

Area Agencies on Aging

Presentation by New Jersey
Division of Aging Services



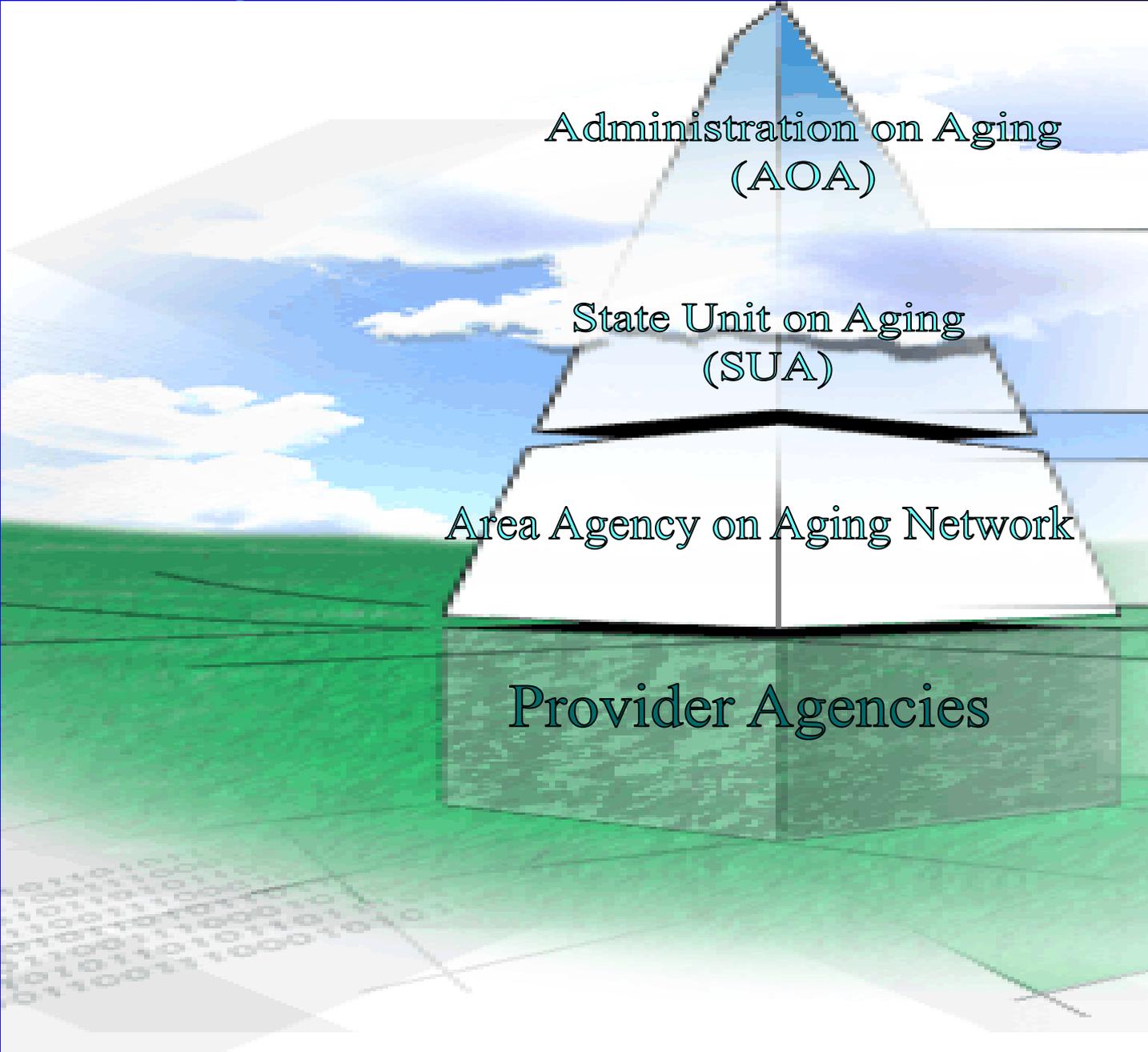
Division of Aging Services

New Jersey's State Unit on Aging
Administrative Office



Responsible for developing and
implementing a State Plan on Aging

Responsible to designate and administer
NJ's 21 Area Agencies on Aging



Administration on Aging
(AOA)

State Unit on Aging
(SUA)

Area Agency on Aging Network

Provider Agencies

Older Americans Act Title III



The Older Americans Act authorizes grants to states for community planning services programs, and for research, demonstration, and training projects in the field of aging.

<http://www.aoa.gov>

Older Americans Act Target Population

- Older Americans Act programs are targeted to individuals who are 60 + and:
 - Low Income, economically disadvantaged
 - Minority
 - Limited English speaking
 - Socially Isolated (lives alone, a shut-in, little contact with outside world, etc.)

Area Agencies on Aging Want you to Know...

- Who they are
- What they do
- How they can help you

Area Agency on Aging

- County Based Government, 21 AAAs
- Develop an Area Plan Contract
- Community Focal Point
- Establish an advisory council
- Responsible for assessing the needs of older persons
- Determine distribution of funds



AAA Network Numbers

- In 2011, the AAA Network provided services to **273,353** individuals through Older American Act funding
- In 2011, the AAA Network provided Medicare Counseling to **40,476** individuals

Who is Out There?

- There are **1,336,988** Medicare beneficiaries in the state of NJ
- There are **138,228** Dual Eligible beneficiaries (Medicare and Medicaid) in the state of NJ

Area Agency on Aging ...Core Services

- Information and Assistance
- Outreach
- Benefits Screening
- Program Planning, Development and Administration

Your Area Agency on Aging is your ADRC!



Aging & Disability Resource Connection

Your Doorway to Information & Assistance

- Information and Assistance
- Community Screening
- Program Planning, Development and Administration
- Outreach
- Streamlining enrollment into Medicaid through the local county system

- “My mother lives alone and is beginning to forget things.”
- “Help, I am alone, am housebound and have nothing to eat.”
- “My father cannot get to his medical appointments.”
- “My elderly neighbor received a shut off notice for her gas and electric and she is on oxygen.”
- “I live in California and my Aunt lives in NJ. She needs help but I’m not sure where to start?”
- “I am a veteran. What programs am I entitled to?”
- “My neighbor doesn’t seem to be able to take care of herself and the house seems to be in disrepair”

Community Support Services

- SHIP
- VITA
- Legal Services
- Handyman
- Telephone Reassurance
- Senior Centers

Health Promotion and Disease Prevention

- Chronic Disease Self Management
- Osteoporosis prevention
- Balance (fall prevention)
- Health screenings and fairs

Caring for Caregivers

- Support Groups
- Education
- Training
- Resources
- Wellness
- Transportation (non-medical)

Emergency Preparedness

- AAAs are included in the County's Emergency Preparedness Plan
- Register Ready
- Temporary Shelter Locations
- Resources

AAAs Have Program Experience

- Provides Care Management to Medicaid Waiver Programs, including
 - Global Options
 - Aids Community Care Alternatives Program
 - Community Resources for People with Disabilities
 - Traumatic Brain Injury Waiver

AAA Customized Services

- Information and Assistance -Single Entry Point to Community Affiliations
- Outreach and Program Referral
- Problem Solving
- Community Resource Navigation
- Care Management

And More.....

- Oversee Title III Care Management services
- Some coordinate Statewide Respite Care Program
- County Home Care Programs
- ADA Compliance Enforcement
- Barrier Free Assistance Program
- Project Lifesaver
- Five AAAs are the provider of APS
- Facilitates Nutrition Programs
 - Home Delivered Meals on Wheels
 - Congregate Meal Sites
 - Education and Counseling

And More.....

- Distributes Farmers Market food vouchers
- Coordinates transportation and assisted transportation services
- Facilitates legal assistance and preparation of Advance Directives; simple wills, and durable power of attorney
- Money Management and Volunteer Bill Payer program
- Provides Social Day Care Programming
- Veteran's support services
- Personal Assistance Services Program
- Preventative Care and Wellness Programs

The AAA Has Established Relationships

- Centers for Independent Living
- Boards of Social Services
- Weatherization
- SNAP/Food Stamps
- Senior Advisory Councils
- Disability Advisory Councils
- Jewish Family Service(s)
- Legal Aid
- Social Security Offices
- Local Housing Authorities
- Senior Housing Complexes
- Mental Health Organizations
- NJ Association of Area Agencies on Aging
- NJ State Division of Disability Services
- NJ State Department of Aging and Community Services
- Family Service Association
- State Offices of Community Choice Options
- Local Home Care Agencies and Providers
- Providers through Older Americans Act Title III
- Colleges

AAAs Have Programmatic Expertise

- Aging in Place
- Global Options
- Good Steps for Healthy Living
- Preparing for Medicare
- All about Your Area Agency on Aging
- Emergency Preparedness
- Financial Entitlements
- Care Planning for Your JACC/Global Options Client
- Know Your Community
- Take Control of Your Health
- Aging and Disability Sensitivity
- Retirement Planning

AAAs have Qualified Staff

- Registered Nurses
- NJ State Certified and Licensed Social Workers
- State Trained Care Managers
- State Trained Information and Assistance Reps
- Registered Dietitians
- Public Administrators
- Public Notaries
- State Trained Information & Assistance Specialists
- Health Educators
- Certified SHIP Counselors
- Gerontology Specialists
- Certified Adult Protective Services Case Managers