



PHILADELPHIA CORPORATION FOR AGING

Enriching lives, preserving dignity.™

Who We Are

Philadelphia Corporation for Aging (PCA) is a private nonprofit organization serving as Philadelphia county's Area Agency on Aging (AAA) since 1973. PCA's mission is to improve the quality of life for Philadelphians who are older or who have disabilities by helping them achieve optimum levels of health, independence, and productivity. This mission is carried out through advocacy, fund administration, planning, program development, and service coordination.

Serving Older Philadelphians

The needs are tremendous. Among the city's 291,000 seniors age 60-plus, 75% have at least one chronic illness and 33% have difficulty with one or more of the basic activities of life; preparing their own meals, managing medications, bathing, dressing and feeding themselves. More than 134,000 older Philadelphians live in poverty; many must choose between heating their homes, eating three meals a day and taking the full dosage of their medicine – choices no one should have to make.

Our Work

Guided by its Board of Directors and an Advisory Council, Philadelphia Corporation for Aging coordinates a broad range of services that help older Philadelphians live as independently as possible. Services include: care at home, advocacy, caregiver support, employment assistance, health promotion, home repair, information and referral, legal assistance, home-delivered meals, protective services, senior community centers, transportation, and many more. Special consideration is given to those with the greatest social, economic, and health needs. PCA employs more than 700 people and provides some services directly; others are provided under subcontracts with 200 community organizations and service providers.

Quick Facts

- PCA is the largest of 52 AAAs in Pennsylvania and fourth largest of all AAAs in the United States.
- PCA currently funds 20 senior community centers and 8 satellite meal programs in neighborhoods throughout Philadelphia.
- More than 134,000 individuals are assisted with information and referrals through the PCA Helpline each year.
- Annually, PCA provides home care to more than 21,000 people, helping them age in place, in the community, despite disabilities or chronic conditions.
- Annually, PCA provides almost 34,000 assessments for individuals in need of care at home services.
- The largest purchaser of meals in the City after the Board of Education, PCA provides more than 2 million meals to older Philadelphians each year; 503,000 served at senior centers, and almost 1.5 million home-delivered meals.

The Challenge

PCA is funded in part by the federal Older Americans Act, Medical Assistance, and the Pennsylvania Lottery. While both the aging population and the need for services are growing, funding from these sources has not kept pace. Currently, there are more than 2,000 seniors in need of services on our waiting list due to insufficient funding. To address this, PCA has created the Philadelphia Fund for Seniors to support the crucial work we do.

Philadelphia Corporation for Aging • 642 North Broad Street • Philadelphia, PA 19130-3409

Phone: 215-765-9000 • Fax: 215-765-9066 • PCA Helpline: 215-765-9040

Visit our website at www.pcaCares.org

Follow us on social media: www.facebook.com/PCACares.org • www.twitter.com/pcaCares_org