

*Midland Area Agency on Aging*

**PUBLIC INFORMATION DOCUMENT**

**Area Plan FY 2026 Amendment**

**For The**

**Area Plan Cycle FY 2025 through FY 2027**

**FOR SERVICES TO OLDER ADULTS, CAREGIVERS AND PERSONS  
WITH DISABILITIES**

**OF**

**Clay, Effingham, Fayette, Jefferson, and Marion Counties**

March 25, 2025

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## **I. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this Public Information Document is to provide information on the proposed Fiscal Year 2026 Area Plan Amendment for services to older persons, caregivers, and persons with disabilities in Clay, Effingham, Fayette, Jefferson, and Marion Counties. This document includes pertinent information that have been submitted and is provided for public view prior to the scheduled Public Hearing.

Issuance of the Public Information Document is to allow the public the opportunity to review the content proposed in the Area Plan and to prepare either written or oral testimony to the Area Agency for its consideration prior to submittal of the Area Plan to the Illinois Department on Aging.

## **II. PUBLIC HEARING INFORMATION**

The Public Hearing on the proposed FY 2026 Area Plan Amendment will be held:

Thursday April 21, 2025

10:00 a.m.

Kaskaskia College Salem Education Center

1475 Whittaker Street

Salem, IL 62881

Call In number:

1-877-216-1555

Pass Code: 553941#

The Public Hearing affords the public the opportunity to provide comments, suggestions, and information on the proposed Area Plan. Written and oral testimony will be accepted at the hearing, and is encouraged.

The hearing will begin promptly at 10:00 a.m. and will conclude when all persons present and wishing to testify have had the opportunity to do so. It is

important to be present at the beginning of the hearing to assure testimony will be received.

All newspapers in the five county area were provided a news release and asked to put the event on their community calendars. It was also set up as an event on Facebook. Copies of the PID were available in each of the five counties prior to the Public Hearing at the focal points. In addition, our Board of Directors, Advisory Council, Service Providers, and members of the General Assembly were sent/emailed copies of the PID. The PID is available for viewing on the Midland AAA website [www.midlandaaa.org](http://www.midlandaaa.org).

Written testimony containing an original signature of the person(s) providing the testimony may also be submitted no later than 4:00 p.m. Friday May 2, 2025:

Tracy Barczewski, Executive Director  
Midland Area Agency on Aging  
434 S. Poplar Street  
Centralia, Illinois 62801

Written testimony received via facsimile or other electronic transmittal will be accepted.

Fax Number 618-532-5259  
Email [office@midlandaaa.org](mailto:office@midlandaaa.org)

A summary of all testimony received and any resultant changes to the proposed Area Plan will be available from the Area Agency upon request, ten (10) business days following the Public Hearing.

### **III. SUMMARY OF RESULTS OF NEEDS ASSESSMENT AND PLANNING PROCESS**

Midland Area Agency on Aging's planning process involves several steps using a number of procedures and resources. The planning process allows for basic identifications of the concerns and needs of older persons in the area. It

includes a mechanism for adjusting the Area Agency approach to meeting those needs and addressing concerns of older persons as they change over the three-year planning cycle. The planning process in preparation for the development of the three-year Area Plan encompassed many activities and resource analyses to determine the overall service needs and concerns of older persons in the area. The plan was developed to meet those needs to the extent possible with projected resources in the area.

The Needs Assessment Process in the development of the FY 2026 Area Plan Amendment included the following activities:

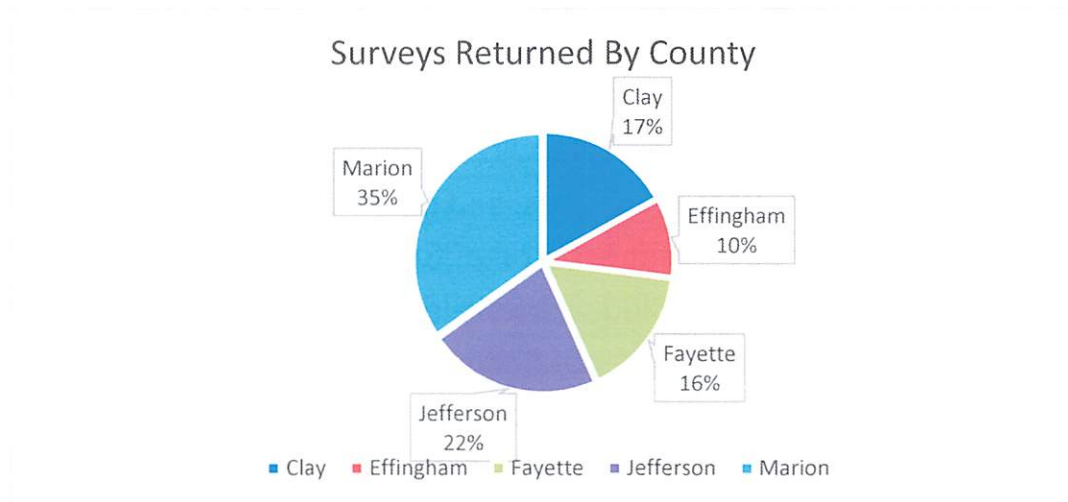
1. Review of senior program utilization ;
2. Service level history and funding history;
3. Benefit Access Assistance utilization rates;
4. Requirements imposed by various funding sources;
5. Review of federal and state laws, rules, and regulations governing service development and administration of funds;
6. Input from the community including local elected officials;
7. Input from the Midland Area Agency Board of Directors;
8. Input from the Midland Area Agency Advisory Council,
9. Representation on various networking groups regarding senior issues;
10. Information obtained from other organizations on caregiving;
11. Information obtained from other organizations regarding mental health;
12. Results of Local Needs Assessment;
13. Monitoring of state and federal legislative funding;
14. Census information;
15. Input from the Aging and Disability Advisory Group;
16. Input from County Coalitions;
17. Input from Faith Based Organizations;
18. Input from participants of all services including those in “greatest social need” and minority participants.
19. Input from Law Enforcement
20. Dementia Friendly Task Force



The results of the needs assessment and planning process are reflected in the issues identified, service priorities and strategies that have been developed to address the issues and needs identified.

The local needs assessment was sent to Older Adults, Caregivers, Persons with Disabilities as well as a variety of Community Organizations with self-addressed stamped envelopes for returning. Midland Area Agency on Aging tabulated the surveys. There were 625 surveys sent out and 141 were returned and tabulated so the return rate was 22%

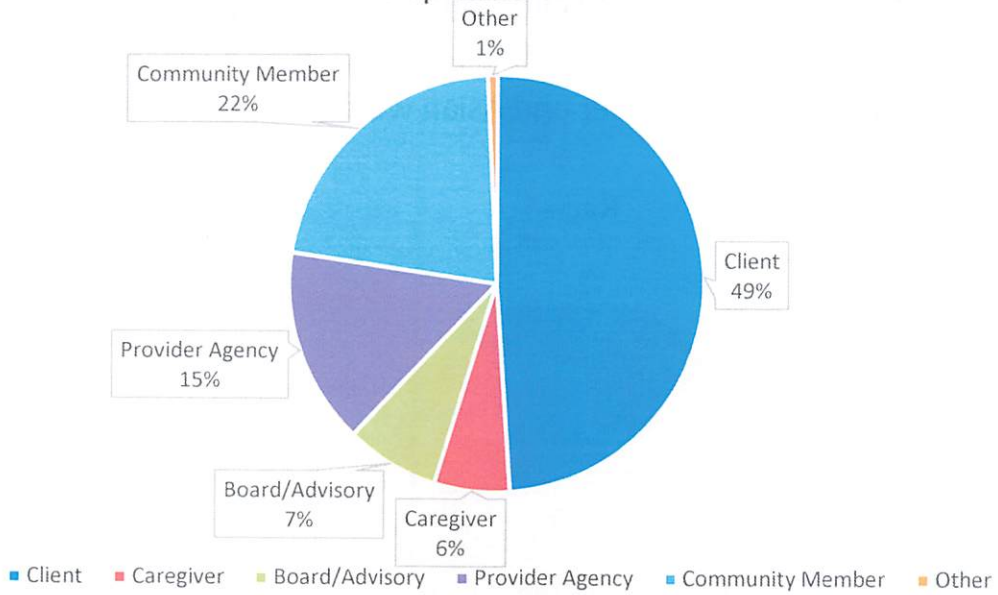
Surveys Returned by County are depicted in this chart:



Marion and Jefferson Counties are the larger Counties in our service area, therefore it is natural that they would have a higher volume given out and received.

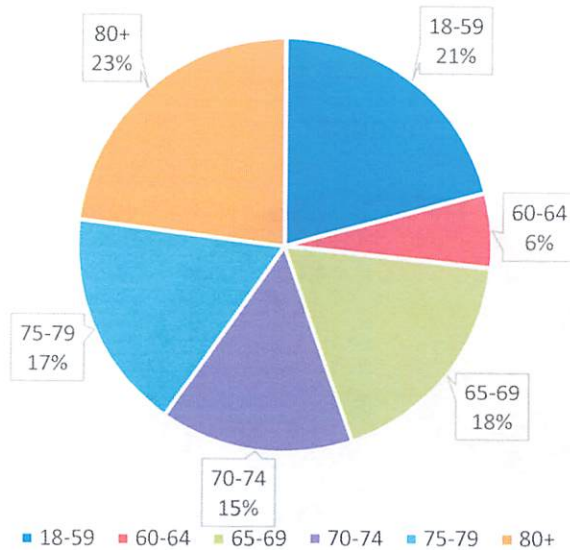
Below depicts how the person completing the survey identified themselves in relation to our Network:

### Representative

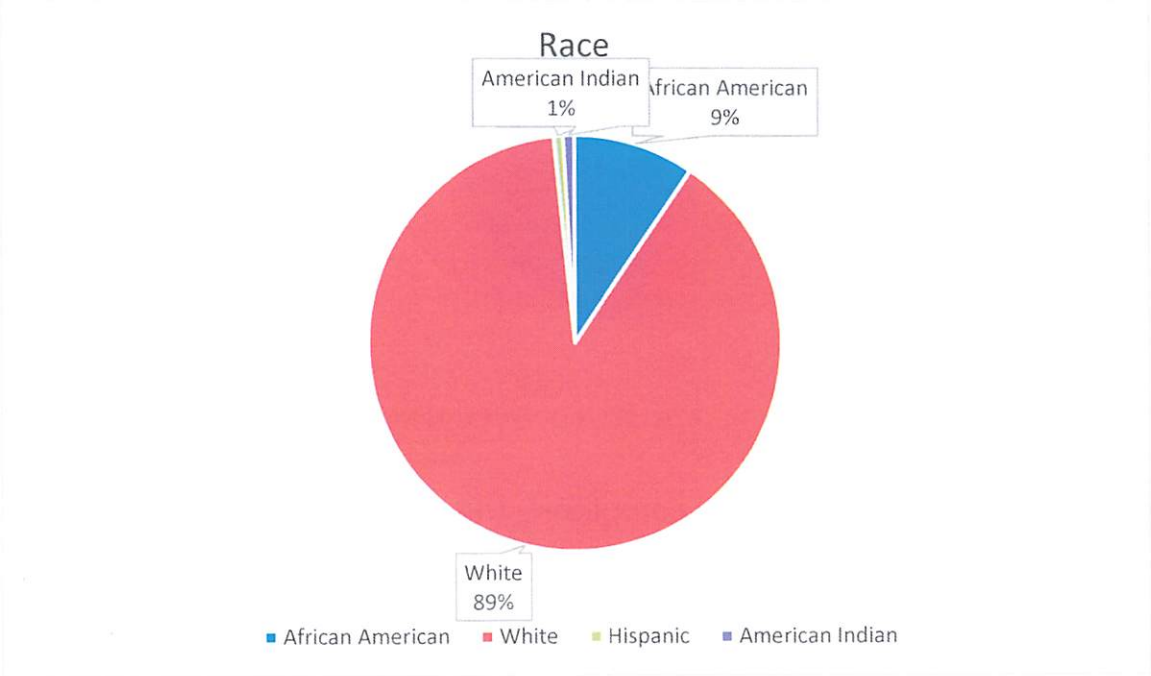


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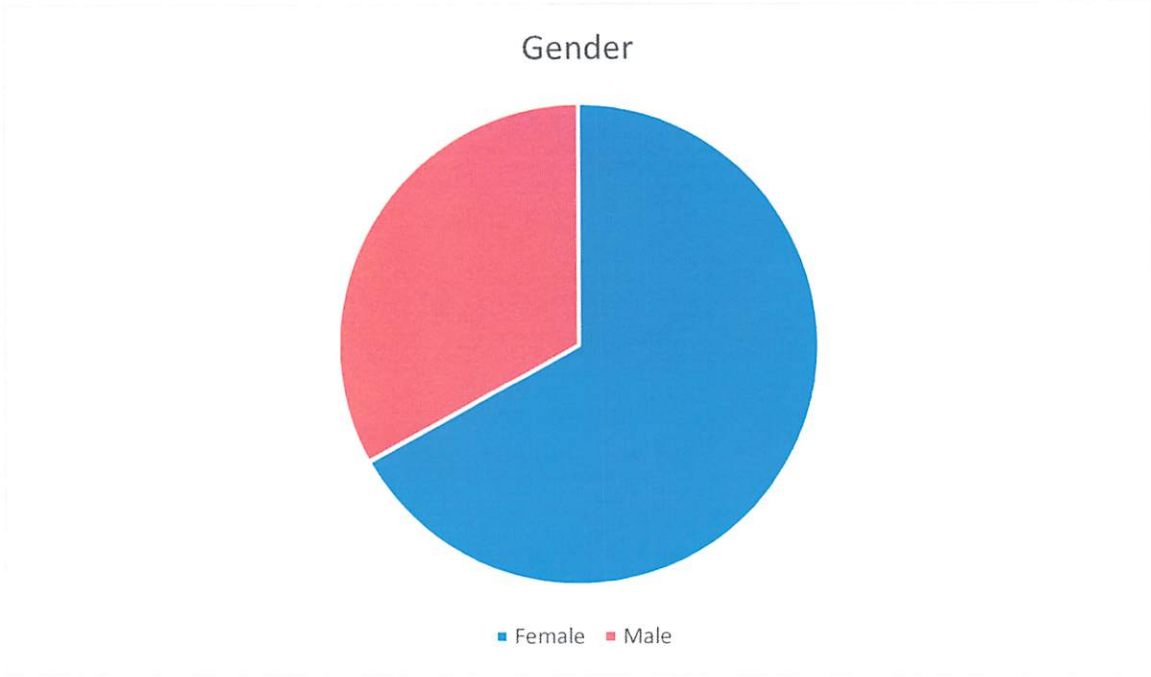
### Age



There is limited Minority population in the PSA in Jefferson below shows the break out we received in our survey results. The Minority population is mainly African American with some American Indian reported. Hispanic was reported as 1 and Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander and Asian were reported as 0.

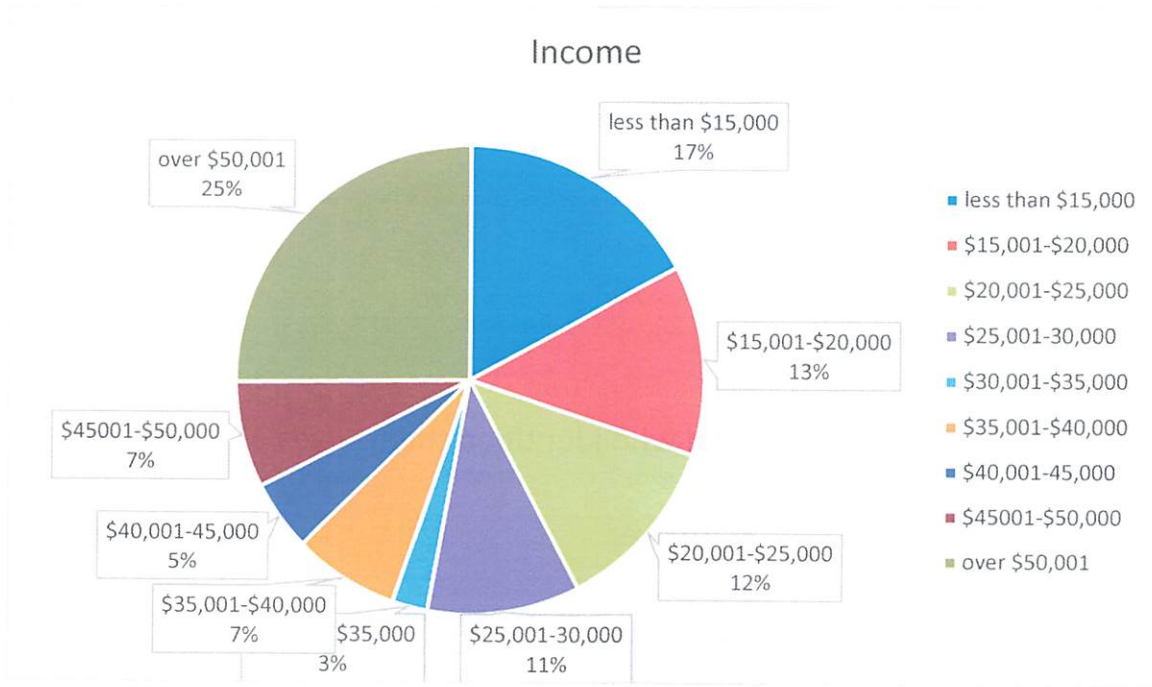


Below depicts the gender of the person completing the survey.





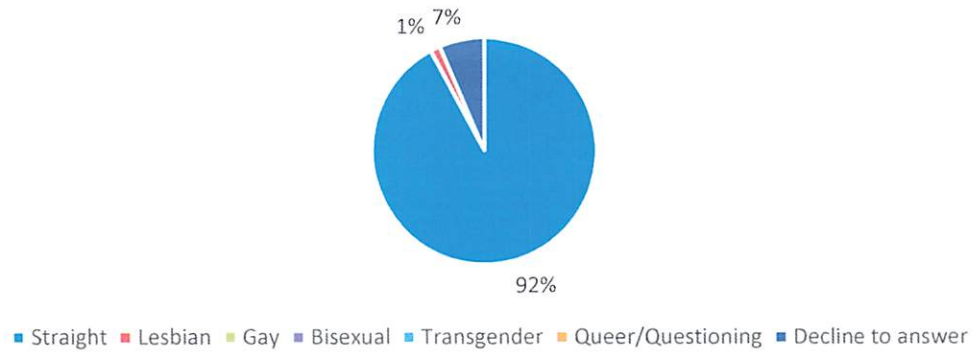
Income Data indicates we have a wide range of income levels. In retrospect it would of shown a truer picture if we had gathered the Client Data separate from provider, Board, and Community Members. Even so, 30% are at or below poverty guidelines



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Sexual Orientation self-identification is still a challenge in our area. The fast majority 92% Identified as straight, 7% Declined to answer and 2 people identified as Lesbian. Through various trainings, we were told that the Older Population still has difficulty sharing their Sexual Orientation and to just keep doing what we are doing and that is making our office, pamphlets, and marketing tools open minded and inclusive to all people. Sage has approved of materials we are currently utilizing.

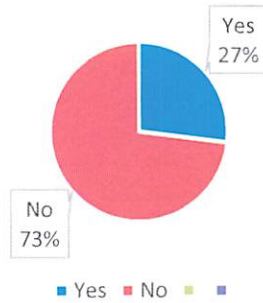
### Sexual Orientation



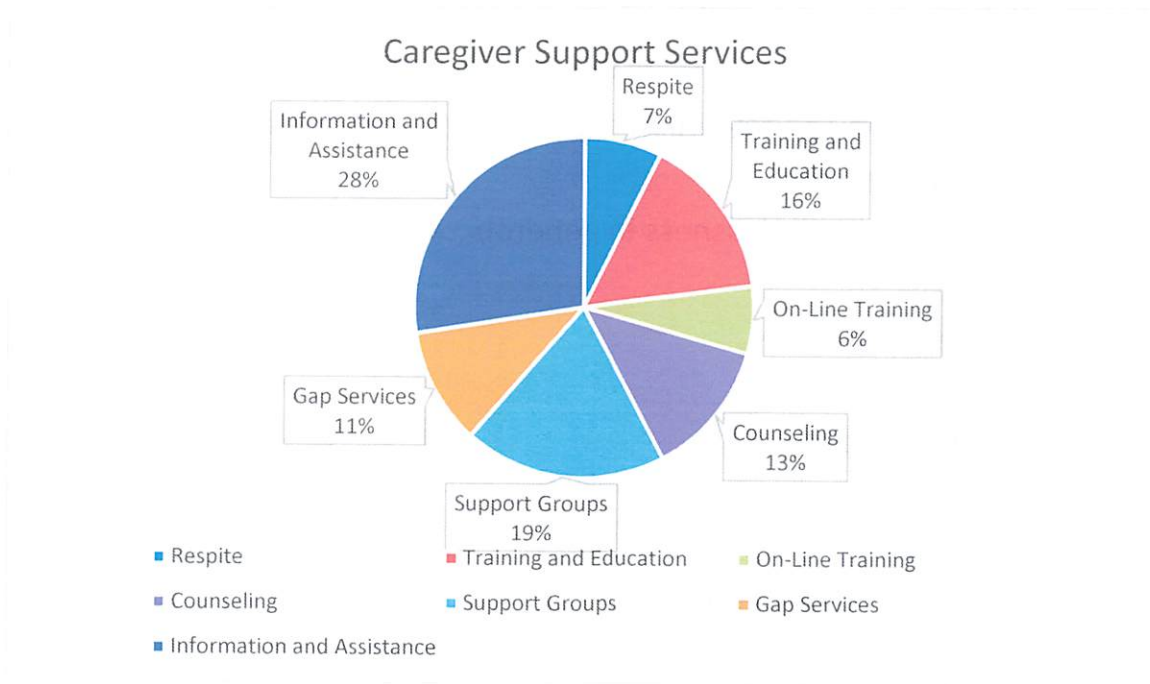
### Caregiver Data

Below depict those persons surveyed who identified themselves as Caregivers.

### Caregiver



Below reflects what services Caregivers would like to have to support them.



Although a wide range of services were identified, gaps in service and insufficient quantities of service still exist. Our data showed that the Area Agency funds are being utilized to fund entire programs in some cases for which other funds are unavailable. Congregate meals, senior legal services, information and assistance, health promotion, caregiver and grandparents raising grandchildren are funded exclusively with funds acquired by the Area Agency. In other cases, funds of the Area Agency are coupled with other resources from a variety of sources and are used to leverage other resources for the provision of needed services such as transportation.

Identified gaps or deficiencies in service identified in our unmet need report and our needs assessment include the following:

1. Specialize/medical transportation area wide;
2. In-home services including yard work, snow removal, housekeeping and homemaker services for senior not eligible for or unwilling to avail themselves of the state Community Care Program;

3. Transportation in the outlying areas of the PSA ;
4. Emergency needs for which no other resource is available like medication, eye glasses, hearing aides ( GAP filling);
5. Residential repair/home modification
6. Telephone reassurance;
7. Friendly visiting/senior companion especially on weekends;
8. Medication Management
9. Homeless Shelters/Homelessness in general;
10. Adult Day Services;
11. Money Management;
12. Affordable Housing;
13. Assistive Technology;
14. Diabetic Supplies;
15. Incontinent Supplies;
16. Developmental Disability Services;
17. Dementia/Alzheimer's Support;
18. Health Promotion Programs;
19. Social Isolation Prevention Services;
20. Affordable Broadband/Internet
21. Pet Care
22. Home Security Systems
23. Agency Visibility
24. More Volunteers
25. More Drivers for HDM and Transportation

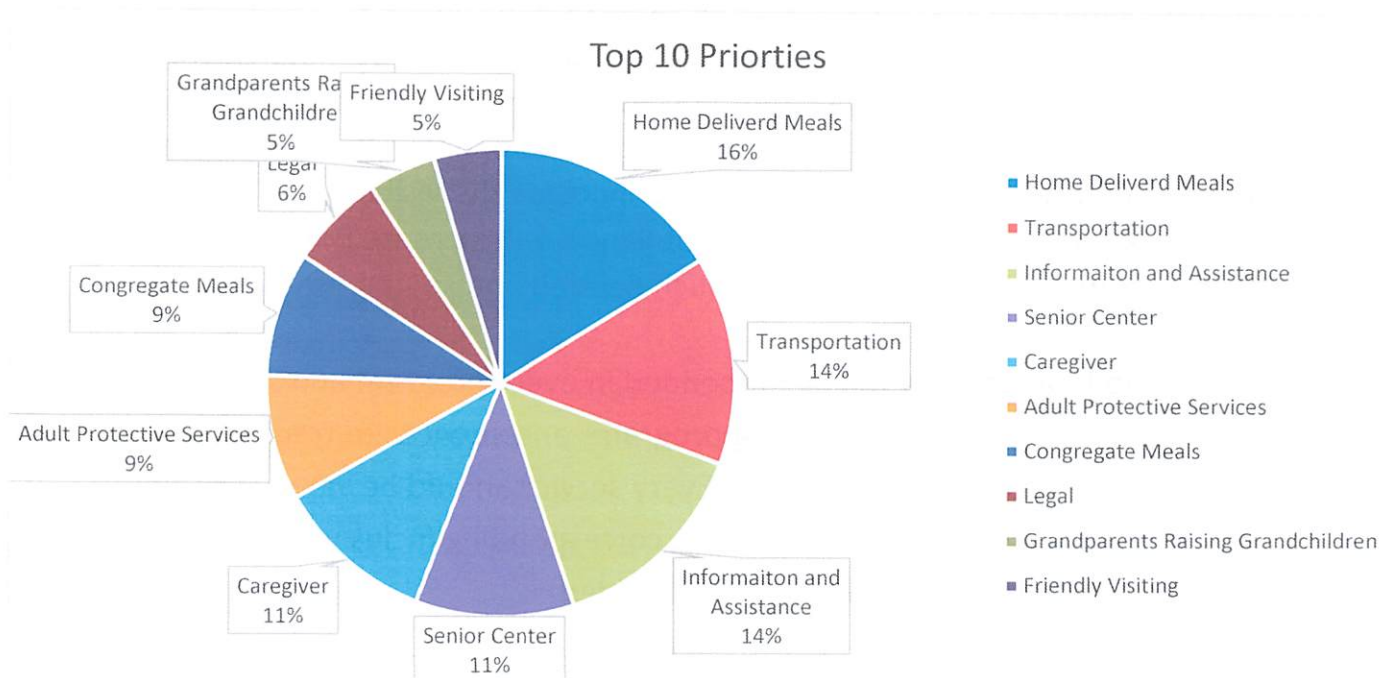
## **SERVICE PRIORITIES**

In establishing service priorities, the Area Agency followed a series of established procedures. The priority listing of fundable services was developed from a review of all necessary data obtained from the needs assessment and planning processes. The priority list also takes into consideration all mandated and essential programs as required by the Older American's Act as amended, the Illinois Act on Aging, and the Department on Aging. Simultaneously, the

anticipated amount of Area Agency funds to be available is reviewed to determine funding that can be allocated to the various services.

In January 2025 a condensed Needs assessment was sent to the Board of Directors, Advisory Council members, Provider Agencies, networking groups, and Consumers in the PSA. A piece of the Needs Assessment focused on the priorities of services in the PSA. Through the results of this process the Board of Directors has identified following as the priority list:

1. Home Delivered Meals
2. Transportation
3. Information and Assistance
4. Senior Center
5. Caregiver
6. Adult Protective Services
7. Congregate Meals
8. Legal
9. Grandparents Raising Grandchildren
10. Friendly Visiting



## STATE AND LOCAL INITIATIVE:

The Illinois Department on Aging has Identified 3 Statewide Initiatives that all Area Agency will be required to work on over the 3 year plan. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Initiative will be used for the local initiative.

### **Initiative #1: Increase statewide visibility of the Aging Network to connect Illinoisans with supports and services that encourage independence, dignity, and quality of life as we age.**

The mission of the AAAs as defined by the Older Americans Act is in part to: “be the leader relative to all aging issues on behalf of all older persons in the planning and service area. This means that the area agency shall proactively carry out, under the leadership and direction of the State agency, a wide range of functions related to advocacy, planning, coordination, inter-agency linkages, information sharing, brokering, monitoring and evaluation, designed to lead to the development or enhancement of comprehensive and coordinated community-based systems in, or serving, each community in the planning and service area. These systems shall be designed to assist older persons in leading independent, meaningful and dignified lives in their own homes and communities as long as possible.” (45 CFR 1321.53)

To build upon the mission statement, IDoA has selected increasing public visibility as a Statewide Initiative with a focus on raising awareness and sharing information about the availability of aging services and supports. Due to the impacts of the COVID pandemic, as well as the changing ways that individuals and communities consume media and communicate, it has become increasingly difficult to reach the targeted populations that would benefit from OAA- funded programs. A dedicated statewide initiative to increase the visibility of the available programs and services throughout Illinois will increase both the awareness, as well as the utilization of much needed and sought after services.

Increasing public awareness will be embedded in every program and service justification, with a focus on promoting programs and services to traditionally underserved and unserved populations. Every service should be viewed through the lens of increasing public visibility with a corresponding inclusive approach to planning for integration into each service provided.

During the Fiscal Year 2025-2027 Area Plan Cycle the Area Agency intends to expand County Conversation concept with a marketing campaign titled: LISTENING IS FREE the Area Agency is Here! A County Conversation will be held in each of our five (5) counties over the next three (3) years. These are large events that will allow not only the AAA to speak but each service provider is given the opportunity to talk about their programs. This does not only get the information to the people attending but the other providers that will in turn generate more referrals and a better understanding of what services are available in that particular County.

In Fiscal Year 2025 all counties will have a County Conversation. The Theme will be SCAM preventions. These events will be a joint event with County TRIADS. The schedule is:

October—Fayette County

March—Marion County

May—Effingham County

July—Clay County

August—Jefferson County

In Fiscal Year 2026 the goal will be to do two Conversation Events and in Fiscal Year 2027 three Conversation Events. These events have grown each time we have completed them. It is a means of reducing social isolation as well as bringing both the public and our Aging Network together in a fun yet learning atmosphere.

In addition to the County Conversations, Midland AAA has been visible in many other ways and will continue to be in Fiscal Year 2026.

- Medicare Part D Open Enrollment Events were held in each county of the PSA.
- SHIP conference was attended and Midland Staff presented the SMP training.
- Emergency Management Conference was attended as well as representation on local Emergency Management Teams
- Participation and recognition at the Civic Luncheon
- Coordinators of the local Alzheimer's Walk

- Presented at Lunch and Learn for various organizations
- Developed Dementia Friendly Tasks Force in 3 of our 5 counties.
- Participation in Statewide Dementia Friendly monthly calls with Rush Hospital
- Participation in two M-Teams one for APS and one for the CCU
- Attends CCU Quarterly Meeting
- Lead organization in the Aging and Disability Resource Centers
- Lead organization of the Fatality Review Team
- Distributed Needs Assessment throughout the PSA
- Participates in Juneteenth and Love is Love celebrations
- Hosts TRIAD meetings and conferences
- Participates in Adult Protective Services Statewide Advisory Council, Fatality Review Statewide Council, and TRIAD Statewide Council, as well as APS sub committee
- Participates in Zoom training for all legislators
- Participates in local Community meetings.
- Maintains a comprehensive Website
- Social Media presence through Facebook

**Initiative #2: Drive continuous quality assurance and improvement activities that emphasize person-centered and trauma informed services while maximizing effectiveness of services delivered through the Aging Network.**

As the lead agencies in the state and local areas, it is a duty of the State Agency on Aging (IDoA) and the AAAs to ensure the programs and services provided directly and through the community partner network are delivered utilizing person-centered and trauma informed methods. Over time, Illinois has experienced significant changes in population, including an unprecedented increase in the percentage of older adults in our population. There has also been a significant increase in the number of older adults within racial and ethnic minority, sexual and gender minority, and minority religious populations. The inclusion of quality assurance and improvement activities for this initiative should include evaluations of current programs and services to ensure that the programs



and services are meeting their intended objectives and are providing services in a person-centered and trauma informed manner.

Access to accurate, comprehensive, and timely data is vital to be able to make informed decisions regarding community needs and service prioritization at the local, regional, and state levels. A focus on maximizing the effectiveness and accuracy of services and programs will ensure maximization of the return on investment for funding and will ensure we are meeting the directives provided through the Older Americans Act and the Administration for Community Living's priorities.

Midland Area Agency provides on going monitoring of all providers in the PSA. The Program Coordinators complete on site monitoring of each program on a semi-annual basis. At this time, an Administrative Review is also completed on each agency. In the off year where a on site monitoring is not completed a desk review is completed by each project.

The Fiscal Team completes a fiscal monitoring in the same manner. An on site review is completed semi-annually followed the next year by a desk review.

In addition Midland Area Agency has created an Area Wide Satisfaction Survey that will be utilized by all of the services funded. Reporting on the findings of the survey will be turned in to Program Coordinators on a quarterly basis and evaluated by Area Agency staff. Training will be provided to any provider who is below an 80% satisfaction on the survey.

In addition Midland monitors through monthly reports monitoring the projections of Units and Person as well as financial spending.

Program Coordinators have regularly scheduled meetings with providers to go over policy and procedures to assure services are person-centered and trauma informed. AAA staff also frequent our provider organizations. Random stops at meal sites, focal points, and caregiver program are common just to see how the services are going.

Inclusion will continue to be a priority for the AAA and is included on needs assessments, in applications, and in assessments under the Social and Economic need.

Midland also assists IDOA in monitoring of programs outside OAA services. The RAA has a huge role in monitoring of the APS program. The AAA also assists with the Ombudsman program in a lesser capacity.

**Initiative #3: Increase public awareness and knowledge of caregiver needs, as well as resources and services available throughout the state of Illinois to promote increased caregiver engagement in person-centered, trauma informed, and evidence-based programs and services. Midland AAA has elected to adapt this initiative as its Local Initiative.**

Midland AAA has been vested in the Caregiver Program since 2000 when it was first introduced. We have a grant with Heartland Human Services to provide the Caregiver Advisor Program that covers all five Counties in the PSA. When the State of Illinois also invested in the Caregiver Program it gave us the opportunity to invest and expand even more.

To meet the initiative of increasing public awareness of the caregiver program several activities have been completed and will continue to be planned for in Fiscal Year 2026. They include but are not limited to:

- Trunk or Treat for Grandparents Raising Grandchildren
- Caregiver Recourse Fair (Making Caregivers Smile)
- State Wide Caregiver Coalition
- Local County Caregiver Coalitions
- T-Care calls and promotion
- Trualta calls and promotion
- Caregiver events at Nutrition Meal Sites
- Area Trauma Training
- Caring for the Caregiver Event
- Support Groups for both Older Adult Caregivers and Grandparent Raising Grandchildren
- Participation in the Caregiver Round Table

- Fun events for Grandparents Raising Grandchildren ( Bowling and Swimming Parties)
- Separate Quarterly News Letters for Older Adult Caregivers and Grandparents Raising Grandchildren.
- Separate Facebook social media presence for Midland AAA, Older Adult Caregiver, and Grandparents Raising Grandchildren
- Midland maintains a Comprehensive website with easy access to all Caregiver services.

#### **IV. FUNDING CHART**

Attached is a chart for FY 2026 that includes and contain descriptions of the services to be funded, the funding amounts, the number of persons to be served, and units of service to be provided for each service. All affected projections will be revisited if we are advised that our State or Federal allocations for FY 2026 change.

#### **V. IMPACT OF FLUCTUATING ALLOCATIONS**

With continual fluctuations in the amount of funding available to the Area Agency from State and Federal resources, the Area Agency is often faced with how to implement funding reductions when they occur and increase allocations when received.

The Midland Area Agency on Aging Board of Directors reaffirmed its policy related to distribution of funds as fluctuations occur. That policy is as follows:

*It is the intent of the Area Agency to assure first and foremost that minimum percentage requirements as mandated by the Older American's Act and determined by the Illinois Department on Aging are met. If reductions in funds occur, such reductions will be replaced to the maximum extent possible from available unused funds. If not available, all services would be reduced based upon a percentage of fund reduction.*

Should the Area Agency receive additional allotments of Federal or State funds from the Older American's Act or State General Revenue; the intent of the Area Agency to assure that minimum percentage requirements are met, and allocate the funding depending on the type of funds, special requirements and/or restrictions, transferability, and existing needs.

Under this policy, how exactly funding fluctuations are applied to funding to services is demonstrated as follows:

#### TITLES IIIB, IIIC 1, AND IIIC 2 FUNDS

The available Titles IIIB, IIIC 1 and IIIC 2 funds, State GRF Match Service dollars, GRF State Non-Match funds, and available carry-over are totaled and the allocated administrative and administratively related direct service funds deducted. The balance is compared with the amount of funds in service the previous year or the current year depending upon whether the allocations reflect planning for the coming fiscal year, or represent a change in original allocations in the current fiscal year. This comparison is made to determine if service funding levels can, at a minimum, be maintained and to make sure the minimum of access, in-home and legal and transferability percentage requirements are met. If it appears that maintenance level funding can be achieved, the remainder may be retained at the Area Agency level for emergency service funding or unanticipated funding shortfalls, i.e. reduced allocations mid-year.

If this balance is adequate, maintenance funds are allocated first from Federal Title IIIC 1 funds, part of the State Match and State Non-Match Home Delivered allocations are assigned to Home Delivered Meals, including any funds previously calculated as available, and retained at the Area Agency level. If emergencies or shortfalls do not require the usage of the funds retained by the Area Agency, any funds left unspent below the allowable 5% carry-over amount are then calculated as available for the subsequent year.

Maintenance level funds are then allocated to Home Delivered meals from Federal Title IIIC 2, including any funds previously retained at the Area Agency.

This is then combined with a portion of State Non- Match Community Services to assure, at a minimum, maintenance level funding.

The balance is allocated to Title IIIB to maintain current service funding levels. Any unused funds within the 5% carry-over limit remaining at the end of the fiscal year is retained for the following fiscal year and applied towards a minimum of maintenance funding levels.

As long as we have transferability between titles to the extent that we have currently, because of this method, any increase or decrease in funds could affect all services based on a percentage of the increase or decrease applied to each service original funding level.

## TITLE VII

These funds, used for Elder Abuse training, are allotted first to meet expenses of the Elder Abuse Multi-Disciplinary Team in the amount of \$3,000 and \$546.00 for the Fatality Review Team as is required by the Illinois Department on Aging. An additional \$925.00 for training Provider staff members having responsibilities for the program. Funds are also used for training other entities including but not limited to law enforcement officials, health care professionals, and I&A Specialists. Reimbursement is provided for all or part of the elder abuse provider agency staff expenses to attend Department on Aging sponsored trainings like the annual Adult Protective Services Conference or other training approved by the Department to meet training requirements for the program. The funding may also be used for maintenance of a toll-free line, obtaining alternate methods of communication as needed with clients, or other requests that may be approved by the AAA on a case by case basis that enhances the delivery of the Elder Abuse program.

Ombudsman funds in the amount of \$12,153 are used to assist in the Regional Ombudsman program in the Operational and Advocacy cost of the program. This includes any activities completed by the Regional Ombudsman in their role as an advocate on behalf of residence in any licensed facility. The Ombudsman

Program will utilize \$2,182 for the Fatality Review Team as required by the Illinois Department on Aging

#### .TITLE III D

These funds are also allocated to each county based upon the percentage of senior population of the county as compared to the total area senior population whenever providers can be found to service a county. Any reduction or increase in Federal allocations would be applied based upon the percentage of increase realized, or reduction suffered.

#### TITLE III E

These funds are allocated for the Family Caregiver Program which includes Grandparents Raising Grandchildren. As the amount of additional funding would allow, additional services will be developed. If additional funding is inadequate to develop new services, funding will be allocated to existing services based upon a percentage of the allocation increase. In the event that Title III E allocations are decreased, the reduction will be applied across all Title III E funded services based upon the percentage of the funding decrease.

Since Fiscal Year 2024, the governor included state GRF under the Illinois Family Caregiver Act. These funds are to be used to enhance and improve our Caregiver Program. The AAA is providing several services including: Trualta an evidence-based training program, additional respite services, gap filling services, public education/outreach services, T-Care maintenance (Case Management) for our Caregivers. These services were started in Fiscal Year 2023 and will continue through the Fiscal Year 2026.

#### **VI. Home Delivered Meals**

Home delivered meals area critical to enabling isolated and frail seniors to remain independent in their homes for as long as possible. As the senior population continues to increase in the 75+ groups so does the need for home delivered meals.

During the last Area Plan cycle, great effort was made by the service providers in the planning and service area to make home delivered meals available to all eligible residents throughout the PSA. This was accomplished in large part due to an increase in the state GRG and ARPA funds for Home Delivered Meals. The Nutrition Providers have eliminated waiting lists and have not reduced any serving days. ARPA funds have reached their conclusion and the nutrition projects are facing severe challenges in Fiscal Year 2026.

The Nutrition Programs in PSA 09 are housed within larger agencies. Two are housed in CAP agencies and one is housed in a Community Mental Health Agency. In the past these agencies have helped support the Nutrition Programs. As funding has changed for all Social Service agencies, these agencies are unable to continue this practice. As costs continue to rise in food, gas, minimum wage, and other required items to meet the standards of this program, the ability of the umbrella agencies to infuse money into the program is questionable.

In Fiscal Year 2025 we saw our first temporary closure in PSA 09. The site has reopened but providing service less days. Home Delivered meals are being provided 5 days per week in a hot cold combination. We currently have one provider with a waiting list. The AAA is working with that provider to reduce the list however the demand is more than the funding. Furthermore, there are less volunteers to assist with the program. With the ACL rule changes that state you no longer need to be homebound to receive a meal, the AAA fears more waiting lists will emerge in Fiscal Year 2026. The AAA has approved and is utilizing Grab and Go meals and following guidelines issued by the Illinois Department on Aging.

The AAA continues to monitor that the providers are in compliance with special diet and shelf stable meals which does add to the cost of the program.

The AAA is in constant contact with all three providers on an ongoing basis to try to develop alternate or additional funding for the program

## **VII. AREA AGENCY BUDGET/ACTIVITIES**

### **Direct Services:**

The Area Agency proposes to provide the administratively related direct service including advocacy, program development, and coordination. The provision of advocacy and program development are necessary to carry out the administrative responsibilities of the Area Agency. The full 10% of Title III funds for administration will be expended for administration before costs are incurred for the administratively related direct service. Administrative functions are those necessary to manage the day to day operations of the government funded not-for-profit agency and meet the requirements set forth by applicable laws, rules, and regulations in the management of financial and program operations. Funds budgeted for Administration are:

Title IIB	\$25,469
Title VII (Elder Abuse/Ombudsman)	\$ 2,088
Title III C1	\$33,074
Title III C2	\$26,201
Title IIIB Ombudsman	\$ 3,622
Title III E Caregiver/GRG	\$13,469
GRF Senior Employment	\$15,794
GRF Adult Protective Services RAA	\$30,320
GRF State Funded Services	\$31,119
Local Cash	\$32,751

### **ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES**

- Personnel Management
- Board and Staff Development
- Staff Support to Board and Advisory Councils
- Procurement for Services for Area Services
- Program Management



- Monitoring and Review of service provider administration financial accounting, policies and procedures, and service provision
- Technical assistance to service provides, community organizations, and individuals
- Maintenance of computerized client tracking for meeting reporting requirements and planning through Agingls.
- Financial Management and review of service provider audits
- Participation and Response to Compliance Reviews
- Maintains comprehensive website
  
- Activities Under the Adult Protective Services
  - Provide technical assistance on cases
  - Procurement process for Adult Protective Services Agency designation in conjunction with Illinois Department on Aging
  - Monitoring of the Adult Protective Services Provider in conjunction with Illinois Department on Aging
  - Attendance at all meetings/trainings required by the Illinois Department on Aging
  - Assistance with resolution of management or program issues in the area as requested by the Illinois Department on Aging
  - Assistance with conflict with APS providers and other Aging Service Providers
  - Arranges ongoing training for APS staff through quarterly meetings
  - Assisting with the CMP system
  - Member of the APS Statewide Advisory Council
  - Member of the Fatality Review Statewide Council
  - Develop and Coordinate Local Fatality Review Team
  - Develop TRIAD

#### **ADMINISTRATIVELY RELATED DIRECT SERVICE**

Administratively Related direct services include those activities necessary to ensure a comprehensive and coordinated service delivery network, program

development, and advocate for necessary resources at all levels for program and service operations on behalf of seniors in our area.

Funding for FY2026 for the three Administratively Related Direct Services are:

- Advocacy \$ 51,286
- Program Development \$ 50,162
- Coordination \$ 13,198

### Advocacy Activities

- Monitor, evaluate, and comment on all policies, programs, and community actions affecting area seniors
- Represent the interest of area older adults, caregivers of older adults, grandparents raising grandchildren, and persons with disabilities to local level officials, state and national level officials, public and private agencies or organizations.
- Empower older adults to recognize and report fraud and abuse in Medicare and Medicaid
- Provide education and information on aging issues that dispels the myths and sensitizes the general public about the aging process
- Encourage older adults, caregivers of older adults, grandparents raising grandchildren, and persons with disabilities to advocate on their own behalf
- Participate in the National and Illinois Associations of Area Agencies on Aging
- Meet with Legislators on aging issues.

### Program Development

- AAA is the Lead Agency in the development of the Aging and Disability Resource Center—No Wrong Door System in the PSA

- AAA researches resources to develop new programs that will benefit older persons, caregivers, and persons with disabilities
- AAA participates as members of the following councils: CCPAC, APS Advisory, Ombudsman, Nutrition, County Emergency Management councils, local Fatality Review Team, and State Fatality Review Team Advisory Council, Emergency Management Systems,
- AAA has staff trained in Aging Mastery program
- AAA has and will continue to develop T-Care program for Caregivers
- Participates as members in caregiver county coalitions both local and state
  - Develops Caregiver and GRG trainings PSA wide
  - Develop County Specific Resource Guides
- AAA will develop additional resources to combat Social Isolation
- AAA will continue to develop a Dementia Friendly Community program
- AAA will participate in Monthly Dementia Friendly Illinois State Wide Calls
- AAA will develop Virtual Programing
- AAA will assist with the continuation of the Trualta Program

## Coordination

- Coordinates SHIP, SHAP, and MIPPA programs throughout the PSA
- Attend various health and senior fairs throughout the PSA
- Attend Job Fairs for Senior Employment
- Coordinate Farmers Market Coupons
- Coordinate quarterly Service Provider meetings
- Coordinate AIRS certification for I&A staff
- Coordinate Disaster Management Programs
- Coordinates and provides Assessments for the Veterans Independence Program
- Coordinates resources and outreach education programs about Covid 19 precautions
- Coordinates resources and outreach about Covid 19 vaccines

- Coordinated with the Assistive Technology Grant to obtain needed devices for older adults.
- Coordinates services with MCO in the PSA
- Coordinate ADRD Activities

The use of Title III funds for advocacy, program development, and coordination are necessary to continue efforts to maintain and develop services delivery in our rural area.

### **VIII. Minimum Percentage Requirement Waiver and Direct Service Waivers.**

Midland Area Agency is not requesting a waiver to the Minimum Percentage Requirement for service categories.

Midland Area Agency is asking for the following Direct Service Waivers:

Title III B Options Counseling

Title III B Information and Assistance

Title III E Information and Assistance/Website

III B Education

### **IX. FUNDING POSSIBILITIES**

The Area Agency is always looking for ways to increase funding outside of OAA and state GRF funding. The AAA is a member of N4A and has explored applying for grants through them in collaboration with other AAA's in the state. The AAA has also applied for other Aging grants through IDOA outside of OAA services such as DFI, SHIP grants, and Regional Administration Agency for the APS program. There has also been discussion of having a Fund Raiser to assist with programs and AAA staff.

## X. Chart of Funded Services

FY 25 Projected Service Funding Levels Based on the Illinois Department on Aging Allocation Letter 26AP1, Person Served and Units Based on Fiscal Year 2024 levels participation

Service	Funding Level Includes both State and Federal Funding	Projected Persons Served	Projected Units	Area Served
<b>Title IIIB</b>				
Respite	\$16,487	40	556	All Five Counties
Transportation	\$57,111	350	19,000	Clay, Effingham, Fayette, Jefferson Counties
Friendly Visiting (Social Isolation)	\$9,000	20	1,000	Clay, Effingham Fayette Counties
Ombudsman	\$99,050			All 5 Counties
Legal	\$72,358	200	600	All 5 Counties
Options Counseling	\$24,092	30	200	All 5 Counties
Information and Assistance	\$184,548	10,000	25,000	All 5 Counties
<b>Title III C</b>				
Congregate Meals	\$401,808	800	40,000	All 5 Counties
Home Delivered Meals	\$1,308,631	1800	178,000	All 5 Counties
<b>Title III D</b>				

Aging Mastery	\$3,263	20	200	Clay, Effingham, Fayette Counties
Bingosize	\$9,728	20	200	Clay, Effingham, Fayette, Jefferson Counties
<b>Title III E</b>				
Respite	\$29,992	60	2000	All 5 Counties
Counseling	\$16,641	300	800	All 5 Counties
Support Group GRG	\$6,730	30	200	All 5 Counties
Support Group Caregiver	\$8356	20	40	All 5 Counties
Training and Education	\$28,303	350	1400	All 5 Counties
Information and Assistance	\$24,041	900	1800	All 5 Counties
GRG Respite Campership	\$7,389	30	1000	All 5 Counties
Title III ADRD GAP Filling	\$19,600	20	20	All 5 Counties
Caregiver Case Management	\$14,200	100	200	All 5 Counties
Caregiver Outreach	\$14,200	200	200	All 5 Counties
Caregiver Respite	\$15,000	60	2400	All 5 Counties
Caregiver GAP Filling	\$35,494	30	30	All 5 Counties
Caregiver Trualta	\$23,418	50	50	All 5 Counties

Midland AAA Direct Services

Service	Funding Level	Projected Persons Served	Projected Units	Area Served
<b>Title III B</b>				
Information and Assistance Marion County	\$50,931	1100	3400	Marion County
Social Isolation Education	\$9,600	1000	1000	All 5 counties
Options Counseling	\$9,756	5	20	All 5 Counties
<b>Title III E</b>				
Caregiver Website	\$19,035	150	300	All 5 Counties