

New York Office on Aging



State Agency Mission

It is the mission of the New York State Office for the Aging to help older New Yorkers be as independent as possible for as long as possible through advocacy, development, and delivery of person-centered, consumer-oriented, and cost-effective policies, programs, and services that support and empower older New Yorkers and their families, in partnership with the network of public and private organizations that serve them.

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

Organizational Structure

The director is appointed by the Governor and oversees a staff of 95 FTE.

Local Network

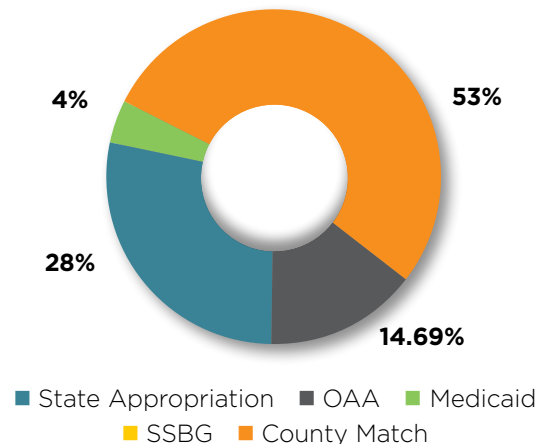
- 59** Area Agencies on Aging
- 2** Tribal Organizations
- 37** Independent Living Centers

Top Five Agency Policy Priorities

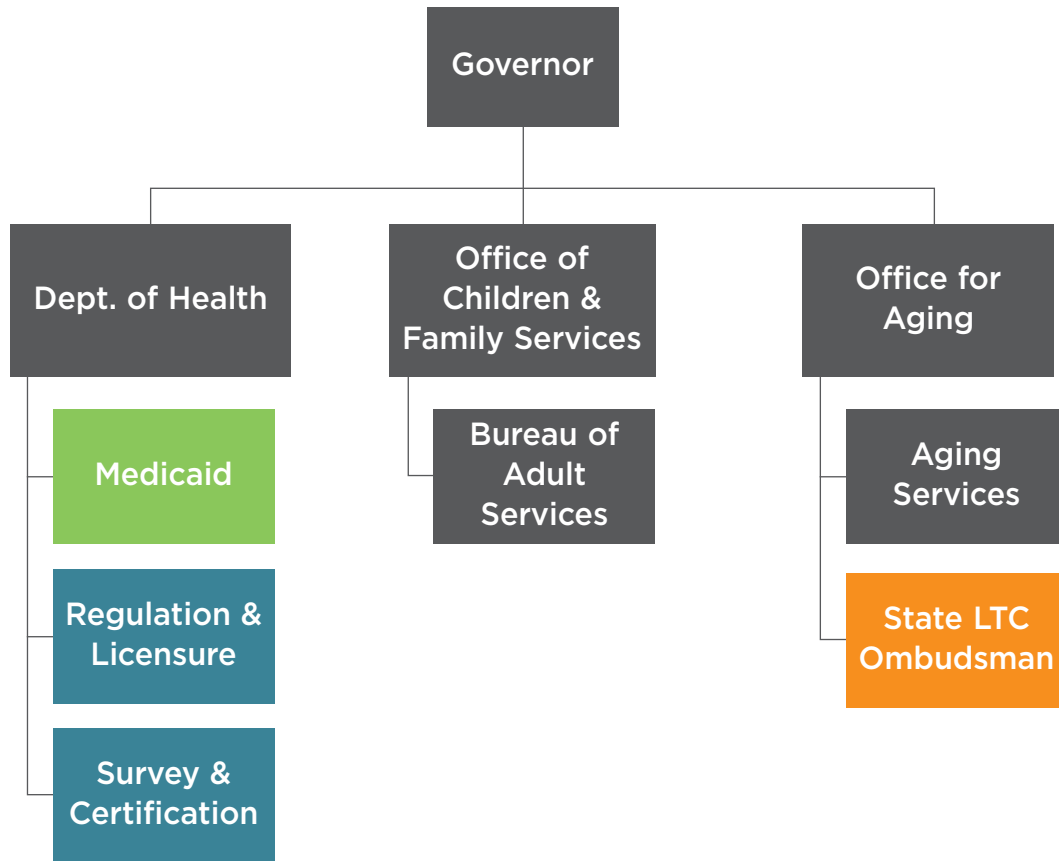
1. Delivering Services Remotely during COVID
2. Mitigating Social Isolation
3. Workforce Shortage
4. Senior Hunger
5. Supporting Caregivers

Agency Funding Sources

Total FY2020 Budget \$524,000,000



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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 New York's Office on Aging

Aging & Adult Services	
Set statewide aging policy	✓
Set statewide disability policy	
Administer Older Americans Act (all programs except SCSEP)	✓
Administer Senior Community Service Employment Program	✓
Administer a state-funded aging & disability program	✓
Manage state Aging & Disability Resource Center network	✓
Administer the State Health Insurance Assistance Program	
Provide Adult Protective Services (18+)	
Provide Elder Protective Services <i>only</i> (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

New York's Office on Aging has engaged in projects that use economic data to show the value of the older adult population as contributors to combat stereotypes about this group as high-cost individuals that deplete government resources. By calculating and comparing items like household income, volunteerism, home ownership rates, tourism contributions, the state agency has demonstrated how older adults are supporting the tax base, local businesses, and other parts of the economy.

The Office on Aging worked with partners, including AARP, to begin measuring the "longevity economy," and found that it is supporting 40% of tax revenue, fueling almost 90 million jobs. Creating this value proposition of aging individuals has increased understanding of the importance of supporting older adults in the community and led to additional investments in supports managed by the Office on Aging.

