

Aging and Disability Services

FUNCTION

The functions of the Aging and Disability Services programs are to promote and maintain maximum independence, safety, dignity, self-determination, quality of life, and opportunities for community participation for seniors and persons with disabilities.

PROGRAM CONTACTS

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PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

Persons With Disabilities Outreach Services

This program provides supported employment for adults with developmental disabilities; service coordination; services for persons with visual and hearing impairments and physical disabilities; summer camp for children with multiple disabilities; crisis management and intervention; school-to-work transition assistance; assisted transportation subsidies; and Home and Community Based Services Waiver for Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder (Autism Waiver).

FY06 Changes

- Increase the Service Coordination Grant to provide case management services to approximately 315 additional clients.*

	Expenditures	WYs
FY05 Approved	4,254,840	21.5
FY06 Approved	4,822,080	28.2

Assessment Services

This program provides multi-disciplinary assessments, care planning, and short-term case management services to frail seniors and adults with disabilities. Referrals are made to appropriate private and public resources. Services include Adult Protective Services, Adult Evaluation and Review Services (AERS), Statewide Evaluation and Planning Services, Social Services to Adults, and the Transitional Emergency Medical and Housing Assistance (TEMHA) program for adults with long-term disabilities.

FY06 Changes

- Add a Social Worker to provide 24/7 Adult Protective Services coverage at the Crisis Center for emergencies and other crises that occur for vulnerable adults at risk of abuse, neglect, and exploitation.*

Program Summary

	Expenditures	WYs
Persons With Disabilities Outreach Services	4,822,080	28.2
Assessment Services	2,268,520	24.4
Assisted Living Services	2,039,340	6.4
Community/Nursing Home Med. Assist. & Outreach	1,854,580	27.7
Continuing Case Management	1,965,890	17.0
Group Residential and Vocational Services	7,836,070	1.0
In-Home Aide Services	4,561,890	17.5
Information and Assistance	1,259,820	15.5
Ombudsman Services	604,860	4.5
Respite Care	1,117,960	0.0
Senior Community Services	3,363,670	19.8
Senior Food Program	1,251,390	3.0
Service Area Administration	442,860	3.0
Totals	33,388,930	168.0

	Expenditures	WYs
FY05 Approved	2,068,720	21.8
FY06 Approved	2,268,520	24.4

Assisted Living Services

This program provides subsidies for low-income seniors who live in group homes for the frail elderly and adult foster care homes for frail seniors and adults with disabilities.

FY06 Changes

	Expenditures	WYs
FY05 Approved	2,109,000	7.4
FY06 Approved	2,039,340	6.4

Community/Nursing Home Med. Assist. & Outreach

This program certifies and processes applications for Federally-funded long-term care, community medical assistance benefits, and Supplemental Security Income (SSI), which are provided to eligible recipients who meet financial and medical criteria.

FY06 Changes

	Expenditures	WYs
FY05 Approved	1,716,560	27.7
FY06 Approved	1,854,580	27.7

Continuing Case Management

This program provides case management services to seniors and adults with disabilities to prevent abuse, neglect, self-neglect, exploitation, or inappropriate institutionalization. The program also provides public guardianship for vulnerable adults with disabilities and adults 65 years or older who are unable to make and communicate decisions about their day-to-day care.

FY06 Changes

	Expenditures	WYs
FY05 Approved	2,030,420	18.4
FY06 Approved	1,965,890	17.0

Group Residential and Vocational Services

This program provides financial assistance to State-funded providers who serve adults with developmental disabilities. This program also provides disability support services to eligible individuals with developmental disabilities, mental illness, or age-related disabilities living in licensed group homes.

FY06 Changes

- Enhance funding to serve 80 additional developmentally disabled clients.

	Expenditures	WYs
FY05 Approved	8,096,640	1.0
FY06 Approved	7,836,070	1.0

In-Home Aide Services

This program provides personal care assistance to seniors and eligible adults with disabilities who are unable to manage independently due to physical and/or mental impairments. In-home aide services prevent abuse, neglect, and exploitation of vulnerable adults and enhance overall quality of life by providing personal care, chore assistance, therapeutic support, self-care education, and escorted transportation.

FY06 Changes

- Enhance the Chore Services program to serve 20 (out of 50) clients on the waiting list for a total of approximately 40 clients served.
- Enhance the Personal Care program to serve 14 (out of the 137) clients on the waiting list for a total of approximately 451 clients served.

	Expenditures	WYs
FY05 Approved	4,235,910	17.5
FY06 Approved	4,561,890	17.5

Information and Assistance

This program assists seniors, persons with disabilities, and their families, in defining problem situations, finding services to remedy those problems, and facilitating the application process to access services. The program provides a range of services from information and referral to screening and follow-up.

FY06 Changes

	Expenditures	WYs
FY05 Approved	1,300,350	16.5
FY06 Approved	1,259,820	15.5

Ombudsman Services

This program investigates and resolves complaints made by residents and staff, family members, and others against nursing homes and assisted living facilities for seniors.

FY06 Changes

	Expenditures	WYs
FY05 Approved	589,180	4.5
FY06 Approved	604,860	4.5

Respite Care

This program provides temporary, occasional care of frail seniors and persons with disabilities to give relief to families and other primary caregivers.

FY06 Changes

- Enhance program funding to serve an additional 68 clients.

	Expenditures	WYs
FY05 Approved	1,015,800	0.0
FY06 Approved	1,117,960	0.0

Senior Community Services

This program provides funds for services that help seniors to remain independent in the community including: legal services; representative payee services; health insurance counseling; “visitor” services; grocery shopping; transportation to senior centers; subsidized employment; socialization for seniors with visual impairments; and Home and Community Based Waiver for Older Adults (Medicaid Long-Term Care Waiver).

FY06 Changes

- Provide funds to launch a long-range Strategic Plan for providing services to seniors.
- Replace one-time-only State grant funds and provide additional funds for increased contract costs for senior program transportation.

	Expenditures	WYs
FY05 Approved	2,756,470	19.1
FY06 Approved	3,363,670	19.8

Senior Food Program

This program provides lunches to seniors at sites around the County. The program also provides home-delivered meals, nutrition education, and physical fitness activities. It is administered in cooperation with a variety of public and nonprofit agencies including the Montgomery County Board of Education, which is responsible for a major portion of the food preparation. The program receives partial reimbursement from the U.S. Department of Agriculture for meals served.

FY06 Changes

	Expenditures	WYs
FY05 Approved	967,570	3.0
FY06 Approved	1,251,390	3.0

Service Area Administration

This program provides leadership and direction for the administration of Aging and Disability Services.

FY06 Changes

	Expenditures	WYs
FY05 Approved	422,500	3.0
FY06 Approved	442,860	3.0