

Tennessee Commission on Aging & Disability



State Agency Mission

To bring together and leverage programs, resources, and organizations to protect and ensure the quality of life and independence of older Tennesseans and adults with disabilities.

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

Organizational Structure

The director is appointed by the Governor and oversees a staff of 34 FTE.

Local Network

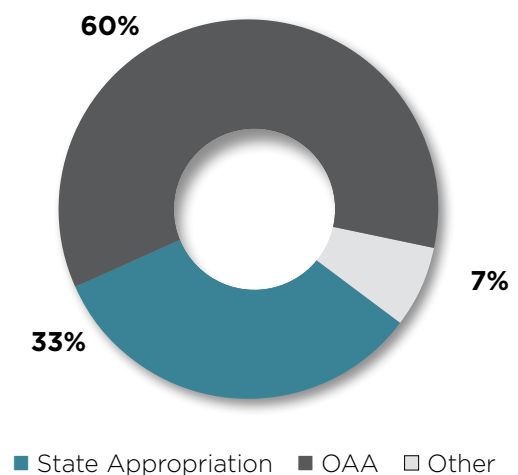
- 9** Area Agencies on Aging
- 6** Independent Living Centers

Top Five Agency Policy Priorities

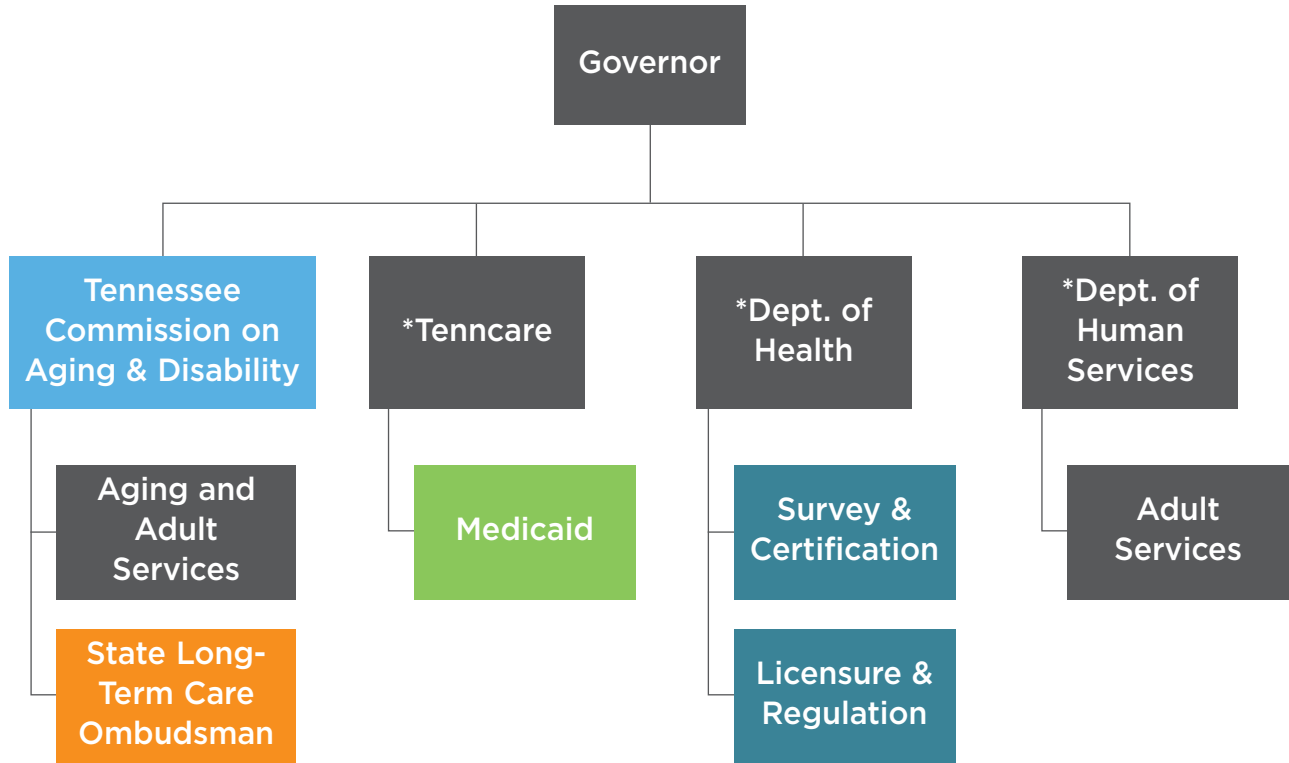
- 1.** Delivering Services Remotely during COVID
- 2.** Adult Protective Services
- 3.** Supporting Caregivers
- 4.** Mitigating Social Isolation
- 5.** Senior Hunger

Agency Funding Sources

Total FY2020 Budget \$49,325,700



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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 Tennessee’s Commission on Aging & Disability

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

In a few weeks, TCAD ramped up a program that linked local restaurant kitchens, largely idled by pandemic shutdowns, with thousands of older clients who were at risk of going hungry. When the U.S. government learned about Tennessee's efforts, federal officials linked TCAD staff with state counterparts nationwide who were eager to duplicate its success. At its height, the nutrition program operated at over 200 percent of typical meal capacity, serving 86,000 meals per week. The TCAD restaurant initiative continues to serve meals, with 98 small businesses serving as alternative meal-producing sites for older adults.

[Read more here.](#)

