



# Florida Council on Aging

One Voice Representing 5.4 Million Older Floridians

## OUR ASK OF THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE

**Provide \$9.95 million in General Revenue funding to serve 1,282 of the MOST at-risk seniors on the Department of Elder Affairs Waiting List for the Community Care and Home Care for the Elderly and Alzheimer’s Respite Care Programs.**

### Includes:

- ❖ \$7,256,316 to serve 862 persons on the waiting list for Community Care for the Elderly (CCE)
- ❖ \$1,491,712 to serve 128 seniors on the waiting list for Alzheimer’s Respite Care (ADI)
- ❖ \$1,202,748 to serve 292 seniors and caregivers on the waiting list for Home Care for the Elderly (HCE)
- ❖ Continuation for Local Services Programs (LSP) – LSP is funded by recurring General Revenue in the base budget under the Older Americans Act Program Appropriations Category

## These organizations, and many others, support our priorities:





# COMPARE THE COST OF CARE

**\$9.95 million** to serve 1,282 frail, at-risk seniors at home

**\$112 million** to serve 1,282 frail, seniors in a nursing home

Potential Medicaid long term care savings/cost avoidance of **\$102 million** by serving just 1,282 of the most at-risk seniors on the waiting list.

**Community Care for the Elderly (CCE)** is a statewide General Revenue funded program that provides supportive services to Non-Medicaid frail seniors. This community-based program is part of a continuum of care to help functionally impaired elders live in the least restrictive, yet most cost-effective, environment suitable to their needs.

**There are currently 42,774 people on the waitlist for the CCE Program.**

**Services or Activities:** CCE clients may receive a wide range of services, including: adult day care, case management, chore, consumable medical supplies, emergency home repair, home-delivered meals, home health aide, homemaker, nursing, personal care, respite, transportation, and other community-based services.

**Eligibility:** Individuals must be age 60 or older and functionally impaired, as determined by an initial comprehensive assessment and annual reassessments. As directed by 1998 revisions to Florida Statutes, primary consideration for services is given to elderly persons referred to Adult Protective Services (APS) and determined by APS to be victims of abuse, neglect, or exploitation.

**The average annual cost of care, per person, is \$8,418.**

**Home Care for the Elderly (HCE)** is a statewide program that supports caregivers and Non-Medicaid eligible Floridians age 60 and older in family-type living arrangements within private homes, as an alternative to institutional or nursing home care. A basic subsidy of \$160/ per month is provided for support and maintenance of the elder. A special subsidy may also be provided for services and/or supplies.

**There are 6,784 people on the waitlist for the HCE Program.**

**Services or Activities:** The basic subsidy is provided for all program participants. Special subsidies are authorized for some consumers for: incontinence supplies, medications, medical supplies, wheelchairs, ramps and/or home accessibility modifications, home health aide, nursing, and other services to maintain the individual at home. Case management is provided when needed.

**Eligibility:** Individuals must be age 60 or older, have income less than the Institutional Care Program standard and meet the asset limitation, be at risk of nursing home placement, and have an approved adult caregiver living with them who is willing and able to provide care or help arrange for care.

**The average annual cost of care, per person, is \$4,119.**

**Alzheimer's Disease Initiative (ADI)** is a statewide program providing a continuum of services to meet the changing needs of Non-Medicaid individuals with, and families affected by, Alzheimer's disease and related disorders. The program includes: 1) consumable medical supplies and respite for caregiver relief; 2) Memory Disorder Clinics to provide diagnosis, education, training, research, treatment, and referral; 3) model day care programs; and 4) brain bank to support research.

**There are 5,396 people on the waitlist for the ADI Program.**

**Services or Activities:** ADI respite includes in-home, facility-based, emergency, and support for caregivers who serve individuals with neurocognitive disorders. Services are authorized by a case manager based on a comprehensive assessment and unmet needs identified during that assessment.

**Eligibility:** Caregivers of adults 18 and older or individuals who have been diagnosed as having probable Alzheimer's disease or other related memory disorders. Consumers receiving ADI services can participate in the cost of their care through a co-payment.

**The average annual cost of care, per person, is \$11,654.**

**Local Services Programs (LSP)** provide additional funding to expand long-term care alternatives that support Non-Medicaid eligible elders to maintain a favorable quality of life in their own homes and avoid or delay nursing home placement. LSP also targets unmet, specific community service needs, such as congregate or home delivered meals in regions with high numbers of at-risk seniors.

**There are currently 169 people on the waitlist for the LSP Program.**

**Services or Activities:** Eligible clients may receive one of these services: Adult Day Care, Case Management, Chore Services, Congregate or Home-Delivered Meals, Homemaker, Information and Referral Services, Nursing, Personal Care, Respite and/or Transportation.

**Eligibility:** Individuals age 60 or older may receive these services. There are no income criteria; however, emphasis is placed on targeting those with greatest need. No match or co-payment is required.

**The average annual cost of care, per person, is \$2,472.**