

AGING – 6772 & 6778

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Albany County Department for Aging (DFA) is to provide the highest quality of supportive services to senior citizens and their families. Our goal is to enable seniors to remain safely and comfortably in their homes and to thrive in their communities for as long as desired.

WHO WE SERVE

Seniors and caregivers to seniors and the disabled in Albany County. In 2010 Albany County was home to 60,195 residents over the age of 60. These residents represented 19% of our county's population of almost 304,032 people. The oldest population groups continue to increase. Albany County residents over the age of 75 comprise 7.2% of the population and are most likely to have multiple and chronic health conditions that require a variety of services to remain at home. The Albany County Department for aging annually serves nearly 11,000 persons age 60 and over; along with family caregivers. Our agency makes it possible for individuals to live with independence and dignity in their homes and communities for as long as possible, delaying or avoiding higher cost levels of care. It is estimated that there are now over 65,000 seniors residing in our county now aging 75 years and above comprising a larger share than ever before

ABOUT OUR DEPARTMENT

The Department for Aging continues to embark on a path to progressively reshape its long term care system, the Department continues to play an increasingly critical role to ensure that quality services are available to meet our seniors needs as they occur in the community fills a critical role in the long term care system by ensuring that essential home and community based services are available to meet the needs of the county's most vulnerable older citizens. We accomplish this goal by offering an array of quality programs and services. Many seniors receiving 3 or more community based services from our department meet the requirements for admission to an adult home, assisted living residence or a nursing home. The result is that the services we provide for these seniors often minimize, delay and avoid much more intensive facility based care. The Albany County senior population continues to increase as does the demand for our programs and services. Supporting our elderly and/or disabled individuals and their caregivers will help them remain in the least restrictive levels of care and avoid more intensive more costly care. We are also looking at ways to redirect existing funds from programs where we feel there is a dip in the need for the service for various reasons. We are looking into programs that can assist a senior in other areas and functions away from the normal programs we currently provide.

2016 ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND CHALLENGES

- Albany County Department for Aging and NY Connects is committed to providing excellent information and assistance to individuals in need of long term care options. The overall goal is that all of our callers can access the services they may require.
- The Department for Aging has received additional funding from the State Office for the Aging to Enhance our existing NY Connects program and expand our capabilities of a new "No Wrong Door" information system. The No Wrong Door (NWD) initiative will enable staff to create a seamless one-stop-shop information system to grant callers access to any and all services, regardless of the provider. This includes those whose first language is not English as well as individuals who have hearing impairments. We have contracted with translation service companies that insure those who are less than fluent in English can adequately and effectively be connected to our services or be referred to other agencies through NY Connects.
- Albany County Department for Aging partnered with the New York State Office for Community Renewal and the Albany County Rural Housing Alliance to initiate a Senior Housing Rehabilitation Program for eligible seniors in Albany County. This program will provide funding to qualified senior home owners for critical rehabilitation projects (roofing, heating, windows ,etc.), and it will also provide for the installation of certain specialized features such as roll in showers, widening doorways and installing grab bars and other amenities to "seniorize their homes". We are excited about this program and hope to dramatically increase the number senior citizens in our county who are able to comfortably "age in place."

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- The Department for Aging is happy to work with our Albany County Health Department and the NYS Department of Health (NYSDOH) Sodium Reduction in Communities Project (SRCP) a collaborative grant with both agencies that has transitioned from Year 2 to Year 3 effective October 1, 2016. The ACDFA will continue the progress from Year 2 and initiate additional successful strategies for the NYS OFA mandates that specific meal component requirements based on the RDI's and RDA's, including the daily intake of sodium. The ACDFA's six providers have committed to following sodium reduction with food purchasing and meal preparation. The ACDFA Registered Dietitian presented to all provider director's and food production staff at a quarterly staff meeting held in October 2015 for the development of uniform standardized recipes. The recipes would be modified to increase and/or add more sodium free seasonings and other cooking techniques for flavor enhancement. In addition, these recipes would be the standards for all ACDFA senior meal providers. There was unanimous agreement among all providers. The project commenced November 2015 and will continue into 2016.

2017 GOALS AND PERFORMANCE TARGETS

Increase access to information, assistance and referrals for Albany seniors, caregivers and their families regarding their options.

- The Department of Aging and its contractor the Albany County Department of Social Services will continue to facilitate the NY Connects No Wrong Door program to help seniors gain immediate access and information about programs and services.
- To increase awareness of the programs and services the Department will work with its providers and other advocates in the community to distribute information through outreach events, presentations, distribution of brochures and handouts and the website.
- The Department will continue to strategize ways to serve targeted seniors through outreach to low income, rural, minority seniors and through ongoing contact with other agencies who work with seniors such as advocacy agencies, hospital discharge planners, police, and local town staff.

To help seniors maintain their health in the community, increase outreach and access to Albany County Department for Aging's Health and Nutrition programs and services.

- Increase information and access to nutrition by providing appetizing and healthy meals through- out the county through the Departments HDM and Congregate programs.
- Increase seniors' ability to make healthy food choices through up-to-date information about ways to manage and/or prevent serious health conditions such as diabetes, obesity, hypertension and heart disease. Continue to promote health through evidenced based programs including Tai Chi.
- Provide seniors with opportunities to make social connections through the congregate programs.
- Provide opportunities for seniors to remain active through volunteer positions in the Department's programs and services (HDM delivery, friendly home visitor, HIICAP counselor, etc.)
- Increase information and access about the Health, Insurance, Information and Assistance Program for Medicare and Medicare/Medicaid eligible seniors and disabled to help them make in- formed choices.

To help seniors maintain their independence in the community, increase information, outreach and access to Albany County Department for Aging's community support programs and services.

- Increase information and access to senior transportation and information about the potential of additional transportation options and resources in the community.
- Provide older adults with information about the senior legal services or other legal programs.
- Continue to increase seniors' independence in the community by increasing awareness and access to community supports such as aid services, adult day programs, shopping assistance, friendly home visitor and the nutrition programs.
- Increase information about the Caregiver Supportive services in the community.

SUMMARY OF BUDGET CHANGES

The 2017 Executive budget for the Department for Aging does not contain any substantive programmatic changes.

A6772 Aging		2016	2017	2015	2016	2017	2017	2017	
		Count	Count	Expended	Adjusted	Requested	Proposed	Adopted	
Personnel Services Individual									
A6772	11013 001 500001	Commissioner	1	1	\$74,285	\$75,771	\$77,287	\$77,287	-
A6772	11250 001 500003	Fiscal Director	1	1	\$62,132	\$63,375	\$64,643	\$64,643	-
A6772	12180 001 500019	Registered Dietician in Aging	1	1	\$43,941	\$58,847	\$60,173	\$60,173	-
A6772	12245 001 500005	Employment Prog Coord Aging	1	1	\$36,710	\$37,450	\$38,199	\$38,199	-
A6772	12270 001 500006	Aging Specialist	1	1	\$47,030	\$47,971	\$48,931	\$48,931	-
A6772	12270 002 500007	Aging Specialist	1	1	\$27,932	\$36,021	\$36,731	\$36,731	-
A6772	12575 001 500009	Contract Administrator	1	1	\$40,283	\$41,089	\$41,911	\$41,911	-
A6772	16104 001 500011	Account Clerk II	1	1	\$35,867	\$36,585	\$37,317	\$37,317	-
A6772	16401 001 500016	Confidential Secretary	1	1	\$37,804	\$38,561	\$39,333	\$39,333	-
<i>Personnel Services Individual Subtotal</i>			9	9	\$405,984	\$435,670	\$444,525	\$444,525	\$0
Personnel									
Personnel Non-Individual									
A 6772	19140	Community Service Enrollee			\$0	\$13,978	\$13,978	\$13,978	\$0
A 6772	19950	Longevity Raise			\$5,450	\$6,050	\$5,550	\$5,550	\$0
A 6772	19951	Health Insurance Buyout			\$5,333	\$5,000	\$6,500	\$6,500	\$0
Subtotal for: Personnel Non-Individual					\$10,783	\$25,028	\$26,028	\$26,028	\$0
Equipment									
Contractual Expenses									
A 6772	44020	Office Supplies			\$2,354	\$2,380	\$2,380	\$2,380	\$0
A 6772	44026	Photo Supplies			\$279	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
A 6772	44035	Postage			\$2,289	\$2,600	\$2,600	\$2,600	\$0
A 6772	44036	Telephone			\$1,338	\$2,160	\$1,620	\$1,620	\$0
A 6772	44037	Insurance			\$4,906	\$5,152	\$4,624	\$4,624	\$0
A 6772	44039	Conferences Training Tuitio			\$1,813	\$2,335	\$4,100	\$4,100	\$0
A 6772	44041	Computer Fees			\$43,005	\$40,960	\$43,460	\$43,460	\$0
A 6772	44042	Printing And Advertising			\$6,309	\$9,625	\$9,400	\$9,400	\$0
A 6772	44046	Fees For Services			\$1,407,844	\$2,898,800	\$2,373,047	\$2,373,047	\$0
A 6772	44070	Equipment Repair And Rental			\$1,133	\$2,041	\$2,041	\$2,041	\$0
A 6772	44300	Association Dues			\$1,818	\$1,969	\$2,047	\$2,047	\$0
A 6772	44425	EISEP			\$1,220,721	\$2,070,000	\$1,770,000	\$1,770,000	\$0
A 6772	44453	Home Delivered Meals			\$783,055	\$948,385	\$934,237	\$934,237	\$0
A 6772	44455	Social Transportation Program			\$770	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$0
A 6772	44903	DGS Shared Services Charges			\$75,897	\$74,439	\$75,851	\$75,851	\$0
Subtotal for: Contractual Expenses					\$3,553,531	\$6,065,846	\$5,230,407	\$5,230,407	\$0
Fringe Benefits									
A 6772	89010	State Retirement			\$70,417	\$89,226	\$76,417	\$76,417	\$0
A 6772	89030	Social Security			\$31,406	\$34,866	\$35,997	\$35,997	\$0
A 6772	89060	Hospital And Medical Insurance			\$111,972	\$73,056	\$83,722	\$83,722	\$0
Subtotal for: Fringe Benefits					\$213,795	\$197,148	\$196,136	\$196,136	\$0
Total Appropriations					\$4,184,093	\$6,723,692	\$5,897,096	\$5,897,096	\$0

A6772 Aging			2016	2017	2015	2016	2017	2017	2017
			Count	Count	Expended	Adjusted	Requested	Proposed	Adopted
Revenue									
A6772	01902	Discount/Flashcard Programs			(\$257)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
A6772	03405	Senior Housing Rehb Prog.Aging			\$0	(\$750,000)	\$0	\$0	\$0
A6772	03781	Expanded In-Home Service Grant			(\$938,227)	(\$822,942)	(\$822,942)	(\$822,942)	\$0
A6772	03782	Community Service Grant			(\$423,269)	(\$434,384)	(\$474,909)	(\$474,909)	\$0
A6772	03783	Supplement Nutrition Grant			(\$420,343)	(\$475,664)	(\$475,664)	(\$475,664)	\$0
A6772	03785	Consumer Service. Init. Grant			(\$3,269)	(\$6,512)	(\$6,512)	(\$6,512)	\$0
A6772	03787	Transportation Grant			(\$16,926)	(\$16,926)	(\$16,926)	(\$16,926)	\$0
A6772	03789	New York Connects			(\$171,606)	(\$500,000)	(\$500,000)	(\$500,000)	\$0
A6772	04773	Supportive Service Grant			(\$299,722)	(\$372,589)	(\$276,053)	(\$276,053)	\$0
A6772	04774	Congregate Meals Grant			(\$280,268)	(\$430,504)	(\$372,139)	(\$372,139)	\$0
A6772	04775	Home Del. Meals Grant			(\$168,034)	(\$176,886)	(\$168,036)	(\$168,036)	\$0
A6772	04776	Medical Management Grant			(\$13,934)	(\$18,350)	(\$17,457)	(\$17,457)	\$0
A6772	04777	Caregiver Assistant Grant			(\$100,820)	(\$140,491)	(\$129,259)	(\$129,259)	\$0
A6772	04778	Nutrition Service Grant			(\$175,332)	(\$149,346)	(\$149,346)	(\$149,346)	\$0
A6772	04779	Health Insurance Info Grant			(\$38,497)	(\$36,707)	(\$32,983)	(\$32,983)	\$0
A6772	04788	MIPPA/ADRC Grant			(\$12,784)	(\$13,054)	(\$12,074)	(\$12,074)	\$0
A6772	04789	Systems Integration Grant			(\$3,813)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Revenue					(\$3,067,102)	(\$4,344,355)	(\$3,454,300)	(\$3,454,300)	\$0
County Share					\$1,116,991	\$2,379,337	\$2,442,796	\$2,442,796	\$0

A6778 Employ.Elderly Handicapped			2016	2017	2015	2016	2017	2017	2017
			Count	Count	Expended	Adjusted	Requested	Proposed	Adopted
Personnel Non-Individual									
A 6778	19160	Fed Comm Serv Enrollee I			\$59,811	\$159,120	\$79,560	\$79,560	\$0
Subtotal for: Personnel Non-Individual					\$59,811	\$159,120	\$79,560	\$79,560	\$0
Contractual Expenses									
A 6778	44046	Fees For Services			\$2,127	\$12,818	\$6,409	\$6,409	\$0
Subtotal for: Contractual Expenses					\$2,127	\$12,818	\$6,409	\$6,409	\$0
Fringe Benefits									
A 6778	89030	Social Security			\$4,648	\$12,172	\$6,086	\$6,086	\$0
Subtotal for: Fringe Benefits					\$4,648	\$12,172	\$6,086	\$6,086	\$0
Total Appropriations					\$66,586	\$184,110	\$92,055	\$92,055	\$0
Revenue									
A6778	04772	Programs for the Aging			(\$78,759)	(\$184,110)	(\$89,793)	(\$89,793)	\$0
Total Revenue					(\$78,759)	(\$184,110)	(\$89,793)	(\$89,793)	\$0
County Share					(\$12,172)	\$0	\$2,262	\$2,262	\$0