



Formerly Senior Connections

Proposed FY 2026 Amended 4 Year Area Plan for Aging Services

Year 3 Update Of Our 4 Year Plan

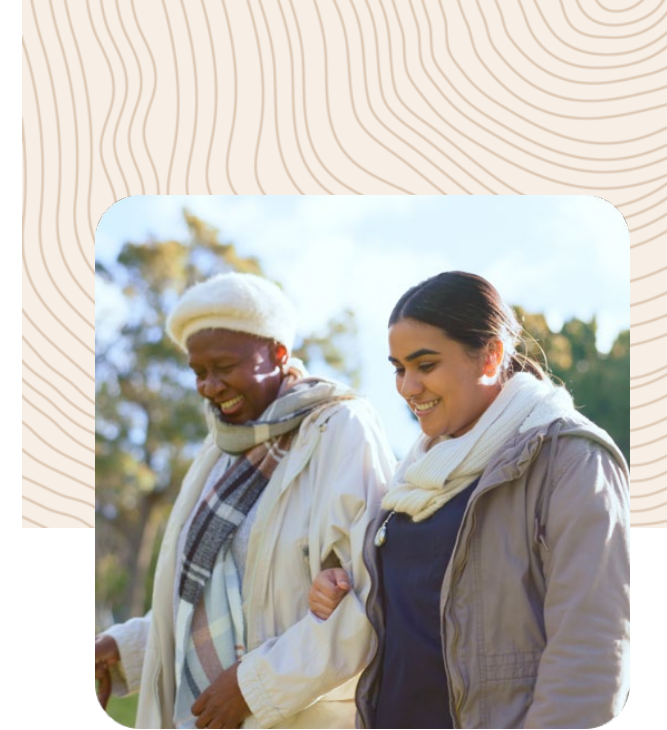
Public Comment Period and Public Hearing

July 8, 2025

Virtual Meeting

Our Agenda

- Welcome – Our Time Today
- Who We Are...Your Area Agency on Aging
- What is an Area Plan?
- Plan Highlights During This Presentation:
 - Service Delivery Changes from Previous Plan Year
 - Grab and Go – A New Service for Discussion
 - MAP Waiver Request
 - Budget Highlights
- Review of Full Plan
- Your Input is Needed! Share Your Comments



The Span Center

Your Area Agency on Aging (AAA)

The Span Center, is designated as your AAA by The Division of Aging Services; The Department of Aging and Rehabilitative Services. AAAs were created by the Older Americans Act in 1974 to: To provide information, programs and services to older people, persons with disabilities and their caregivers. We are one of 25 area agencies on aging across the Commonwealth of Virginia. Our funding is received through federal, state and local support, grant and fundraising efforts as well as individual donations.

The Span Center offers a comprehensive range of home and community-based services for older adults, caregivers, veterans and persons with disabilities. We educate, advocate and connect. We serve the counties of Charles City, Chesterfield, Goochland, Hanover, Henrico, New Kent, Powhatan and the city of Richmond. We partner with our local governments, partner agencies, funders, businesses, hospital systems, colleges and universities, advocacy groups and those we serve to achieve our vision and meet our mission.

Vision: Older Adults, Persons with Disabilities, and Caregivers with improved quality of life.

Mission: Empowering Older Adults, Persons with Disabilities, and Caregivers to live with dignity and choice.



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What is an Area Plan?

4-Year Area Plan October 1, 2023, to September 30, 2027

The Span Center's Area Plan is a comprehensive, multi-year roadmap that guides our work.

The Area Plan

- is created every four years and updated annually
- identifies the needs of older adults and caregivers within PSA 15
- outlines the services the we intend to provide to meet those needs
- details estimated budgeting for operations and services
- our official funding request to Department of Aging and Rehabilitative Services, Office on Aging

The Area Plan Process Includes

- community listening sessions before we get started
- a public comment period and hearing (see next slide)
- an Advisory Council review
- updates to the Area Plan as needed based on public input
- Board approval

In developing The Span Center's Area Plan October 1, 2025, year 3 of the 4 Year Plan through September 30, 2027, is seeking public input through a 30-day public comment period and through this public hearing.



The Span Center FY2026 Area Plan: **Public Comment Period and Hearing**

30 Day Public Comment Period:

June 20, 2025, through July 18, 2025

Public Comment Hearing:

July 8, 2025 – virtual from 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Online and Email:

Social Media, Website, Shared with Partners and Local Governments



Service Delivery Changes for FY2026

A Little Context

This FY2026 Area Plan is the annual update is 3rd year of a 4-year plan:



- New FY2026 – this planning cycle, we were tasked with completing a full Area Plan.
- However, given the current federal budget changes, The Span Center capacity and current plan aligning with community concerns, we do not have many changes to our OAA programs.

Service Delivery Changes for FY2026

OAA Program Changes and Updates

Changes to Chore and Residential Repair Renovation (RRR) Programs:

- To provide more fiscal flexibility and a more person-centered approach, we will provide heavy duty household cleaning (chore) and RRR Services through Emergency Services, Options Counseling and Care Coordination. Staff will also work with partner agencies to ensure homes are made safe and accessible. This change allows The Span Center to pivot more easily based on a person's need. For example, if water bill needs to be paid to avoid an eviction or if a home needs handrails in the bathroom due to a fall. Those are both urgent situations. And we found...
- LY2025, we delivered Chore and RRR services in emergency situations.

Changes to the AmeriCorps Seniors - Retired Senior Volunteer Program:

- The Span Center will be formally relinquishing the AmeriCorps Seniors RSVP grant. This decision has been made due to ongoing budgetary constraints and the need to realign resources to best support our mission and community priorities.
- The Span Center will continue to offer our community robust volunteer opportunities, through agency programs like TeleBridges, VICAP, Ombudsman and more.

Socialization and Recreation:

- In FY2024, we reduced Socialization and Recreation Funding to \$2,000. In FY2025, we will request 0 funds. Socialization and Recreation services will continue to be offered through our Friendship Café, Telebridges and Wellness Programming.



Minimum Adequate Proportion Waiver

The Span Center 5% Request

As permitted by the Older Americans Act (OAA), the Virginia Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services (DARS) may waive the Minimum Adequate Proportion (MAP) requirement described in 22VAC30-60-100 A through C for any category of services described in 22VAC30-60-100 if the Area Agency on Aging (AAA) demonstrates to DARS that services being provided in such category in the planning and service area (PSA) are sufficient to meet the need for such services.



The Span Center requested a 5% In-Home Services MAP waiver for. DARS requires a minimum allocation for our in-home services, historically, we have requested a 5% MAP waiver which allows us fiscal flexibility to shift funds as needed to support the individuals we serve in a person-centered way. Services include adult day care, homemaker, checking and personal care.

Specific Public Input: New Service

Grab and Go Meals

We are announcing our intention to host Grab and Go Meals funded through Title III-C (1) to Congregate Nutrition Participants:

- During disaster or emergency situations affecting the provision of nutrition services
- To older individuals who have an occasional need for such meal
- Pages 73-74 of Area Plan



FY2026 Area Plan Budget*

OAA Highlights

The Span Center Area Plan Information	FY 2026 Projected Expenditures	Percent Change	FY 2025 Area Plan Budget	FY 2024 Area Plan Budget	FY 2023 Area Plan Budget	FY 2022 Area Plan Budget
Programs						
Adult Day Care	\$ 115,802	-2%	\$ 117,890	\$ 168,504	\$ 143,496	\$ 169,063
Checking	\$ 25,860	41%	\$ 18,396	\$ 14,857	\$ 18,227	\$ 6,125
Chore	\$ -	-100%	\$ 42,323	\$ 68,017	\$ 20,000	\$ 1,000
Homemaker Companion	\$ 92,958	6%	\$ 87,363	\$ 122,965	\$ 72,060	\$ 60,368
Personal Care	\$ 176,121	-11%	\$ 196,941	\$ 306,427	\$ 181,970	\$ 161,485
Residential Repair & Revnovation	\$ -	-100%	\$ 116,336	\$ 193,301	\$ 66,000	\$ 138,489
Care Coordination	\$ 160,589	47%	\$ 108,970	\$ 69,538	\$ 58,690	\$ 60,773
CRIA	\$ 692,774	-25%	\$ 923,033	\$ 1,623,414	\$ 1,682,371	\$ 1,521,167
Care Transitions	\$ 430,605	-3%	\$ 442,678	\$ 449,062	\$ 388,613	\$ 486,997
Options Counseling	\$ 71,593	-30%	\$ 102,737	\$ 28,859	\$ 28,707	\$ 18,323
Direct Payments	\$ 2,500	0%	\$ 2,490	\$ 3,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000
Transportation	\$ 521,980	-14%	\$ 604,552	\$ 607,276	\$ 617,803	\$ 438,773
Congregate Meals	\$ 1,271,847	-2%	\$ 1,295,731	\$ 1,690,146	\$ 1,424,440	\$ 1,056,222
Home Delivered Meals	\$ 1,817,115	5%	\$ 1,724,323	\$ 2,020,592	\$ 1,799,999	\$ 1,403,825
Nutrition Counseling	\$ 8,000	-20%	\$ 10,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 32,000
Nutrition Education	\$ 62,000	24%	\$ 50,000	\$ 45,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 22,000
Disease Prevention	\$ 94,968	-5%	\$ 99,801	\$ 139,670	\$ 100,873	\$ 95,668
Emergency Services	\$ 140,000	75%	\$ 80,000	\$ 192,202	\$ 117,700	\$ 125,000
Employment	\$ 100,460	-4%	\$ 104,819	\$ 126,128	\$ 106,699	\$ 94,500
Money Management	\$ 96,968	27%	\$ 76,356	\$ 181,161	\$ 164,995	\$ 129,700
Outreach/Public Educ. & Infor.	\$ 357,238	15%	\$ 310,210	\$ 635,505	\$ 229,027	\$ 181,001
Socialization and Recreation	\$ -	-100%	\$ 2,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 18,000
Volunteer	\$ 330,225	9%	\$ 302,509	\$ 467,732	\$ 238,848	\$ 185,960
Legal Aid	\$ 25,000	0%	\$ 25,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 49,000	\$ 50,000
Individual Counseling	\$ 130,067	61%	\$ 80,540	\$ 140,388	\$ 51,740	\$ 49,282
Caregiver Training	\$ 107,481	91%	\$ 56,146	\$ 45,843	\$ 14,066	\$ 10,092
Elder Abuse	\$ 38,485	30%	\$ 29,654	\$ 46,852	\$ 26,914	\$ 25,675
Ombudsman	\$ 391,918	19%	\$ 328,342	\$ 386,211	\$ 293,585	\$ 235,796
Prep & Admin	\$ 277,783	3%	\$ 268,929	\$ 315,894	\$ 262,548	\$ 247,268
Totals	\$ 7,540,337	-1%	\$ 7,608,069	10,178,544	8,248,371	7,034,552
This budget includes Older Americans Act, State General Assembly, local public cash, grant funds, and voluntary contributions.						

*These are estimated funds for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2026 and may or may not be exact amounts for each funding source. DARS understands that there are potential factors at play, such as differences in federal and state fiscal years, funding sources that are not appropriated on an annual basis, and that the exact funding for upcoming year may not be fully known yet.

Your Turn!

Please Unmute, Raise Hand or Drop Comments in Chat

Any questions or comments before we move to the Full Plan Review?

FY2026 Area Plan Comment
Survey





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Please provide comments or Questions on our Proposed FY2026 Area Plan

- Any questions
- Any comments



Providing Input After This Meeting:

To View the Full Plan, Visit our Website:
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Email comments to
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