

Aging Division, Department of Health Community Living Section

Wyoming Department of Health

The Wyoming Department of Health, Aging Division, Community Living Section is committed to providing care, ensuring safety and promoting independent choices for Wyoming's older adults 60 and above, individuals with disabilities and caregivers.

We manage federal and state grants, that include: Title IIIB, IIIC, IIID, IIIE. The federal funding comes from the Administration for Community Living (ACL).

We have providers throughout the state of Wyoming that receive these grants, providing services to eligible participants.

Title III-B, Support Service Program

There are four service categories:

- Health Services: health education, health exercise, disease prevention and health promotion;
- Socialization Services: designed to assist older individuals to access social programs such as clubs/groups/activities;
- Support Services: information referrals, education, assistance with form completion, material aids and outreach;
- Transportation Services: provides access to other supportive services or nutrition services in the community.

Legal Services Developer Program

The Title III-B and Title VII, Legal Assistance and Legal Services Developer Programs of the Older Americans ACT (OAA) will assist older adults with civil legal needs.

The goals of the program are to provide the protection and rights of vulnerable older persons through education, training, networking, and advocacy.

Title III-D Disease Prevention & Health Promotion

The Title III-D, Disease Prevention and Health Promotion Program assists older adults age 60+ by removing barriers to independent living and adding to a continuum of care.

The program provides services to individuals to educate and implement activities that support healthy lifestyles and healthy behaviors. The aim is to reduce the need for costly medical interventions.

Title III-C Nutrition Programs

Consists of Congregate and Home Delivered Meals

- Eligibility requirements apply (must be 60 years and older); an Aging Needs Evaluation Summary (AGNES) form is used to identify program participants and to determine a need for home delivered meals. Being home bound is not a requirement.
- These programs are not means tested (financial resources are not a factor)
- The meals include evaluation by a Registered Dietitian or nutritionist to ensure 1/3 of the daily recommended intakes for older adults are met for each meal offered.
- Other services provided include: Nutrition Education and Nutrition Counseling.
- Our 39 program providers in the state are Senior Centers and the Meals on Wheels programs in Cheyenne & Casper

Wyoming Home Services (WyHS)

Eligibility: A client must be 18 years of age or older, and, through an ongoing evaluation, at risk of premature institutionalization. This is a means tested program, income is considered.

- Care Coordination/Case Management
- Personal Care
- Home Modifications
- Medication Set Up
- Chore Services
- Homemaker Services
- Respite
- Personal Emergency Response System (PERS)
- Adult Day Care
- Hospice

National Family Caregiver Support Program

Provides respite support to allow caregivers to have temporary breaks from responsibilities, support group connections and assist with specific, needed services.

Caregivers can include:

- Adults 18 and over who care for a loved one, age 60 + or for persons of any age with Alzheimer's disease/related dementia condition.
- Older relative caregivers, 55 years +, who are raising grandchildren or related children 17 years or younger or helping an adult 18-59 who has a disability.
- Parents of an individual 18-59 with a disability.

Centenarian Program

 The Centenarian Program recognizes individuals aged 100 or older. A centenarian certificate and letter is generated for the Governor to sign.

 Participants should submit their information no less than two months prior to the Centenarian's birthday. The honoree must be a resident of Wyoming.

The Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program

Ombudsman is a Swedish word meaning "citizen's representative" a public official appointed to investigate citizens complaints against "agencies" that may be infringing on the rights of any vulnerable adult. As a Long Term Care Ombudsman the "agencies" are, Boarding homes, Nursing homes and Assisted Living facilities. It may also include any programs receiving State and Federal funds such as Hospice, Meals on Wheels or congregate housing.

What does a Long-Term Care Ombudsman do?

The primary duty of an Ombudsman is to protect the rights of individuals by investigating and resolving problems and grievances, providing information, and to work with facilities and organizations to increase their responsiveness to the people they serve. The Ombudsman services are free of charge, and they only work with the resident/guardian or POA's consent and everything is confidential.

Resources

• https://health.wyo.gov/aging/communityliving/service-area-maps/



Questions?



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