



The Federal Older Americans Act

When the OLDER AMERICANS ACT was enacted by Congress in 1965, it authorized the establishment of **“Area Agencies on Aging to take the lead on issues related to “aging” in designated service areas throughout the nation”**.

Each of New Jersey’s 21 Counties has an authorized Area Agency on Aging (**AAA**). Throughout the country, AAAs may be known by different names: “Office on Aging; Senior Services; Division of Aging”, for example. **In Warren County, the Board of County Commissioners has named our AAA the “Division of Aging & Disability Services”**, but the responsibilities are the same:

AAAs are responsible for identifying the needs of adults age 60 and older in their service area, developing a plan to meet those needs, and carrying-out an extensive range of activities and services with the sole purpose of assisting older residents of that area to maintain optimal independence for as long as possible. Integral to this is the AAA’s requirement to annually develop an **“Area Plan on Aging”** outlining how the Identified needs of older adults will be met.

Warren County Aging Services Advisory Council

The Older Americans Act requires each Area Agency on Aging to have an Advisory Council **“to advise continuously the AAA on all matters related to the development of the Area Plan on Aging”**.

Aging Services Advisory Council Members Are Appointed By The Board of County Commissioners.



Role of The Advisory Council

- Conducting public hearings
- Representing the interest of older persons; and
- Reviewing, commenting, and advising on all community policies, programs and actions which impact older residents of the designated service area



Other Important Functions

- ✓ Promoting and monitoring Federal and State legislation
- ✓ Determining the types of service(s) needed in the County
- ✓ Advocate on behalf of older adults
- ✓ Acting as Advocates for older residents and for the AAA
- ✓ **Much More!**

Composition of the Advisory Council

The Council consists of 17 members; a minimum of 51% of members must be older adults over age 60 or unpaid caregivers. The balance represents all other segments of the population, including individuals with disabilities, elected officials, provider agencies, and advocates.

Warren County Division of Aging & Disability Services

Mission Statement

The Warren County Division of Aging & Disability Services develops, provides, coordinates and funds programs, services, and special projects to assist Warren County's older residents preserve their highest level of independence and dignity. The Division is driven by the philosophy that all Warren County residents have a right to age with dignity, to obtain and maintain optimal health and independence, and to have easy access to information and assistance to facilitate informed decision making on critical life choices.

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ESTABLISHED TO CONTINUALLY ADVISE
AND ASSIST THE DIVISION OF AGING &
DISABILITY SERVICES ON ALL MATTERS
RELATED TO THE SPECIAL NEEDS OF
OLDER RESIDENTS WHILE ADVISING AND
ADVOCATING FOR THE DEVELOPMENT
AND PROVISION OF EFFECTIVE
PROGRAMS AND SERVICES TO PROMOTE
AND MAINTAIN OPTIMAL INDEPENDENCE.

**For More Information On How You Can Assist
Older Residents, Call The Division Of Aging &
Disability Services:**

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