



AREA IV AGENCY

ON AGING & COMMUNITY ACTION

FFY 2026-2027
AREA PLAN ON AGING SERVICES
PUBLIC HEARING
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What Is the Area Plan?

What It Is: A strategic plan that guides how Area IV delivers services to older adults, individuals with disabilities, and caregivers across our eight-county region.

Why It Matters: The Area Plan is required by the Older Americans Act and helps ensure that federal and state resources are used effectively to meet local needs.

Plan Period: Covers services and goals for Federal Fiscal Years 2026–2027 (October 1, 2025 – September 30, 2027)

Public Involvement: Informed by public input, local data, and community partnerships.



Our mission is to inspire hope and spark positive change in the lives of those we serve and the communities where we live.

Serving 8 counties in west-central Indiana: Benton · Carroll · Clinton · Fountain · Montgomery · Tippecanoe · Warren · White

What We Provide:

- Aging & Disability Resource Center (ADRC)
- Caregiver Support & Respite
- Health Promotion & Wellness Programs
- In-Home Services & Care Management
- Legal Assistance & Elder Rights Advocacy
- Nutrition Programs (Congregate Meals, Home-Delivered Meals)
- Ombudsman Services
- Transportation Services

Who We Are and What We Do



What Are the Needs in Our Region?

Caregiver Burden: Rising emotional and financial stress among family caregivers.

Healthcare Access Gaps: Limited geriatric care and home health services in rural areas.

Transportation Barriers: Lack of reliable transit, especially in rural counties.

Housing & Financial Insecurity: Fixed incomes + rising costs = unsafe or unstable housing.

Social Isolation & Mental Health: Increased loneliness and mental health risks, especially among older adults living alone.

Digital Divide: Limited broadband access and digital literacy among older adults.



Our Strategic Goals for 2026-2027

Goal 1: Improve Access to Long-Term Services and Supports (LTSS)

Leverage ADRC, care management, and dementia-friendly strategies to help people age in place.

Goal 2: Strengthen Older Americans Act Core Programs

Expand access to nutrition, wellness, caregiver support, and legal services.

Goal 3: Protect Rights and Prevent Abuse

Support elder rights advocacy and enhance partnerships with Adult Protective Services.

Goal 4: Enhance Transportation Access

Build community partnerships and improve mobility options, especially in rural areas.



Programs & Services That Support Our Strategic Goals

In-Home Services & Care Management

Personalized support and coordination to help older adults remain independent.

Caregiver Support & Respite Services

Help for family caregivers through training, support groups, and in-home respite.

Nutrition Programs

Home-delivered and congregate meals to support health and reduce isolation.

Health Promotion & Evidence-Based Programs

EnhanceFitness, SAIL, and A Matter of Balance empower older adults to stay active.

Legal Assistance & Elder Rights Advocacy

Protection from abuse, neglect, exploitation, and help with legal needs.

Transportation Services

Expanded access to medical care, groceries, social events, and more.



Expanded Dementia-Friendly Initiatives

Ongoing staff training, caregiver support, and community awareness.

Increased Rural Outreach

More focus on reaching underserved and isolated populations.

Nutrition Education in Development

Wellness Coordinator will integrate nutrition info into fitness programming.

Support for Older Caregivers

More targeted services for grandparents raising grandchildren.

Enhanced Focus on Data & Equity

Using demographic and service data to improve equitable access.

What is New in the 2026–2027 Area Plan?



How Do We Know We Make a Difference?

Performance Tracking: We use data and reporting tools to monitor program outcomes and impact on individuals.

Our Commitment to Continuous Improvement: Results are reviewed regularly to improve service quality and equity.

Sample Indicators:

- Percentage of callers getting helpful, timely info from ADRC
- Percentage of program participants who report satisfaction with services received
- Number of caregivers receiving support or respite services
- Percentage of high-risk program participants receiving nutrition education
- Number of older adults using transportation services
- Percentage of socially isolated program participants receiving regular support

Your Voice Matters

We Want to Hear from You! Your feedback helps us shape programs and services that reflect real community needs.

Ways to Participate:

- Attend the FFY26-27 Area Plan on Aging Services Public Hearing on **4/29/2025**
- Submit written comments by **5/29/2025**
- Contact us by phone or email

Our Contact Information:

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Stay Connected:

Follow us on Facebook and Instagram for updates, events, and community resources.

We Appreciate Your Time and Input
Together, we are building a stronger aging network for west-central Indiana.

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