



## Older Americans Act Service Needs Ranking Form

Connections Area Agency on Aging is gathering a county specific view of service needs as part of our regional area planning. Please take a moment to rank the services below based on the directions provided.

**Please tell us your county of residence:** \_\_\_\_\_

The services listed on the right are **mandatory** for Connections AAA to fund or provide in Adams, Adair, Cass, Cherokee, Clarke, Decatur, Fremont, Harrison, Ida, Mills, Monona, Montgomery, Page, Plymouth, Pottawattamie, Ringgold, Shelby, Taylor, Union and Woodbury counties.

Please rank the services by level of need within your community from 1 to 12, with 1 being the highest level of need and 12 being the lowest. See pages 2&3 for and alphabetized list of services and definitions.

\_\_\_ Case Management  
\_\_\_ Congregate Nutrition  
\_\_\_ Elder Abuse Assessment & Intervention  
\_\_\_ Elder Abuse Training & Education  
\_\_\_ Family Caregiver Training & Education  
\_\_\_ Health Promotion: Evidence Based  
\_\_\_ Home-Delivered Nutrition  
\_\_\_ Information & Assistance  
\_\_\_ Legal Assistance  
\_\_\_ Options Counseling  
\_\_\_ Nutrition Counseling  
\_\_\_ Nutrition Education

The services listed on the right are **optional** For Connections AAA to fund or provide in: Adams, Adair, Cass, Cherokee, Clarke, Decatur, Fremont, Harrison, Ida, Mills, Monona, Montgomery, Page, Plymouth, Pottawattamie, Ringgold, Shelby, Taylor, Union and Woodbury counties.

Please rank the services by level of need within your community from 1 to 15, with 1 being the highest level of need and 15 being the lowest level of need. See pages 2&3 For and alphabetized list of services and definitions.

\_\_\_ Adult Day Care  
\_\_\_ Assisted Transportation  
\_\_\_ Behavioral Health Supports  
\_\_\_ Chore  
\_\_\_ Emergency Response System  
\_\_\_ Homemaker  
\_\_\_ Family Caregiver Information Services  
\_\_\_ Family Caregiver Training  
\_\_\_ Material Aid  
\_\_\_ Outreach  
\_\_\_ Personal Care  
\_\_\_ Family Caregiver Respite Care  
\_\_\_ Family Caregiver Support Groups  
\_\_\_ Training & Education  
\_\_\_ Transportation

**Please list your top issues for each target population:**

**Older Adult 60+**

**Persons living with disabilities 18+**

**Caregivers**

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## **Older Americans Act Service Definitions**

**Adult day care-** service provided to adults who require care and supervision in a protective setting for a portion of 24-hour day.

**Assisted transportation-** provides or arranges for the travel, including travel costs for the individual from one location to another. Could also include assistance in and out of the vehicle.

**Behavioral health supports-**mental health outreach services to an older individual within the community.

**Case management-** assess the needs of an older individual; develop a service plan to meet the needs with the individual and monitor the delivery of services.

**Congregate nutrition-** a nutritionally balanced meal provided in a group setting

**Chore-** performance of heavy household tasks provided in a person's home and or yard.

**Elder abuse assessment & intervention-** service to assist an individual at risk of or experiencing abuse, neglect, or financial exploitation.

**Elder abuse training & education-** providing education on the types of elder abuse and on recognizing the signs of potential abuse.

**Emergency response system-** a service provided to a consumer that include the installation of and monthly fee for an emergency response system.

**Family caregiver counseling-** providing counseling to caregivers to assist them in making decisions and solving problems relating to their caregiver roles.

**Family caregiver information services-** activity that provides information to caregivers about services available.

**Family caregiver respite care-** service which offers temporary, substitute supports or living arrangement for care recipients to provide a brief period of relief or rest for caregivers.

**Family caregiver support groups-** a service to facilitate caregivers to discuss their common concerns related to caregiving and provide mutual support to each other.

**Family caregiver training-** provide family caregivers with instruction to improve knowledge and performance of skills relating to their caregiving roles and responsibilities.

**Health promotion-**Monthly educational materials, presentations and activities promoting better health and wellness.

## **Older Americans Act Service Definitions (Continued)**

**Health Promotion evidence-based-** Activities related to the prevention and reduction of the effects of chronic disease, that meet ACL's definition for an evidence-based program.

**Home-delivered nutrition-** a nutritionally balanced meal delivered to the residence of homebound individuals

**Homemaker-** performance of light housekeeping tasks provided in a person's home and assistance with errands.

**Information and Assistance-** providing an individual with current information on services available within a community.

**Legal Assistance-** legal advice and representation provided by an attorney to older individuals with economic or social needs.

**Material aid-** provides services or goods to promote safety at home.

**Nutrition counseling-** provides individualized guidance to individuals who are at nutritional risk.

**Nutrition education-** a targeted program provided monthly to all congregate and home delivered meal participants to promote better health by providing accurate and culturally sensitive nutrition, physical fitness, or health as it relates to nutrition information.

**Options counseling-** an interactive process where individuals receive information to make informed choices about long-term supports.

**Outreach-** provision of one on one interventions initiated by an agency or organization for the purpose of identifying potential consumers and encouraging their use of existing services and benefits.

**Personal care-** assistance with Activities of Daily Living/and or health related tasks.

**Training and Education-** activities meant to impart knowledge, experience, or skills to an individual or group regarding AAA services.

**Transportation-** services or activities that provide or arrange for travel, including travel costs, for individuals from one location to another. Does not include any other activity.