



Florida Council on Aging

One Voice Representing 4.9 Million Older Floridians

Priority

Increase funding by \$9,983,996 to serve an additional 1,287 (10%) of the most 'at-risk'* seniors on the Department of Elder Affairs waiting list for Community Care for the Elderly (CCE), Home Care for the Elderly (HCE) and Alzheimer's Respite Care (ADI) Programs.

Home and community based programs such as CCE, HCE, LSP and ADI help vulnerable senior citizens *and save taxpayers money*. These programs provide services and caregiver support to frail seniors who are most at risk of nursing home placement and typically with income/assets just above the Medicaid threshold. Home and community based programs serve eligible consumers with minimal supports and have been shown to delay or avoid nursing home admission and subsequent enrollment into the Medicaid program.

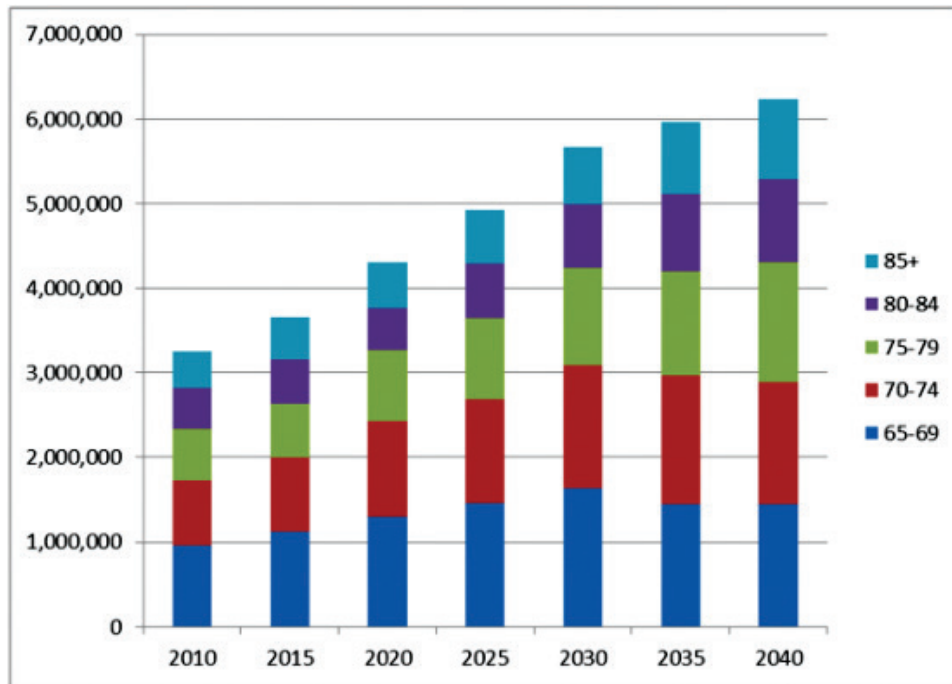


A potential savings of \$73,374,994 can be realized by serving just 10% of seniors currently on the waiting list for services.

* Most 'at-risk' is defined as Assessed Risk Level 4 & 5 and includes frail seniors who are most at risk of nursing home placement if home care services are not provided.

Why should we care about home and community-based care for Florida seniors?

- Between 2010 and 2040, Florida's older population is expected to almost double.
- Population aged 75 and over currently represents slightly under half of the 65 and over age group and is expected to increase to slightly over half of that age group by 2040.



Profile of home and community-based care clients:

- Average age is **81**
- About **67%** are female
- Average number of serious health conditions are **3**
- Average individual monthly income is **\$1,266** and 79% of all clients served have assets under \$2,000
- In fiscal year 2015-2016 there have been 34,848 individuals placed on the wait list for services. Over this same time period, 2,547 adults were referred by Adult Protective Services (abuse, neglect) for immediate services. Adult Protective Service client referrals are served using Community Care for the Elderly funds and served immediately, bypassing the wait list.

Comparison of Annual Cost Per Client for Programs Serving Florida's Elders SFY 2015-16

Nursing Home	\$64,770
Alzheimer's Disease Initiative (ADI)	\$12,028
Community Care for the Elderly (CCE)	\$8,046
Local Services Program (LSP)	\$4,860
Home Care for the Elderly (HCE)	\$3,649

From 2006-2011 home and community-based program funding was reduced each year even as the population of older frail Floridians has grown.

Since then, Governor Scott and the Florida Legislature have supported home and community-based programs with increases that have averaged about \$4.52 million/year.

Please continue this legacy of support and allocate \$9,983,996 to serve an additional 1,287 (10%) Florida's most-frail seniors on the waiting list.

These Organizations Support Our Priorities



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Community Care for the Elderly (CCE) Program

The Community Care for the Elderly (CCE) Program is a General Revenue statewide program that provides support services to ***Non-Medicaid*** frail seniors. These community-based services are organized in a continuum of care to help functionally impaired elders live in the least restrictive, yet most *cost-effective*, environment suitable to their needs. For fiscal year 2015-2016, there were 32,510 frail seniors who received CCE services. **There are currently 36,936 people on the waitlist for the CCE Program.* The average annual cost per person is \$8,046.****

Services or Activities:

Eligible clients may receive a wide range of services, including: adult day care, case management, chore, consumable medical supplies, emergency home repair, home-delivered meals, home health aide, homemaker, nursing, personal care, respite, transportation, and other community-based services.

Administration:

The Florida Department of Elder Affairs administers the program through contracts with Area Agencies on Aging (AAA/ADRC), which subcontract with local Community Care for the Elderly lead agencies. Lead agencies are non-profit community based organizations or in a few instances city or county governments serve as the provider.

Eligibility:

Individuals must be age 60 or older and functionally impaired, as determined by an initial comprehensive assessment and annual reassessments. Individuals are assigned a score based on their level of frailty/impairment. The higher the score the more at risk the individual is for institutional care. As directed by 1998 revisions to the Florida Statutes, primary consideration for services is given to elderly persons referred to Adult Protective Services (APS) and determined by APS to be victims of abuse, neglect, or exploitation.

* Data provided is as of October 25, 2016 from the Florida Department of Elder Affairs.

** Data provided is for State Fiscal Year 2015-2016.

Alzheimer's Disease Initiative (ADI) and Respite Care

The Alzheimer's Disease Initiative (ADI) is a statewide program funded by General Revenue that provides a continuum of services to meet the changing needs of ***Non-Medicaid*** individuals with, and families affected by, Alzheimer's disease and related disorders. The program includes: 1) supportive services such as consumable medical supplies and respite for caregiver relief; 2) Memory Disorder Clinics to provide diagnosis, education, training, research, treatment, and referral; 3) model day care programs; and 4) brain bank to support research. For fiscal year 2015-2016, there were 9,819 seniors and caregivers who were the recipients of ADI services. **There are 4,326 people on the waitlist for the ADI Program*. The average annual cost per person is \$12,028.****

Services or Activities:

ADI respite includes in-home, facility-based (usually at adult day care centers), emergency, and support for caregivers who serve individuals with neurocognitive disorders. Services are authorized by a case manager based on a comprehensive assessment and unmet needs identified during that assessment.

Administration:

The Florida Department of Elder Affairs administers the program to carry out the statutory requirements.

Eligibility:

Caregivers of adults age 18 and older or individuals who have been diagnosed as having probable Alzheimer's disease or other related memory disorders. Consumers receiving ADI services can participate in the cost of their care through a co-payment. DOEA allocates General Revenue funding to each of the Area Agencies on Aging, which then fund providers of programs in designated counties. The allocation for ADI respite funding is based on each county's population age 75 and older and probable number of Alzheimer's cases.

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Home Care for the Elderly (HCE) Program

The statewide Home Care for the Elderly (HCE) program supports care for **Non-Medicaid** eligible Floridians age 60 and older in family-type living arrangements within private homes, as an alternative to institutional or nursing home care. A basic subsidy of \$106/per month is provided for support and maintenance of the elder. A special subsidy may also be provided for services and/or supplies. For fiscal year 2015-2016, there were 2,760 families who received HCE services. **There are 6,229 people on the waitlist for the HCE Program***. **The average annual cost per person is \$3,649.****

Services or Activities:

A basic subsidy averaging \$106 per month is provided for all program participants. Special subsidies are authorized for some consumers for: incontinence supplies, medications, medical supplies, wheelchairs, ramps and home accessibility modifications, home health aide, home nursing, and other services to maintain the individual at home. Case management is provided when needed.

Administration:

The Florida Department of Elder Affairs is responsible for planning, monitoring, training, and technical assistance for the program.

Eligibility:

Individuals must be age 60 or older, have income less than the Institutional Care Program (ICP) standard, meet the ICP asset limitation, be at risk of nursing home placement, and have an approved adult caregiver living with them who is willing and able to provide care or help arrange for care. Current funding allocations are based on Department of Children and Families (DCF) district allocations in use when the program was transferred to DOEA in 1996.

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Local Services Programs (LSP)

Local Services Programs (LSP) provide additional funding to expand long-term care alternatives that support **Non-Medicaid** eligible elders to maintain a favorable quality of life in their own homes and avoid or delay nursing home placement. This program operates in a majority of the Planning and Service Areas (PSAs) in Florida. For fiscal year 2015-2016, there were 7,214 frail seniors who received LSP services. There are 95 people on the waitlist for the LSP Program*. The average annual cost per person is \$4,860.**

Services or Activities:

Planning and Service Areas (PSAs) offer at least one of these services with LSP funds: Adult Day Care, Case Management, Chore Services, Congregate Meals, Health Promotion, Home-Delivered Meals, Homemaker, Information and Referral Services, Nursing, Personal Care, Respite and/or Transportation.

Administration:

The Florida Department of Elder Affairs administers these programs through contracts with Area Agencies on Aging (AAA/ADRC), which then subcontract with local providers to deliver services. Local providers are non-profit organizations or in a few instances local government serves as the provider.

Eligibility:

Individuals age 60 and older may receive these services. There are no income criteria; however, emphasis is placed on targeting those with greatest need. The program is 100-percent funded by General Revenue, and funds are allocated as designated in proviso language of the General Appropriations Act. No match or co-payment is required.

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