



INDIANA ASSOCIATION OF AREA AGENCIES ON AGING (IAAAA)

WHAT IS THE INDIANA ASSOCIATION OF AREA AGENCIES ON AGING (IAAAA)?

IAAAA was incorporated on April 7, 1978, and is a 501(c)(6) nonprofit organization. Members include Indiana’s 15 Area Agencies on Aging, who serve 16 planning and service areas, and Associate Members.

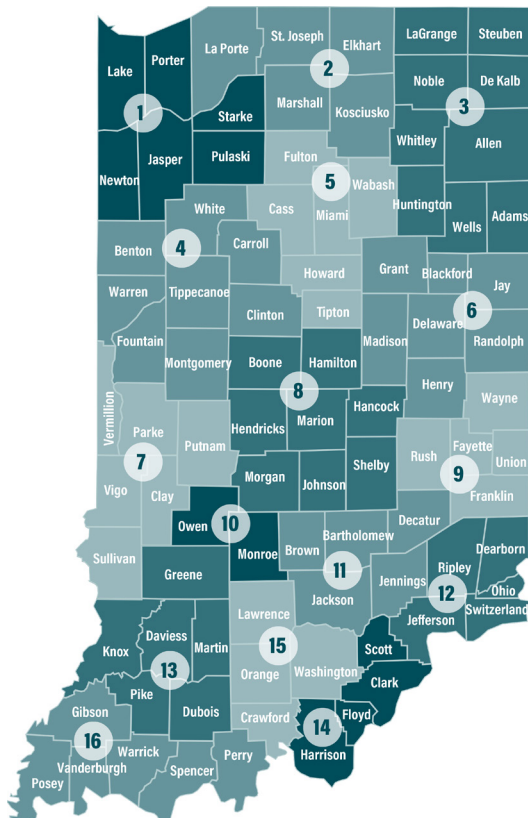
WHAT DOES IAAAA ADVOCATE FOR?

IAAAA serves as the sole advocacy organization for all Indiana AAAs, promoting quality programs and services for older adults and people with disabilities. Through collaborative efforts, IAAAA promotes a collective and comprehensive strategy for effecting positive regulatory and legislative reforms to ensure the Hoosiers served by Indiana AAAs receive the highest-quality care and support necessary for thriving in their communities.

HOW DO IAAAA’S PRIORITIES BENEFIT THE STATE OF INDIANA?

A state’s ability to thrive is highly reliant on its citizens’ quality of life. That’s why Indiana’s AAAs prioritize community-based services for some of the most vulnerable populations—those over the age of 60 and those with disabilities—who often struggle to thrive in their communities without specialized assistance. Understanding the uniquely valuable contributions these Hoosiers make to Indiana’s success, IAAAA believes achieving its priorities will compound the state’s success in key areas, including:

- Housing Development
- Improved Mental and Public Health Outcomes
- Lower Healthcare Costs
- Winning Economic Development Opportunities
- Talent Attraction and Retention
- Community Development
- Thriving Main Streets



AREA 1
Northwest Indiana Community Action Corporation

AREA 2
REAL Services, Inc.

AREA 3
Aging and In-Home Services of Northeast Indiana, Inc.

AREA 4
Area IV Agency on Aging & Community Action Programs, Inc.

AREA 5
Area Five Agency on Aging & Community Services, Inc.

AREA 6
LifeStream Services, Inc.

AREA 7
Thrive West Central

AREA 8
CICOA Aging and In-Home Solutions

AREA 9
LifeStream Services, Inc.

AREA 10
Area 10 Agency on Aging

AREA 11
Thrive Alliance

AREA 12
LifeTime Resources, Inc.

AREA 13
Generations
Vincennes University
Statewide Services

AREA 14
LifeSpan Resources, Inc.

AREA 15
Hoosier Uplands / Area 15
Agency on Aging and
Disability Services

AREA 16
SWIRCA & More



2024 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

Improve efficiencies in services provided by the AAAs by eliminating barriers to service and creating opportunities within the Indiana Medicaid program.

Eliminate the requirement that CHOICE providers must also be Medicaid providers and decouple CHOICE rates from Medicaid rates to allow the AAAs to establish their own rates.

- CHOICE, or Community and Home Options to Institutional Care for the Elderly and Disabled, is a state program that allows individuals at risk of placement in an institutionalized setting to instead receive affordable services in an in-home setting.
- Decoupling CHOICE from Medicaid, which is a wholly separate program, will increase flexibility for the AAAs, allowing them to better meet the unique needs of their communities.

Conduct an interim committee in 2024 to determine additional waiver opportunities to support housing for Medicaid HCBS recipients.

- Medicaid is already permitted to cover housing support services, including finding and retaining affordable housing and making necessary modifications for transitioning out of institutionalized care.
- States are considering making requests to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) in their 2025 state plan submissions to include additional housing transition assistance for the aging population, including limited rent assistance.

Meet the unique needs of vulnerable populations through the inclusion of service consumers, caregivers and direct service providers on state boards and commissions.

Update the compositions of the Commission on Aging and CHOICE Boards to include service consumers, caregivers and direct service providers.

- The Commission on Aging and the CHOICE Board of Directors are comprised of statutorily mandated members illustrated in IC 12-10-2-3 and IC 12-10-11-2, respectively, and lack an explicit requirement for participation of service recipients, caregivers and providers.

Bolster the AAAs' unique community-oriented and personalized service capabilities to improve health outcomes for Indiana's most vulnerable populations.

Conduct an interim committee in 2024 to determine opportunities for funding community health workers (CHWs) in AAAs to decrease social isolation within the aging population.

- Due to the unique circumstances and nature of the aging population, older adults are highly susceptible to feelings of social isolation.
- CHWs provide critical support for individuals in the aging and disabled populations, including personalized and accessible navigation services for finding and receiving care.
- The nature of CHWs' work ensures regular and active participation by service recipients, reducing feelings of social isolation, which is proven to be a driving factor in positive health outcomes.

