Region 1-B’s Older Adult Population

620,625
Older Adults Call Region 1-B Home in 2013

74,093
Since the 2010 U.S. Census

11.9%
Nearly a 4% Increase Each Year Since 2010

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About Us...
The Area Agency on Aging 1-B is a nonprofit agency serving and advocating on behalf of more than 620,000 older adults and adults with disabilities residing in Livingston, Macomb, Monroe, Oakland, St. Clair and Washtenaw counties.

The agency helps these individuals and their family caregivers to maintain their health and independence by administering home and community based services supported by the Older Americans Act and the Michigan Office of Services to the Aging.

For more information on this platform please contact the AAA1-B or visit our website to obtain source documents: 1-800-852-7795, www.aaa1b.org.

Maslow’s Hierarchy of Needs

Prioritizes human needs, both physical & psychological. Beginning at the base with the most basic needs, individuals progress through the hierarchy by meeting & mastering the higher levels with the goal of reaching their fullest potential, described by Maslow as Self-Actualization and associ-

- Self-Actualization
- Esteem Needs
- Belongingness and Love
- Safety Needs
- Basic or Physiological Needs

This Platform focuses on issues, programs and services designed to enhance the lives of older adults and adults with disabilities at all levels of Maslow’s Hierarchy with a priority on cost efficient services to meet the most basic needs.

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Advocacy Platform

Quality of Life & Independence
Empowerment
Social Connection & Care Support
Health & Safety Net Services
Home & Community Based Services

“[Older Michiganders] are leading Michigan in our comeback. We are the comeback state. We want to keep you happy, we want to keep you healthy, we want to keep you involved and we need your help. So let’s stand together... and reinvent Michigan!”

-Governor Rick Snyder, Older Michiganders Day 2013
We promote policies and programs that support the most basic needs of older adults and adults with disabilities to live in the setting of their choice.

- About 70% of adults 65+ will need some type of long-term care services as they age
- Malnutrition is associated with frequent hospital admissions—for the cost of one inpatient day in the hospital ($1,500), a homebound senior could receive an entire years worth of home delivered meals

**Advocacy Priorities/Strategies:**

1. Make Michigan a “No Wait List State” for home and community based services
   - 2012 Wait Listed Individuals: 4980
   - Total Funding Needed: $3,537,361
2. Rebalance Medicaid Long Term Care services to promote home and community based options
   - Number of State Wide Wait Listed Individuals Likely to Enroll in MI Choice: 957 as of July 2013
   - Average Annual Cost for Service per Individual: $18,992
   - Total State Funds Needed: $6,258,958
   - Federal Funds Brought into Michigan: $12,363,352
   - Savings Over the Cost of Medicaid Nursing Home Care: $28,607,613

**Advocacy Priorities/Strategies:**

- 1,500+ are waiting for OSA in-home services & over 1,400 individuals waiting for Meals on Wheels in Michigan
- In-Home Services waitlisted individuals not receiving services are more than five times more likely to be living in a nursing home after two years than those who eventually received service
- In-Home Services waitlisted individuals not receiving services are more likely to die within two years than those receiving services

**Advocacy Priorities/Strategies:**

1. Expand Medicaid to 133% of federal poverty level to provide over 400,000 uninsured Michiganders with affordable health coverage
   - No cost to Michigan until 2017
   - By 2023 the state will be responsible for 10% of the costs with the federal government paying the remaining 90%
   - FY14 general fund savings of $206 million with a projected 10 year savings of $1 billion
2. Prevent abuse and financial exploitation of vulnerable older adults and adults with disabilities by passage of 2013 HB 5030, 5031 and 5032
   - No cost to the state or federal government

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