



Assistance. Advocacy. Answers on Aging.

# Southeastern Association of Area Agencies on Aging

Area Agencies on Aging offering assistance, advocacy and answers on aging in your district.

## 2009 SE4A LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES



The Southeastern Association of Area Agencies on Aging adopted the principles outlined in Project 2020 legislative agenda as developed by the National Association of Area Agencies on Aging (N4A). These priorities include:

### Person Centered Access to Information

To make home and community based services (HCBS) information more assessable to individuals through the use of the single point of entry concept which integrates outreach, information and options counseling for care in the community.

### Evidence-Based Disease Prevention and Health Promotion

Promote health and behavioral science interventions that have been demonstrated to improve the health and well-being of older persons. Through these programs, individuals will be assisted at the community level in areas such as falls prevention, physical activities, nutrition, chronic disease management and medication management.

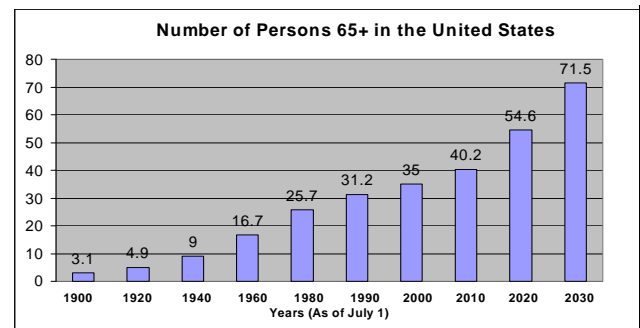
### Enhances Nursing Home Diversion Services

Provide information through the single point of entry to older persons at risk of losing their independence by providing pre-screening and intense case management to help coordinate personalized services and supports such as home-delivered meals, homemaker, personal care, home modification, assistive technology and adult day care that would allow them to remain in their homes for as long as possible.

## Demographic Shift

- The older population--persons 65 years or older--numbered 37.3 million in 2006 (the latest year for which data is available).
- Persons 65 years plus represent 12.4% of the U.S. population, about one in every eight Americans.
- By 2030, there will be about 71.5 million older persons, more than twice their number in 2000.
- By 2030 people 65+ are expected to grow to be 20% of the population

(Source: U.S. Administration on Aging – Profile of Older Americans: 2006)



## Area Agencies on Aging Responsibilities Vital To Your District



- Planning, developing, coordinating, monitoring and arranging for services management.
- Provide or manage services to seniors in all of the following categories; access services, in-home services, community based services and resource development.
- Manage and monitor both state and federal dollars for Older Americans services
- Principal responsibility for developing a multi-faceted support system for caregivers through the Family Caregiver Support Program.
- Management and delivery of the Long Term Care Ombudsman Program.
- Other responsibilities include medication assistance programs, senior employment, disaster planning, health/wellness initiatives, Senior Centers, long range planning and Livable Senior-Friendly Communities initiatives.

# Support Area Agencies on Aging