

South Carolina Department on Aging



State Agency Mission

The Department on Aging adheres to the core mission of the federal Older Americans Act (OAA) to meet the present and future needs of South Carolina's seniors and vulnerable adults. Through its programs and services, the agency enhances the quality of life for seniors through advocating, planning, and developing resources in partnership with the federal, state, and local governments; nonprofits; private sector; and individuals.

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:** Adults with Disabilities Served via Information and Referral

Organizational Structure

The director is appointed by the Governor and oversees a staff of 45 FTE.

Local Network

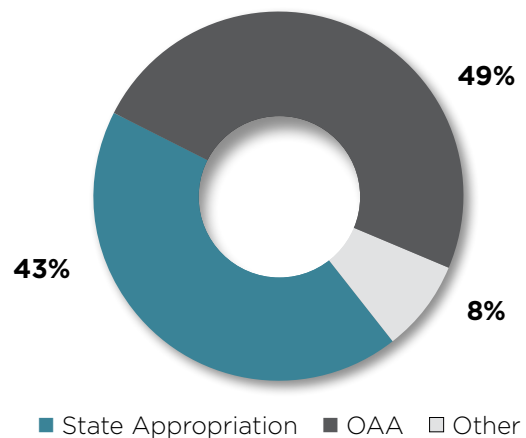
- 10** Area Agencies on Aging
- 1** Tribal Organization
- 3** Independent Living Centers

Top Five Agency Policy Priorities

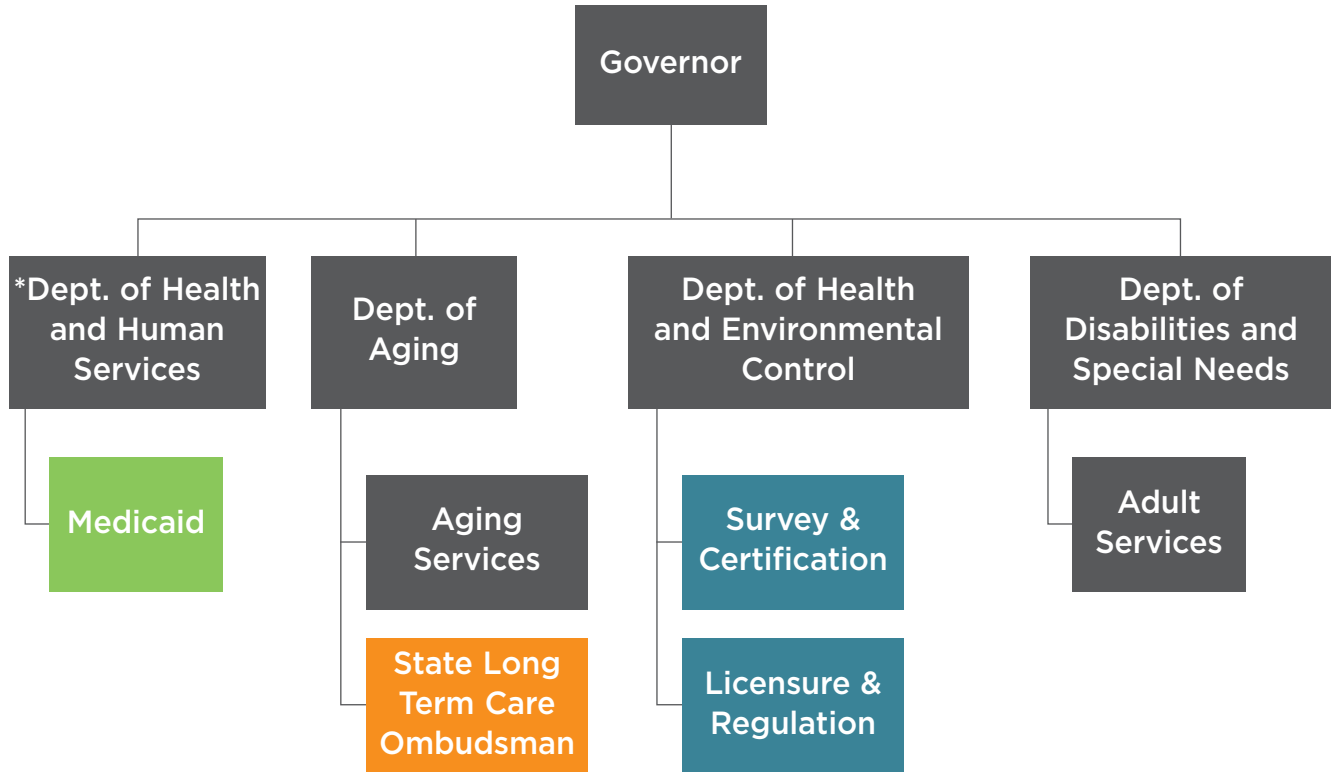
1. Mitigating Social Isolation
2. Delivering Services Remotely during COVID
3. Supporting Caregivers
4. Alzheimer's and Related Dementias
5. Providing Transportation

Agency Funding Sources

Total FY2020 Budget \$72,601,029



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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 South Carolina’s Department of Aging

| Aging & Adult Services | |
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| 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 | |
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| 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 | |
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| Regulate institutional providers | |
| License institutional providers | |
| Regulate HCBS providers | |
| License HCBS providers | |
| Certify Assisted Living providers | |

Key State Initiative

SC Senior Caring Calls

The South Carolina Department on Aging issued the Senior Care Calls handbook on April 20, 2020 to provide a uniformed response to social isolation among seniors during the COVID-19 State of Emergency. This Program Instruction directs the Area Agencies on Aging and their contracted service providers to the handbook for programmatic guidance. Protocols and scripts for making calls can be found in the handbook.

The South Carolina Care Calls handbook provides direction to help seniors fight social isolation. Weekly, bi-weekly, or even daily calls from staff, volunteers, or members of the faith-based community will serve as an outreach to vulnerable seniors.

