Texas Aging and Adult Services

State Agency Mission
Texas Aging and Adult Services are part of the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) agency. HHSC’s mission is to improve the health, safety and well-being of Texans with good stewardship of public resources.

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 very low incomes

Top Five Agency Policy Priorities
1. Workforce Shortage
2. COVID-related closures of providers
3. Delivering Services Remotely during COVID
4. Mitigating Social Isolation
5. Opioids Crisis and Substance Use

Organizational Structure
The director is appointed by the Governor and oversees a staff of 37,977.7 FTE.

Local Network
- 28 Area Agencies on Aging
- 18 Independent Living Centers

Agency Funding Sources
Total FY2020 Budget $38,024,532,853

- State Appropriation: 52%
- OAA: 7%
- Medicaid: 41%
- Other: 0.2%
Texas
Aging and Adult Services

Advisory Committees: Aging Texas Well; Texas Respite; Aging and Disability Resource Centers

Governor

Department of Family and Protective Services

Health and Human Services Commission

Adult Protective Services

Chief Programs and Services Office

Health and Policy and Regulatory Office

Chief Public Affairs Office

Adult and Aging Programs

Licensure and Regulation

Survey and Certification

State Long-term Care Ombudsman

Medicaid

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 the Texas Aging and Adult Services

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<td>Set statewide aging policy</td>
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<td>Set statewide disability policy</td>
<td>✓ Administer Medicaid HCBS waiver(s)</td>
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<td>Administer Older Americans Act (all programs except SCSEP)</td>
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<td>Administer Senior Community Service Employment Program</td>
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<td>Manage state Aging &amp; Disability Resource Center network</td>
<td>✓ Provide case management services to Medicaid recipients</td>
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<td>Provide Adult Protective Services (18+)</td>
<td>✓ Regulate and administer managed long-term services and supports</td>
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<td>✓ Provide quality assurance for managed long-term services and supports</td>
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<td>Operate state-owned institutional facilities</td>
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## Responsibilities for Provider Management

- Regulate institutional providers ✓
- License institutional providers ✓
- Regulate HCBS providers ✓
- License HCBS providers ✓
- Certify Assisted Living providers ✓
Key State Initiative

The Texas Health and Human Services (HHS) has developed a Disability Services Action Plan to improve the system and delivery of services for Texans with disabilities. In fiscal year 2020, HHS staff hosted seven disability listening sessions across the state to gain insight from clients, providers and advocates about their experiences and challenges navigating HHS, as well as opportunities to improve. Through the feedback received, and research and information from several other agency reports, HHS identified achievable opportunities to improve agency coordination making it easier for individuals, families and providers to navigate the HHS system for disability services. In all, 27 recommendations across four initiatives (training and support; communication; policy and rules; and system redesign) were found to be achievable within one to five fiscal years.

The HHS Texas Congregate Meal Initiative (TCMI) is a project aimed to increase participation in Texas Congregate Meal Programs. The TCMI project seeks to do this by establishing a learning collaborative in which 16 selected congregate meal providers and a mentor from their associated Area Agency on Aging (AAA) learn innovative practices, business acumen, and program development skills. The participants will then receive $7,500 to implement an innovative pilot project in their region. At the end of the three year project the state will host a state-wide summit for all nutrition providers and AAAs.