

Rhode Island Office of Healthy Aging



State Agency Mission

Empower Rhode Islanders to age strong.

Populations Served

- Older Adults**
- Adults with Physical Disabilities**
- Adults with Developmental Disabilities
- Individuals with Traumatic and/or Acquired Brain Injuries
- Individuals with Behavioral Health Conditions
- Individuals with Substance Use Disorders
- Other:** Caregivers

Organizational Structure

The director is appointed by the Governor and oversees a staff of 31 FTE.

Local Network

- 1** Tribal Organization
- 1** Independent Living Center

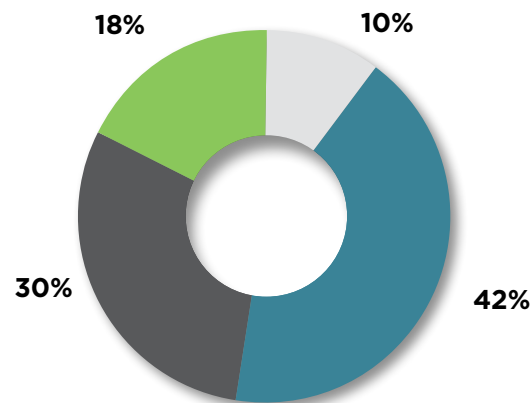
The State Agency also performs the functions of Area Agencies on Aging in Rhode Island.

Top Five Agency Policy Priorities

- 1.** Addressing diversity, inclusion, and equity in services
- 2.** Delivering Services Remotely during COVID
- 3.** Mitigating Social Isolation
- 4.** Adult Protective Services
- 5.** Supporting Caregivers

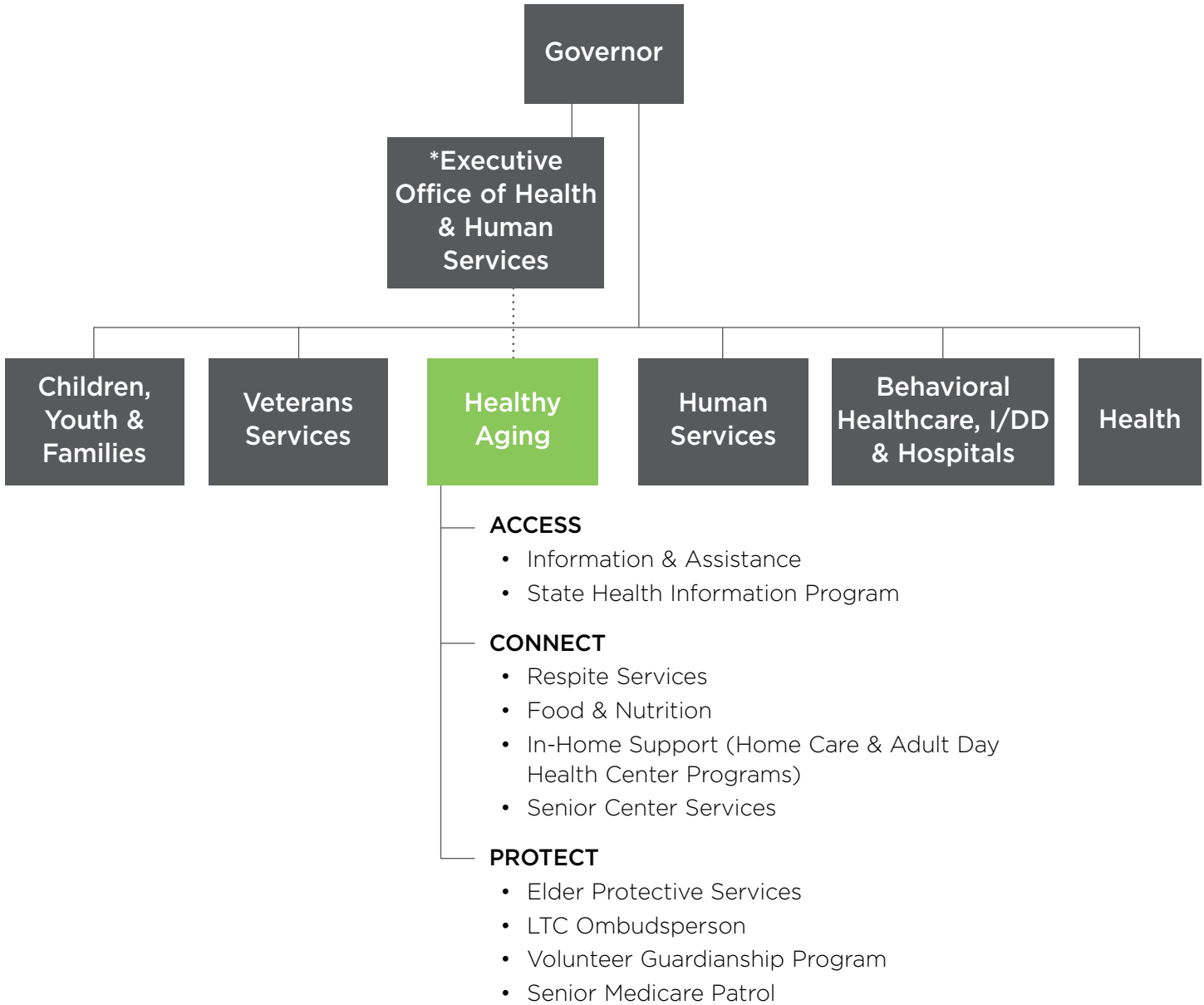
Agency Funding Sources

Total FY2020 Budget \$26,629,083



■ State Appropriation ■ OAA ■ Medicaid □ Other

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- Aging or Physical Disability Services and Agency or Division with Multiple Functions
- Medicaid Services
- Long-term Care Ombudsman
- Provider Regulation and Oversight
- Advisory Board
- Denotes an advisory board or a contractual/indirect reporting relationship.
- * Denotes Cabinet-level Agency

Responsibilities of Rhode Island’s Office of Healthy Aging

Aging & Adult Services	
Set statewide aging policy	✓
Set statewide disability policy	✓
Administer Older Americans Act (all programs except SCSEP)	✓
Administer Senior Community Service Employment Program	
Administer a state-funded aging & disability program	
Manage state Aging & Disability Resource Center network	✓
Administer the State Health Insurance Assistance Program	✓
Provide Adult Protective Services (18+)	
Provide Elder Protective Services <i>only</i> (60-65+)	✓
Operate state-owned institutional facilities	
Oversee guardianship program	✓
Serve as state guardian	
Oversee Centers for Independent Living	
Administer State Vocational Rehabilitation Program	
Administer State Assistive Technology Program	
Manage No Wrong Door system	

Medicaid Services	
Administer Medicaid State Plan Services	
Administer Medicaid HCBS waiver(s)	
Administer PACE program	
Perform Medicaid functional eligibility determinations	
Perform Medicaid financial eligibility determinations	
Provide case management services to Medicaid recipients	✓
Administer PASRR	
Regulate and administer managed long-term services and supports	
Provide quality assurance for managed long-term services and supports	✓
Provide quality assurance for Medicaid HCBS	

Responsibilities for Provider Management	
Regulate institutional providers	✓
License institutional providers	✓
Regulate HCBS providers	✓
License HCBS providers	✓
Certify Assisted Living providers	

Key State Initiative

DigiAGE Collaborative

Today, we live in a digital world: from how we shop, work and bank to how we socialize and connect to information and critical resources, such as healthcare. The internet has emerged as a necessary and basic tool of modern life, and yet over a quarter of older Rhode Islanders lack internet access. We aim to change that. The digiAGE Collaborative brings together industry, government and community partners to help bridge this digital divide for older adults through coordinated investments in smart devices, internet services, digital literacy training, and online content creation.

For more information, visit www.oha.ri.gov/digiAGE.

