

# Colorado Association of Area Agencies on Aging

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## Area Agencies on Aging Serve Colorado's Increasing Older Adult Population

Colorado is aging. Our changing demographics mean a quarter of our population will be 60+ by 2050, up from 18 percent in 2016. This unprecedented demographic shift will have far-reaching impacts for years to come, especially on agencies that provide supportive services to aging Coloradans. Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs) respond to the needs of older adults

(60+) and their family caregivers in the communities they serve through advocacy, funding, direct service, planning, and education. AAAs work with public and private partners to respond to the unique needs in their communities and make a difference in the lives of older adults across Colorado.

For over forty years AAAs have maximized private and public resources to ensure that essential services are available to minority, frail, rural, and low-income older adults to help them remain in their homes and provide opportunities to decrease social isolation and improve wellness. Established under the Older Americans Act (OAA) in 1973, AAAs provide or fund services in five broad categories:

- Community-Based Services, such as adult day care, transportation, and senior meal programs
- Elder Rights, including assistance for persons 60+ with financial and legal concerns, and ombudsman services for residents of skilled nursing and assisted living facilities
- Information and Assistance to access community resources and services
- In-home Services, such as Meals-on-Wheels, food shopping, housekeeping, home modifications, and personal care
- Support for Family and Informal Caregivers, including educational opportunities and offering respite (a short break from caregiving responsibility)

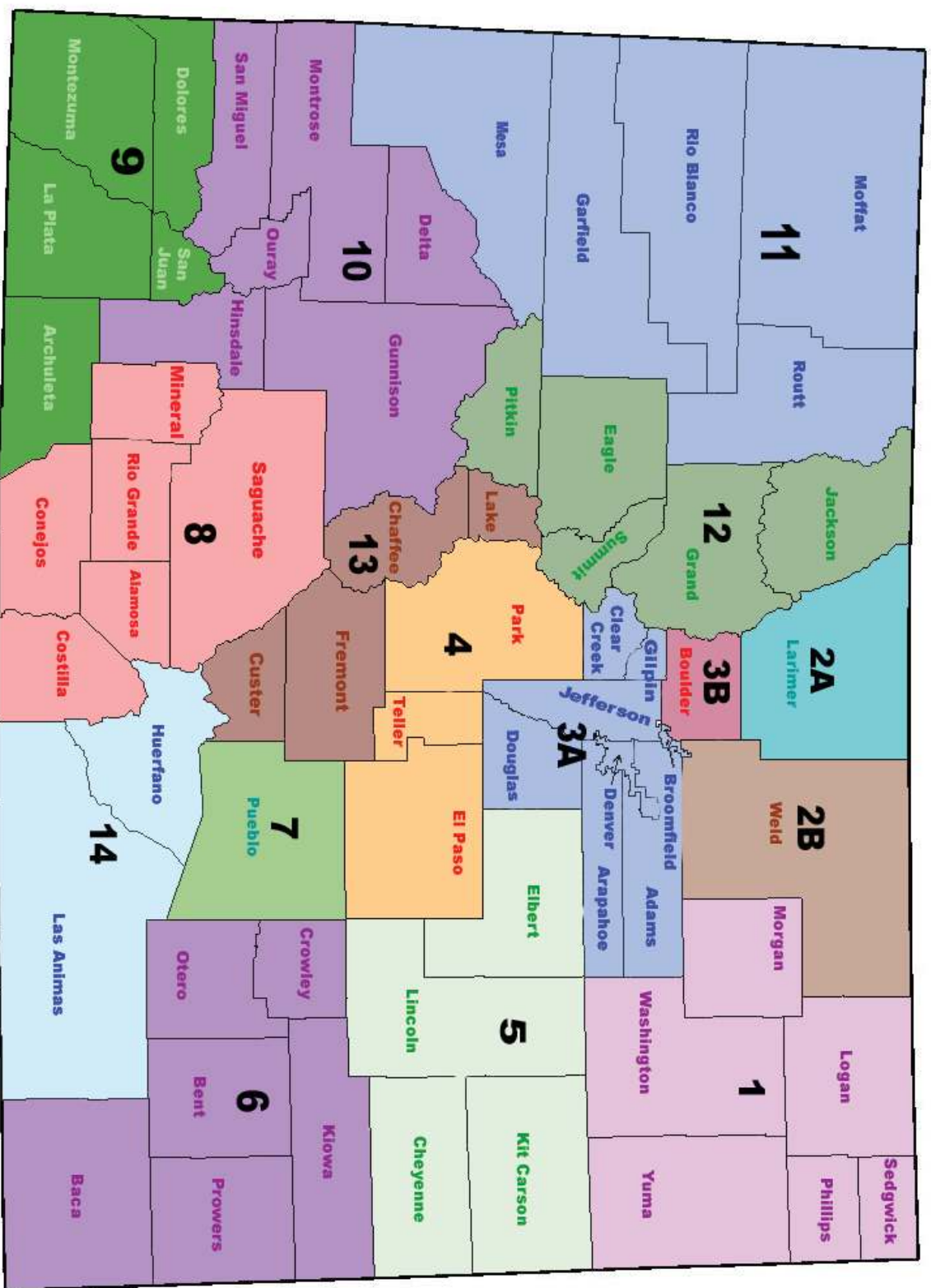
The sixteen AAAs in Colorado play a pivotal role in assessing local needs, developing programs, and creating service plans that build upon local community strengths. In their local communities, AAAs maximize service potential and avoid duplication of effort by partnering with existing local agencies. AAAs advocate for improved services for older adults and their caregivers. We have an opportunity to make sure

people can make the most of their longer, healthier lives through services and social policies to ensure older adults can remain active members of their community. Flyers about the work of Area Agencies on Aging will be distributed throughout the 2020 legislative session compliments of the Colorado Association of Area Agencies on Aging (c4a) and the Colorado Senior Lobby (CSL).

**Thank you for your funding support  
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