



INDIANA ASSOCIATION OF AREA AGENCIES ON AGING (IAAAA)

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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.

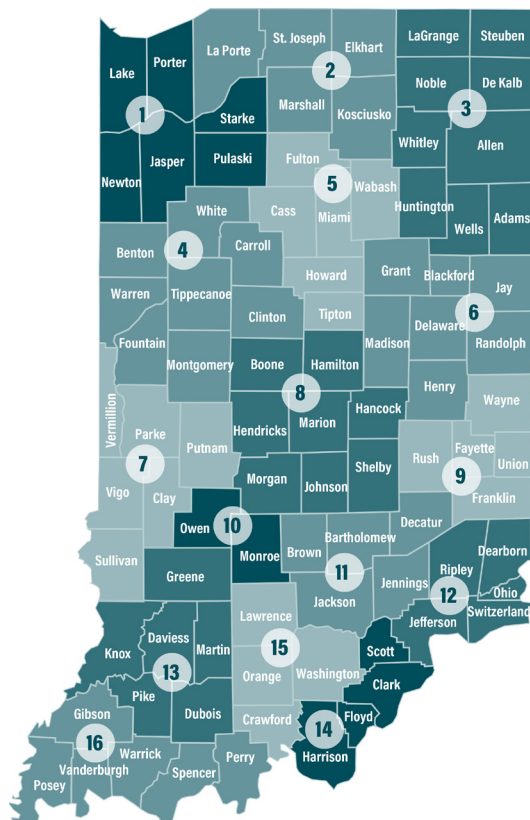
WHAT DOES IAAAA ADVOCATE FOR?

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



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CoAction

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REAL Services, Inc.

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

AREA 4

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

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Area Five Agency on Aging & Community Services, Inc.

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LifeStream Services, Inc.

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Area 10 Agency on Aging

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Thrive Alliance

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2025 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

Keep Hoosier older adults and people with disabilities at home longer, and prevent their decline to Medicaid eligibility, by improving efficiencies in services local Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs) provide.

Increase the state's investment in the Community and Home Options to Institutional Care for the Elderly and Disabled (CHOICE) program and eliminate the intergovernmental transfer of state CHOICE funding to support Medicaid waiver services.

- CHOICE empowers individuals at risk of skilled nursing facility placement to instead receive cost effective, in-home services.
- CHOICE supports individuals who are not eligible for Medicaid.
- CHOICE reduces risk of injury and health-related complications, improves health-related outcomes and community longevity, and prevents decline to financial and health-related Medicaid eligibility.

To address provider shortages, stop requiring CHOICE providers to additionally contract with Medicaid, decouple CHOICE rates from Medicaid rates, and authorize AAAs to negotiate rates responsive to local conditions, and authorize FSSA to make advance CHOICE, Older Americans Act and other grant payments to AAAs.

- AAAs already provide significant oversight for their contracted provider networks.
- Provider shortages are prevalent in rural Indiana counties.
- Decoupling CHOICE from Medicaid will empower AAAs to flexibly meet unique community needs.
- The state's significant contract execution delays imperil AAA's abilities to pay their contracted providers.

Expand eligible CHOICE services to include Dementia Care Coaching for family caregivers of persons with dementia, now only available in a pilot between Indiana AAAs and Indiana University Geriatrics.

- Federal grant funding for this highly effective service has expired.
- Expanding CHOICE services will assist more Hoosiers with dementia without increasing state costs.

Support ongoing appropriations for the Dementia Care Specialist Program.

Increase the state's investment in the Dementia Care Specialist Program.

- The 2023 General Assembly funded this program to increase the dementia care capabilities of local communities.
- The program is mapping available local services, identifying gaps in care continuums, and increasing professional education and training towards connecting Hoosiers with dementia services and supports.

Maintain AAAs' preeminent local leadership in providing high-quality home and community-based services for older adults and people with disabilities.

Permit AAAs not providing service coordination for Indiana PathWays for Aging to conduct Medicaid Level of Care (LoC) assessments within their Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRCs) beyond the current sunset date of July 1, 2025.

- AAA ADRCs have historically conducted LoC assessments for Medicaid-eligible Hoosiers.
- Expecting all AAAs to contract with MCEs for service coordination, FSSA disallowed AAAs from conducting LoC assessments in PathWays to mitigate potential conflicts of interest.
- Ensure that the AAAs unable to provide service coordination at the reduced rate authorized in PathWays can negotiate with Maximus for ongoing inclusion as in-home LoC providers.

Support initiatives emboldening all aging Hoosiers to live, work, learn and thrive in their communities.

Engage in and support Indiana's Multisector Plan on Aging, which will result in a 10-year plan to address housing, social isolation, dependent care and other barriers impacting the well-being of aging Hoosiers.

Support further investments in preventive care initiatives to prevent Hoosiers' functional and financial decline to Medicaid eligibility.

Monitor legislation involving Indiana's PathWays for Aging and the transition to Medicaid managed long-term services and supports.

