Washington D.C. Department of Aging and Community Living



State Agency Mission

The mission of the Department of Aging and Community Living is to advocate, plan, implement, and monitor programs in health, education, and social services for the elderly; to promote longevity, independence, dignity, and choice for aged District residents, District residents with disabilities regardless of age, and caregivers; to ensure the rights of older adults and their families, and prevent their abuse, neglect, and exploitation; to uphold the core values of service excellence, respect, compassion, integrity, and accountability; and to lead efforts to strengthen service delivery and capacity by engaging community stakeholders and partners to leverage 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:** Caregivers

Organizational Structure

The director is appointed by the D.C. Mayor and oversees a staff of 105 FTE.

Local Network

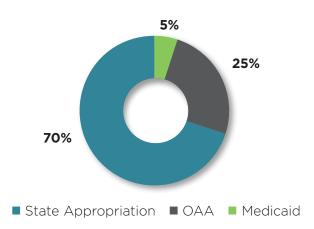
1 Area Agency on Aging

Top Five Agency Policy Priorities

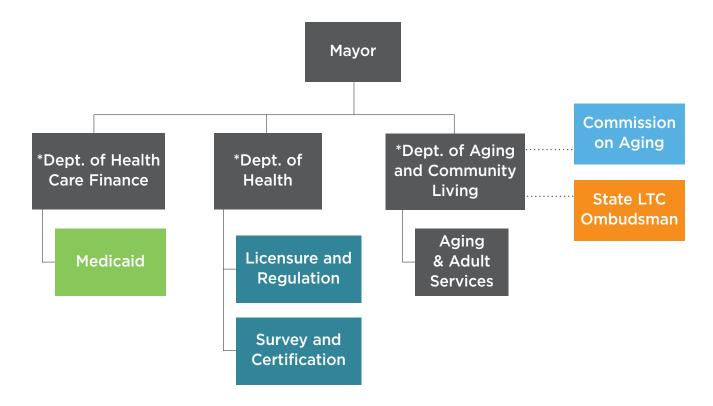
- 1. Mitigating Social Isolation
- 2. Quality Improvement
- 3. Supporting Caregivers
- **4.** Delivering Services Remotely during COVID
- 5. Lack of Affordable Housing

Agency Funding Sources

Total FY2020 Budget \$61,130,503



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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 Washington D.C.'s Department of Aging and Community Living

Aging & Adult Services	
Set statewide aging policy	1
Set statewide disability policy	
Administer Older Americans Act (all programs except SCSEP)	1
Administer Senior Community Service Employment Program	
Administer a state-funded aging & disability program	1
Manage state Aging & Disability Resource Center network	/
Administer the State Health Insurance Assistance Program	✓
Provide Adult Protective Services (18+)	1
Provide Elder Protective Services only (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 response to increased concerns of social isolation and loneliness due to COVID-19, the Department of Aging and Community Living (DACL) created the Senior Tech Connection Program. The program connects seniors to online activities, socialization, and virtual health options during and after the COVID-19 pandemic. Qualifying seniors receive an iPad and wireless service for a year, along with senior-specific technology training and support.

