LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
Aging and Adult Services

OAAS Report to the Developmental Disabilities Council – October 2026

Data as of September 30, 2026, unless otherwise specified

Medicaid Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Update

Current Recipients

Adult Day Health Care: **316**
Community Choices Waiver (CCW): **7,519**
Long Term Personal Care Services: **10,631**
Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly: **537**
Adult Day Health Care Waiver waitlist: 1,306

Waiver Registry

CCW registry: **10,411**
*CCW registry without HCBS services: **4,906***
CCW wait time: **15 years**
*CCW wait time without HCBS services: **46 weeks***
FY26 Linkage to Certification median: **35 days**

Traumatic Brain and Spinal Cord Injury (TBSIC) Program Update

Open Cases	Registry / Waitlist
545	**254**

State Personal Assistance Services (SPAS) Program update

Open/ Active Cases	Registry / Waitlist
37	**67**

Refer to ACT 378 Report

Adult Protective Services (APS) Quarterly Reports (18 – 59 years of age)

1st Quarter FY2027 (July 1, 2026 through September 30, 2026)

Cases Accepted by Region

Region	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Total	
FY 2025	323	305	120	337	166	115	175	121	267	**1929**	**7/1/24-6/30/25**
FY 2026	372	267	144	260	152	129	178	122	260	**1884**	**7/1/25-6/30/26**
FY 2027	113	76	37	113	43	32	55	35	71	**575**	**7/1/26-9/30/26**

Allegations Investigated – Cases may have multiple allegations

	FY 2027 1st Quarter			
Allegation type	**Total**	**% of total**	**Substantiated allegations**	**% substantiated**
Caregiver Neglect	311	31.77%	105	33.76%
Emotional Abuse	145	14.81%	58	40.00%
Financial Abuse	165	16.85%	39	23.64%
Physical Abuse	108	11.03%	33	30.56%
Self-Neglect	233	23.80%	181	77.68%
Sexual Abuse	17	1.74%	4	23.53%
Total	**979**	**100.00%**	**420**	

*Of the **384** total substantiated cases in FY27, 17 **(4.43%)** are receiving OAAS services*

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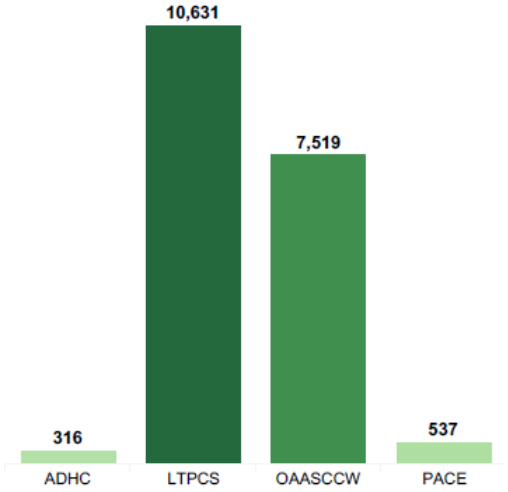
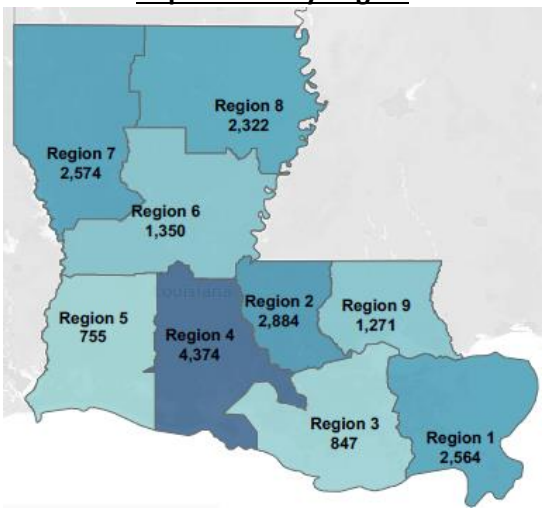
OAAS Populations Update

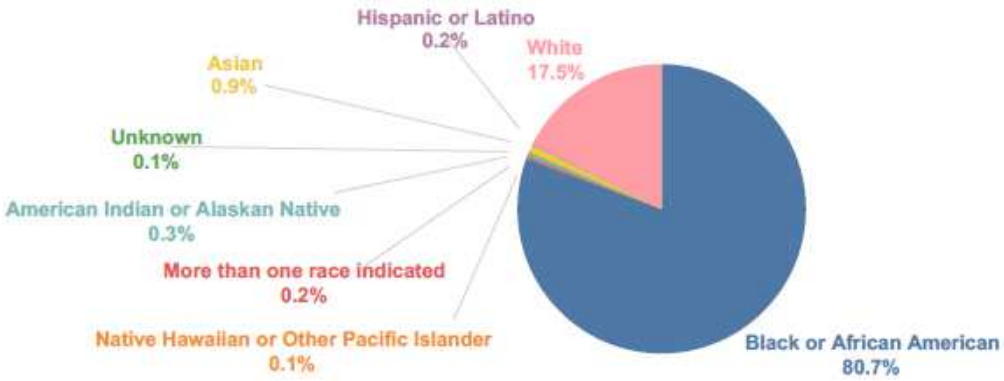
Total Program Participants



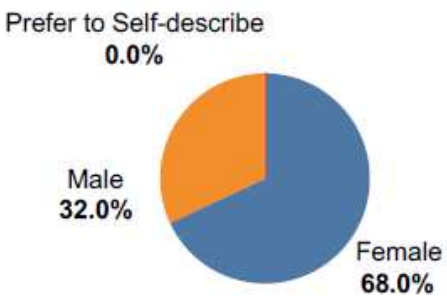
Populations by Region



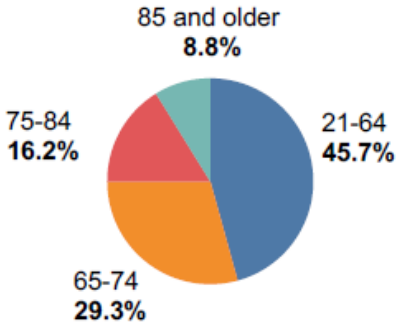
Population by Race



Populations by Gender



Population by Age Group



OAAS Priorities

Community Choices Waiver Enhancements

OAAS is modernizing the Community Choices Waiver (CCW) access process to ensure individuals at the greatest risk of institutionalization receive appropriate services as quickly as possible. Through enhanced screening, in person assessments, and risk-based prioritization, Louisiana will improve equity, align with national best practices, and ensure the right services are delivered to the right people at the right time.

Status update: OAAS conducted town halls for providers and community members to learn about what modernizations are coming, the reasons behind the updates, and the anticipated timeline for change. Participants asked questions and provided valuable feedback. A post meeting survey showed that participants found the meeting informative, appreciated the helpful details shared, and encouraged continued efforts to improve communication and transparency.

Nursing Home Ascend

The Louisiana's 2026 Regular Legislative session saw the passage of SB 405 – Act 896 to codify statewide quality oversite of nursing facilities through LDH. This legislation establishes a specific responsibility for OAAS to help develop and support a statewide nursing facility quality oversight framework. The programs is aimed at improving quality of care, performance, and accountability of nursing facilities throughout Louisiana. Annual legislative reports on progress will being in 2028.

Status update: OAAS hosted the Nursing Home Ascend summit on Thursday, June 11th to launch the program. The summit centered on elevating nursing home quality across the state by strengthening resident safety, empowering and supporting staff, and driving improved quality outcomes, all guided by key CMS Quality Star Rating measures. Senator Talbot, who authored Senate Bill 405, served as the keynote speaker at the event. Approximately 100 people attended, which included LDH staff, nursing facility executive leaders from across the state, stakeholders, advocates, and legislators.

Program of All-inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) Expansion

LDH and OAAS are committed to expanding home- and community-based services. OAAS has identified barriers to access to HCBS can be related to living in rural areas. In 2025 OAAS submitted a project to be included in Louisiana's application for the Rural Health Transformation (RHT) grant which Louisiana was ultimately fully funded in the first round of funding awards. The project will support PACE expansion into rural areas. OAAS plans to work with current PACE providers in Louisiana and new organizations to expand PACE not only into rural areas with the assistance of RHT funds but also throughout Louisiana with the goal of having full coverage of the State by 2031.

Status update: OAAS hosted a national PACE Summit on Wednesday, September 16th in Baton Rouge at the Bienville Building. OAAS was honored to have Shawn Blood the President and CEO of the National PACE Association as its keynote speaker. Other presenters included the LDH Secretary, LDH Deputy Secretary, OAAS Assistant Secretary, Medicaid Director, LDH Office of Rural Health Transformation and Sustainability Executive Director, and the Louisiana PACE Program Manager. Attendees both in person and online were active participants during open forum questions segments. There were approximately 120 attendees from all over the US with over 50% of which attended in person.