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Ohio's Area Agencies on Aging Budget Priorities

Home is where older Ohioans want to be.



Ohio's Area Agencies on Aging and the people they serve are at the center of this pandemic.

AAAs have been quick to respond to meet the needs of older Ohioans, through additional services, enhanced case management, and efforts to combat social isolation.

For those who need assistance with activities of daily living, home is where older Ohioans want to be now more than ever.

Home is the solution.

We must ensure adequate resources are dedicated to the full spectrum of supports to enable us to live healthy, engaged and secure lives and access the supports we need in our homes and communities as we age.



Home and community-based services (HCBS) have been underfunded for years; now is the time to fully invest in this system to ensure that older adults can remain in their homes, where they want to be, with access to services to enable them to remain safe, healthy and engaged in their communities.



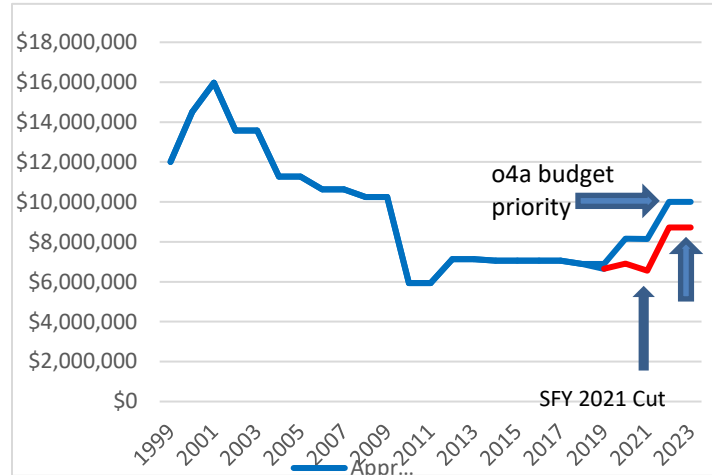
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ALI 490-411 GRF



Increase funding to at least \$10 million per SFY for **non-Medicaid services for older Ohioans** such as meals, transportation, and personal care services so they can remain safe and healthy in their homes and communities. Funding should be provided to the AAAs without carve outs to meet local community needs. *(Senior Community Services ALI 490-411)*



Increase Medicaid reimbursement rates for **PASSPORT home care, Assisted Living, and other services** for older Ohioans so they can remain safe and healthy in their homes and communities. Services are not available for everyone who needs them and providers cannot afford to help those most in need. *(ALI 651525 Medicaid Health Care Services)*

Area Agencies on Aging have been the champions of promoting and expanding the use of home and community-based services (such as home care) for over 40 years, saving the state an estimated \$12 billion.



Home Care “Parity Commitment”: Older Ohioans should be able grow older in their homes and communities. The state should invest in Medicaid programs supporting older Ohioans **equitably** (at home, in assisted living, in nursing facilities) so that **home is a real option** for all older Ohioans.