State Plan Background

• Older Americans Act (OAA) requires each State Unit on Aging (SUA) submit State Plan on Aging every 4 years
  • [Current Plan FFY 2019-2022](#)
  • [Draft Plan FFY 2023-2026](#)
    • Submit to Administration for Community Living (ACL) under DHHS
Timeline

• Posted online for public comment: Draft Arizona State Plan on Aging 2023-2026
• Two virtual public comment meetings (statewide):
  • Late April
  • Early May
• Plan Updates
• Routing/Governor’s Signature
• Submit to ACL by 7/1/22
• Effective 10/1/22
Goals:

1. Older adults in Arizona have access to quality care
2. Increase awareness and understanding of aging issues
3. Increase the ability of adult Arizonans to maintain their individual well-being and safety
4. Strengthen paraprofessional and professional workforce
5. Enhance infrastructure to deliver services
Goal 1

Older adults in Arizona have access to quality care

• 1.1 Strengthen and enhance the dementia capability of the aging network to promote independence
• 1.2 Increase access to care coordination, healthcare, and other social services for all seniors
• 1.3 Provide information and promote understanding of options, benefits, and available services through a variety of formats
Goal 2

Increase awareness and understanding of aging issues

• 2.1 Strengthen and enhance information sharing on aging issues to promote support
• 2.2 Promote the usage of positive person-centered pronouns of older adults and other ageism terminology
Goal 3

Increase the ability of adult Arizonans to maintain their individual well-being and safety

- 3.1 Promote healthy lifestyles to reduce long-term illness and mortality from preventable and chronic diseases
- 3.2 Support aging services and programs that promote independence and self-determination of choices
- 3.3 Strengthen efforts to prevent and respond to reports of elder maltreatment
- 3.4 Foster inclusion and diversity of underserved and underrepresented populations in accessing NMHCBS within the Aging Network in Arizona
- 3.5 Respond to the ongoing effects of COVID-19 pandemic
Providers for older adults in Arizona can provide an integrated and well-trained informal, paraprofessional, and professional workforce

• 4.1 Strengthen, expand, and evaluate the Family Caregiver Support System
• 4.2 Develop a direct care workforce sufficient to meet the growing care needs in Arizona
Goal 5

Arizona has the necessary infrastructure to deliver needed support services

• 5.1 Develop programs and approaches to close the current gaps in aging services infrastructure and delivery system, especially to underserved areas

• 5.2 Develop methodology for setting service rates that provide adequate network coverage