Illinois Association of Area Agencies on Aging

**Illinois Aging Network Alert** 

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## I4A Welcomes New Members to the 102<sup>nd</sup> General Assembly!

## **I4A Directors**

Grant Nyhammer Northwestern Illinois AAA – PSA 01 Rockford

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**Shana Holmes** Southeastern Illinois AAA – PSA 10 Mt. Carmel

**Becky Salazar** Egyptian AAA – PSA 11 Carterville

**Joyce Gallagher** City of Chicago – PSA 12 Chicago

**Diane Slezak** AgeOptions – PSA 13 Oak Park Who We Are - Illinois Area Agencies on Aging are your local leaders in aging and community living! Authorized under the Federal Older Americans Act (OAA) and the Illinois Act on Aging, Area Agencies on Aging were formally established in 1972 as "boots-on-the-ground" organizations charged with helping vulnerable older adults live with independence and dignity in their homes and communities. The 13 Illinois Area Agencies on Aging play a key role in planning, funding, and coordinating a network of senior programs in designated planning and service areas.

Who We Serve - Illinois Area Agencies on Aging serve 466,237 older adults, family caregivers, and grandparents/relatives raising grandchildren/children by supporting a network of over 254 community programs on aging. We serve 17% of total Illinois senior population.

Efficient Use of Federal & State Funding. Area Agencies on Aging are experts in administering \$48.7 million in federal OAA funds and \$41.3 million in Illinois General Revenue Fund (GRF) monies to best serve Illinois seniors. The OAA/GRF funding is also supported by local match and participant donations. *(Source: 2021 IDOA Planning Allocations Letter #914))* 

## A Snapshot of Critical Services Provided in Illinois

(Source: 2020 IDOA state Performance Report)

■ 360,000 older persons received information and direct assistance navigating Medicare Part D applications, other senior health assistance programs, legal services and transportation services.

88,395 older adults received over 11.5 million home delivered meals.

■ 55,638 older adults were served over 1 million meals at congregate meal settings pre-pandemic before congregate settings closed.

■ 39,176 family caregivers of older adults and grandparents/relatives raising grandchildren/children receive support to continue their caregiving responsibilities.

13,238 older adults receiving health promotion programs.