

Don't Blow Out the Candles on the Older Americans Act (OAA)



Loss of Federal OAA Funding Equals Suffering for Many Older Adults in Illinois

The OAA is celebrating its 60th birthday and is currently funded until the end of September 2025. But mandated changes are imminent, and its funding and scope are threatened. If OAA funding is lost, consequences for older adults and their caregivers in Illinois will be severe. In FY24, **478,000 older adults** (17% of the IL older adult population) received services.

Statewide, with no OAA \$, the following services will be lost per MONTH:

183,209

Home
Delivered
Meals

154,971

Congregate
Meals

30,264

Information
and
Assistance

14,933

Rides

5,378

Health
Screenings
and
Education

3,389

Legal
Assistance

1,388

Visits to Multi-
Purpose
Senior Centers

1,138

Ombudsman
Consultations

925

In-Home and
Chore
Services

753

Family
Caregiver
Services

542

Options
Counseling

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CONTACT YOUR REPRESENTATIVES IN CONGRESS TODAY! Tell them to protect critical services for older adults.

- Send a letter in 60 seconds using our Advocacy Alert tool. Scan the QR code below to get started!
- Call the U.S. Capitol Switchboard at (202) 224-3121 and ask to be connected to your legislators.

OUR PRIORITIES:

- Federal: Protect OAA programs from funding cuts.
- Federal: Fight cuts to other supportive services like meals, rides, and caregiver support.
- State: Support aging funding in the Governor's FY26 budget to ensure no Illinoisan is left behind.

ACT NOW!

Every call and letter makes a difference. Together, we can ensure older adults continue to thrive in their communities.

Interested in Further Advocacy Actions?

**Send a letter in about 60
SECONDS
That's all it takes.**

Scan the barcode which will take you to an Advocacy Alerts page. Scroll down and **TAKE ACTION!** Follow instructions to send personalized letters to your legislators easily, then share on your social media pages.



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