

CDHS Division of Aging and Adult Services

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Division of Aging & Adult Services

Adult Protective Services

- Administers adult protective services statewide through County Departments of Human Services
- Offers protective services to prevent, reduce, or eliminate the current or potential risk of mistreatment, exploitation, or self-neglect to at-risk adults
- SB13-111 - Requires mandatory reporting by certain persons of suspected abuse, neglect, exploitation of at-risk elders age 70 and older
- SB 15-109 - Expands Mandatory Reporting to Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities

Implementation of SB13-111

- July 1, 2014 -Mandatory reporting became effective
- Provided training to county APS staff as well as more than 20,000 mandatory reporters in the state
- New data system – improved ability to identify areas for improvement and measure performance
- Approximately 40% increase in reports made statewide this fiscal year; number of screened-in cases remains similar to prior years

State Unit on Aging

- Administers almost \$40 million in Older Americans Act funds and State Funding for Senior Services
- SUA Contracts with 16 regional Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs)
- AAAs provide services to older adults including home delivered meals, congregate meals, homemaker services, legal assistance, transportation, information and assistance, long term care ombudsman

State Plan on Aging

- Required as part of the Older Americans Act, this plan that identifies goals, objectives and actions for State Unit on Aging for the next 4 years
- Mission: to ensure that older adults in Colorado will have the opportunity to live and thrive in the community of their choice.

SUA State Plan on Aging Goals

Over the next four years, the SUA will focus on the following key goals:

- Goal 1: Older adults in Colorado will have the opportunity to live in their homes and have a high quality of life by remaining active, healthy and meaningfully engaged in their communities.
- Goal 2: Older adults in Colorado will be aware of and will have access to services and supports necessary to assist them.
- Goal 3: Older adults in Colorado will live with dignity, safety and respect.

Colorado Commission on Aging

- The CCOA consists of 17 volunteer members appointed by the Governor with consent of the Senate
- The CCOA was established in 1964 to inform and advise decision makers and to advocate for the quality of life if seniors in Colorado
- The CCOA meets every other month and hosts special events throughout the year such as the Centenarian Celebration and Allen Buckingham Senior Leadership Award

Colorado Aging Framework

- Partnership between CDHS and the Colorado Commission on Aging
- Purpose: a reference guide for goals and actions that can be pursued by organizations and individuals statewide to prepare for and address the impact of the aging population in the State over the next 20 years.
- Will provide background information for the Strategic Planning Group on Aging created by House Bill 15-1033

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