

Utah Division on Aging Services



State Agency Mission

The mission of the Division of Aging and Adult Services is to: Provide leadership and advocacy in addressing issues that impact older Utahns, and serve elder and disabled adults needing protection from abuse, neglect or exploitation; Fulfill our vision of offering choices for independence by facilitating the availability of a community-based system of services in both urban and rural areas of the state that support independent living and protect quality of life; and Encourage citizen involvement in the planning and delivery of services.

Populations Served

- Older Adults**
- Adults with Physical Disabilities**
- Adults with Developmental Disabilities via APS**
- Individuals with Traumatic and/or Acquired Brain Injuries
- Individuals with Behavioral Health Conditions
- Individuals with Substance Use Disorders

Organizational Structure

The director is hired by a higher ranking individual, but serves at the convenience of the Governor, and oversees a staff of 54 FTE.

Local Network

- 12** Area Agencies on Aging
- 6** Tribal Organizations
- 6** Independent Living Centers

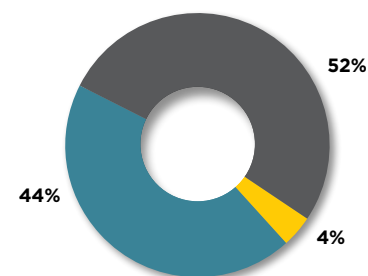
Top Five Agency Policy Priorities

1. Supporting Caregivers
2. Adult Protective Services
3. COVID-related Closures of Providers
4. Mitigating Social Isolation
5. Addressing Diversity, Inclusion, and Equity in Services

Agency Funding Sources

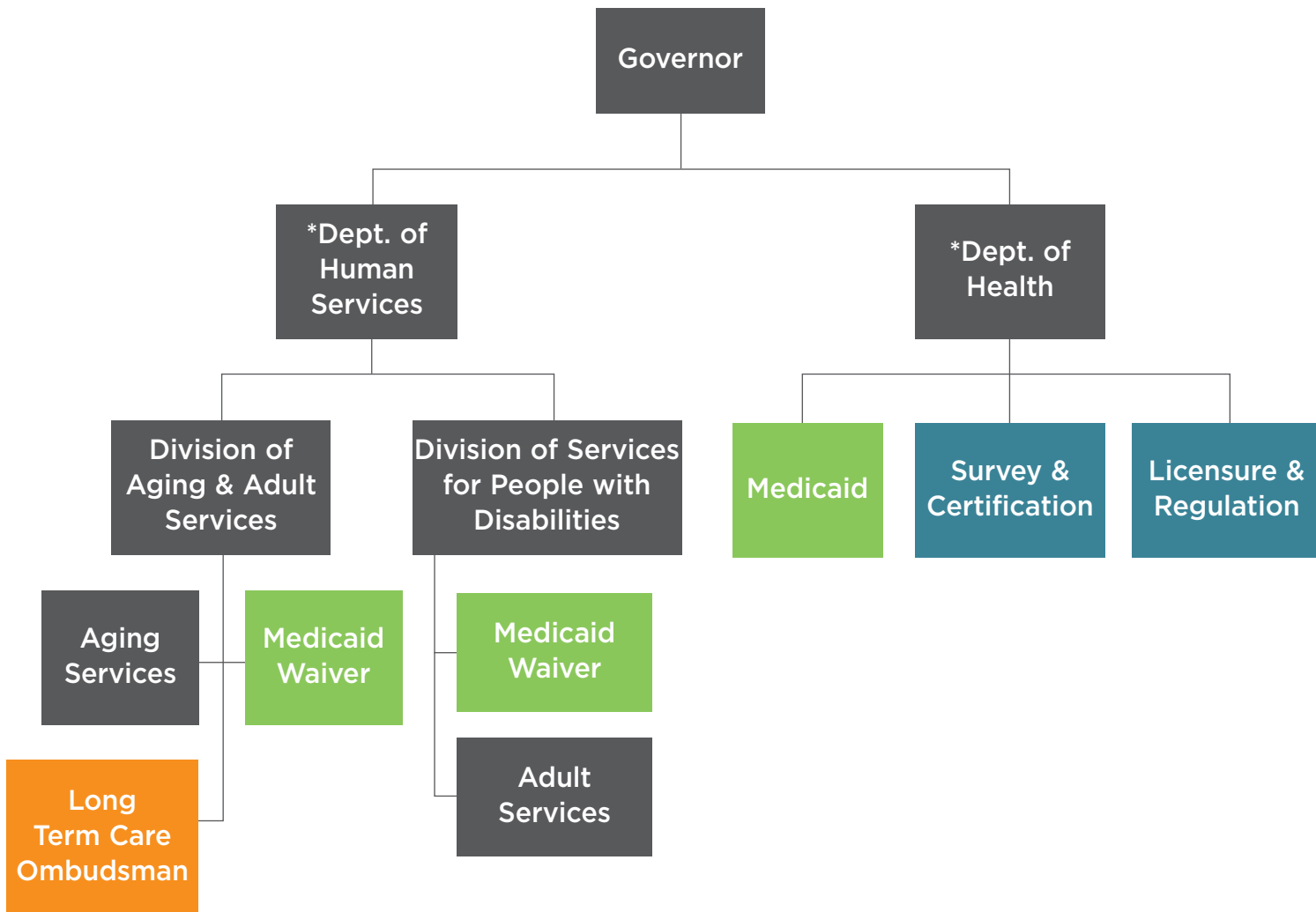
Total FY2020 Budget \$28,072,441

The Division administers Medicaid HCBS programs, but those services are funded by the Medicaid agency and are not reflected below.



■ State Appropriation ■ OAA ■ SSBG

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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 Utah's Division on Aging Services

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

The Utah Division of Aging continues to partner with public and private sector agencies, providers, policy makers and seniors to respond to the growth of Utah's senior population. Although the COVID-19 pandemic has taken a priority in the short-term, Utah's long-term initiatives continue to be:

- The continued health, safety and independence of Utah's seniors;
- Supporting and strengthening caregivers to continue the critical work of supporting our seniors;
- Working with partners to plan for and fulfill the current and coming needs of seniors with regard to transportation, housing, and accessible communities;
- Managing and increasing resources for the federal and state programs that support seniors in need of additional support;
- Increasing the capacity and efficiency of Utah's Adult Protective Services in order to better resolve issues and respond to the needs of seniors who are being exploited, abused, or neglected.

