

PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF AGING



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*Meeting the Financial Needs of Older Adults  
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# Mission

*"Enhance the quality of life of older Pennsylvanians  
by empowering diverse communities,  
the family and the individual"*

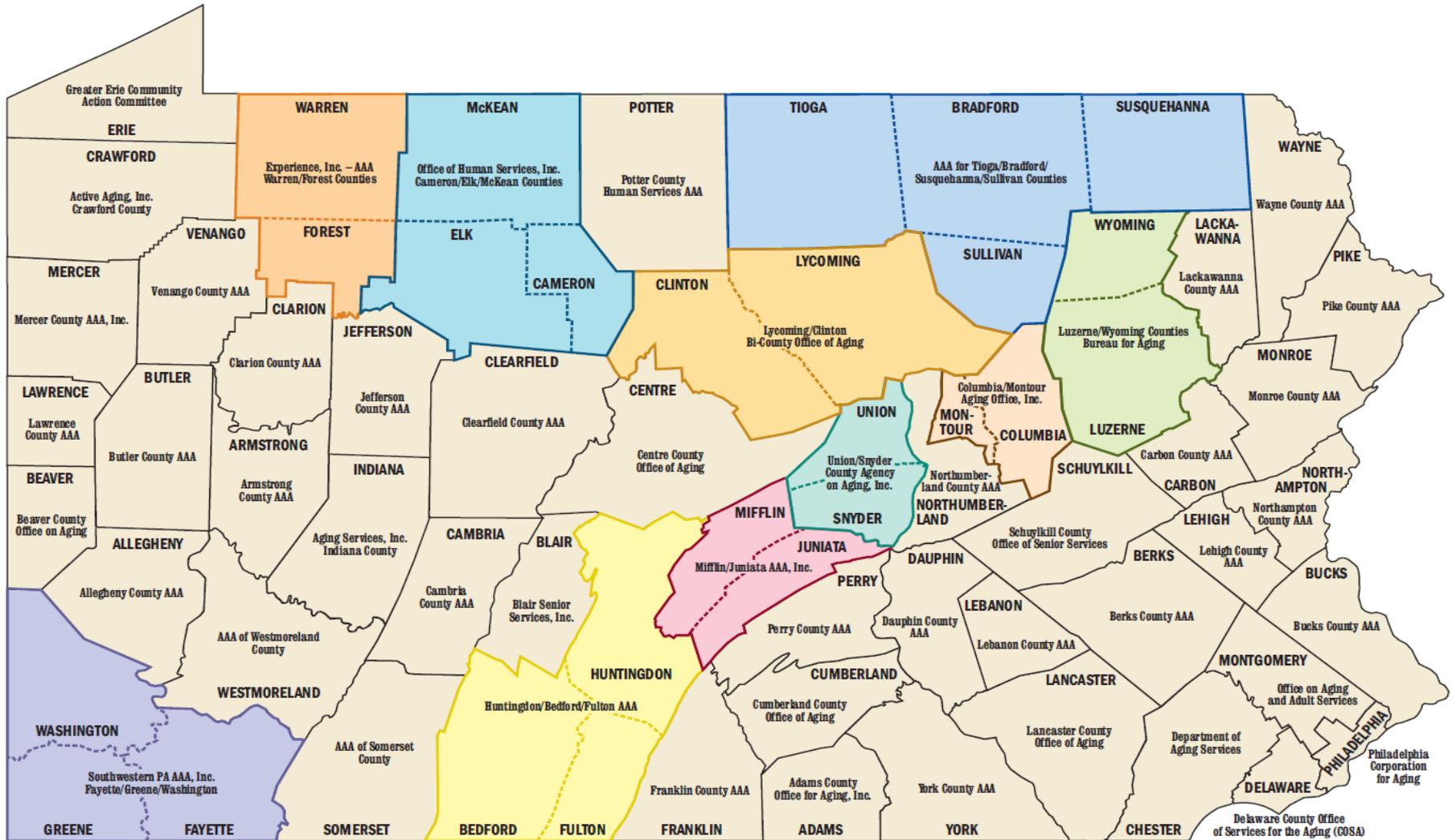
## Foundation:

- Prevent instability of health and wellness by enabling citizens to age in place with dignity
- Protect the most vulnerable from abuse, neglect, abandonment and exploitation

# Pennsylvania Department of Aging

- Created in 1978 by the state legislature after years of intensive lobbying by individuals and groups concerned about our rapidly growing elderly population
- Responsibilities under the Older Americans Act and Pennsylvania Act 70
- The Department oversees many services and benefits to older Pennsylvanians - most provided through the 52 [Area Agencies on Aging](#)

# Area Agencies on Aging



**GET INTO THE ACT**

**THE OLDER AMERICANS ACT**

**AGING WELL SINCE 1965**



## **National Landscape**

- Baby Boomer Impact
  - Social Security Reliance
    - Medicare Benefits
      - Medicaid

## **Pennsylvania Landscape**

- Older Adults who call Pennsylvania “home”
  - Poverty
    - Home and Community Based Services
      - Institutional Care

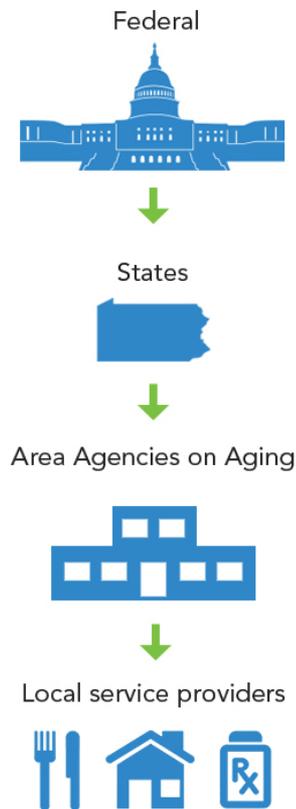
# Are we aging well?

- Robert Wood Johnson Foundation
  - The nation's largest philanthropy dedicated solely to health
  - Works to identify the most pressing health issues facing America
  - Partnered with the University of Wisconsin's Population Health Institute
  - Issued a 50-state report: *The County Health Rankings*
  - Pennsylvania Scorecard ([www.countyhealthrankings.org/pennsylvania](http://www.countyhealthrankings.org/pennsylvania))

# Serving & Protecting Older Pennsylvanians

- Older Americans Act
- Health Innovation
- Managed Long-Term Services and Supports:  
Community HealthChoices
- Home and Community Based Services
- Older Adult Protective Services
- Key Partnerships
  - Department of Human Services
  - Department of Health
  - Department of Banking and Securities
  - PA Association of Area Agencies on Aging

# Funding and Coordination



- Older Americans Act
- State Unit on Aging
- Area Agencies on Aging
- AAAs contract with Local Service Providers
  - Local needs and preferences must be considered
  - The local delivery system must be tailed to respond to the community

# Pennsylvania Lottery History

- Established by the PA Legislature in 1971
- Is the ONLY state lottery that designates all of its proceeds to programs that benefits older residents
- Primary purpose was - and remains – to generate funds for programs that benefit older Pennsylvanians
- Visit the Pennsylvania Lottery's website at: [www.palottery.com](http://www.palottery.com) to learn about specific benefit funding levels in your county

# Where does the money go\*?



**63 CENTS**  
WINNER PRIZES

**28 CENTS**  
BENEFIT PROGRAMS

**7 CENTS**  
RETAILER & VENDOR  
COMMISSIONS

**2 CENTS**  
OPERATING EXPENSES

\*Profits based on sales and interest income.

## State Funding:

- 78% of the Department of Aging's budget is from the Lottery Fund
- Since its inception \$25.8 billion dollars has been contributed to services and programs that benefit older Pennsylvanians
  - **Property Tax Rent Rebate Program** - PA Department of Revenue
  - **Free and reduced-fare transit program** - Department of Transportation
  - **Long-term living services program** - Department of Human Services
  - **PACE/PACENET** pharmaceutical assistance program and the programs and services provided through the network of 52 local **area agencies on aging** which cover our Commonwealth's 67 counties - Department of Aging

# Key Partnerships

Department of Human Services

Department of Health

Department of Drug & Alcohol Services

Department of Banking and Securities

PA Association of Area Agencies on Aging

Community Stakeholders ... YOU!

