
Governor's Office of Elderly Affairs ("GOEA")

DD Council Report

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GOEA serves as an effective and visible advocate for the elderly population of Louisiana, ensuring seniors in need receive appropriate services from providers in the Aging Network.

GOEA is the designated State Unit on Aging and is the administrator of the federal Older Americans Act ("OAA") program services through the network of Louisiana's Area Agencies on Aging ("AAAs") and Councils on Aging ("COAs"):

Home Delivered Meals	Congregate Meals
Nutrition Counseling	Nutrition Education
Assisted Transportation	Information & Assistance
Outreach	Medical Transportation
Adult Day Health Care	Group Respite
In-Home Respite	Wellness
Individual Counseling	Material Aid
Personal Care	Caregiver Public Education
Caregiver Sitter Service	Support Group
Counseling	Crime Prevention
Homemaker	Legal Assistance
Medical Alert	Medication Management
Recreation	Telephoning
Utility Assistance	Visiting

Other services provided through GOEA, or provided by partnerships, are SenioRx Prescription Assistance, National Family Caregiver Support, Louisiana Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act ("MIPPA") Program and the Senior Employment Program.

For more information about elderly programs and services, visit:

www.goea.louisiana.gov or contact 225-342-7100

Programs of GOEA

Program Name: Long Term Care Ombudsman

Long Term Care Ombudsman program is a federal and state funded program mandated to advocate on behalf of residents of long-term care facilities and to ensure that the rights of the residents of the long-term care facilities are being maintained. Ombudsman and Ombudsman volunteers make monthly visits to long-term care facilities across the state.

Did you know? Louisiana has 269 nursing homes and 152 assisted living facilities accommodating approximately 44,000 residents.

There are 26 staff and volunteer ombudsmen in the Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program.

For information, contact the State LTC Ombudsman, at 225-342-7100

Program Name: **Elderly Protective Services (“EPS”)**

EPS is mandated by Louisiana Revised Statutes 15:1501 *et seq.* to prevent, remedy, halt, or hinder acts of abuse and neglect against an older person in the community while promoting the maximum degree of personal freedom, dignity, and self-determination for that individual. EPS has six regional offices to respond to reports of abuse, neglect, and exploitation.

The purpose of EPS is to protect adults who cannot physically or mentally protect themselves and who are harmed or threatened with harm through action or inaction by themselves or by the individuals responsible for their care or by other persons. Total of 8,222 cases have been assigned since July 1, 2025 to the end of June 30, 2026.

The types of reports of abuse are as follows, as of the end of June:

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| • Caregiver Neglect | 1,597 |
| • Emotional Abuse | 693 |
| • Extortion | 20 |
| • Financial Exploitation | 3,013 |
| • Physical Abuse | 573 |
| • Self-Neglect | 2,260 |
| • Sexual Abuse | 64 |
| • Other | 0 |

For more information about EPS, contact 1-800-259-4990.

Program Name: **Aging and Disability Resource Centers (“ADRC”)**

Each ADRC serves as a clearinghouse for an array of long-term care options, prescription assistance, and other resources available in Louisiana to elderly and disabled adults aged 21 and over. The nine ADRCs in the state are housed within either a AAA or a COA. For more information about ADRC, contact the toll-free Louisiana information, referral, and assistance line at 877-340-9100.

Program Name: Louisiana Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act Program (“MIPPA”)

MIPPA is a federal grant to provide education, outreach and enrollment assistance to Medicare-eligible individuals relevant to Medicare, Medicare services, the Low Income Subsidy Program (“LIS”) and the Medicare Savings Plan (“MSP”). This project continues to offer enrollment assistance for the LIS, MSP, conduct Medicare Part D Counseling, Medicare Part D enrollment assistance, and conduct follow-ups to ensure the needs of the client beyond Medicare have been met.

For Medicare Information and Counseling, call 1-877-340-9100 toll free.

Recent News

Elder Abuse Awareness Month was recognized in June to increase awareness of the often-hidden problem of neglect and abuse of seniors. It is important to shine a light on the potential signs of neglect and abuse, and share methods of reporting and contributing to the solution of the problem.

It is hurricane season, and it is important for all citizens to have a plan in case of a disaster. This plan should be specific to the needs of each individual, particularly those with specific medical needs or disabilities. You can read more about this on the Governor’s Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (GOHSEP) planning website: <https://getagameplan.org/>.

Legislative Session: GOEA is tracking a couple of bills through the process.

House Bill 102:

Creates the crime of second degree cruelty to elderly and persons with infirmities.

Act#120 effective 8/1/2026

House Bill 555:

Provides relative to elderly financial exploitation. **Act#654 effective 8/1/2026**

House Bill 950:

Provides for consumer protection for the elderly. **Vetoed by the Governor on 6/12/2026**

Senate Bill 259:

Authorizes the creation of a civil protective order online application portal. **Act#752 effective 8/1/2026**