of no findings.

Pinellas County Home Delivered Meals Pilot Project

- AAAPP and Pinellas County convenes 30 stakeholders, including other funders, nonprofits, faith-based organizations and legislators to discuss the issue of food insecurity and the 800+ seniors on the waitlist for home delivered meals.
- With a grant provided by the County, we are assisting 90 seniors - exceeding by 15 the number of seniors we were contracted to serve.
- To qualify, clients appear on the waiting list for Older American Act Home Delivered Meals in Pinellas County.
- Clients are required to reside in zip codes where access to groceries and food banks is not easily accessible for seniors.
- Negotiated lower cost of \$5.99/meal allowing for more clients to be added.
- Through the end of the project, 15,525 meals are projected to be provided.
- Emergency Home Delivered Hurricane meals may be provided at the end of September if funding allows.



Client scenario



Mr B's neighbor told him to call. He lives alone. He has no family locally. He cannot drive to the grocery store or pharmacy. He is unable to do his laundry or clean his house. He cannot get in the shower safely without help, so he is not bathing. He cannot stand long enough to prepare a meal, so he is eating mostly sandwiches and cereal. He's struggling to afford his medications on his fixed income. He is depressed since the death of his wife.

What's next? It depends.....

Options discussed and referrals/enrollments/waitlist

- Transportation
- Homemaker
- Help with his personal care
- Nutrition services
- Counseling
- SHINE/Medicare Counseling & RX assistance



AAAPP and other community projects

- CASOA survey
- Senior Community Health Project
- Legislative Advocacy
- Diapers for Dignity
- Savy Caregiver Project
- Caregiver Connect – Facebook Live
- Golden Year Needs, LLC
- Better Living for Seniors
 - Silver Santas
 - Mini Grants
- Pasco Aging Network
 - Mini Grants



Thank You!

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