

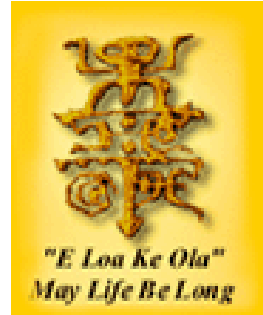
Hawaii State Plan on Aging

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Summary:



The state of Hawaii has seen one of the greatest changes in age related demographics of any state in the United States. Between 1970 and 2000, their senior citizen population grew at four times the rate of its overall population, and by 2020 one in four Hawaii residents will be an above sixty-five. Hawaii's older adult population is expected to continue rising. For this reason, they developed a four-year plan, connecting in 2004 to alter policies that will better prepare Hawaii for the older adult population and aid older adults in most usual and unusual tasks. The plan was created by the Executive Office of Aging (EOA) and will be submitted to the U.S. Administration on Aging. Hawaii's EOA hopes to use this plan to secure grants from the federal government, which Hawaii will use to implement the proposed amendments to Hawaii's Intrastate Funding Formula (IFF).

The initial plan, to be submitted to the U.S. Administration on Aging, is officially titled the "Hawaii State Plan on Aging" and is composed of six parts: Review of the Planning Process, Hawaii's Aging Population, Hawaii's Aging Network, Strategies for Action, Expenditure Plan, and Assurances. The plan has set the direction using four purposes in order to:

- Secure and maintain maximum independence and dignity in a home environment for older individuals capable of self-care with appropriate supportive services.
- Remove individual and social barriers to economic and personal independence for older individuals.
- Provide a continuum of care for vulnerable older individuals.
- Secure the opportunity for older individuals to receive managed in home and community based long-term care services.

The plan focuses on the community from a social perspective. The plan outlines and describes five issue areas that all pertain to older adults, being: (1) information to make informed decisions, (2) programs and services to live at home, (3) services for caregivers to continue providing care, (4) information on elder rights and benefits, and (5) partnerships to address existing and emerging issues. The plan goes over these five issue areas in detail and reports on the current status of these issues by explaining how they are currently being addressed whether it be through programs or policies.

In this plan, the main avenue for change will be through a reconstructed Intrastate Funding Formula that will be developed by the Executive Office of Aging in Hawaii. The EOA will develop an IFF to distribute funds from the Older Americans Act Title III funds, as amended in 2000, to Hawaii's planning and service areas. This entire plan will use grants, totaling two hundred thousand dollars approximately, through federal programs mainly under the Older Americans Act to address their aging population. This best practice will cross city and county boundaries to reach the statewide level in order to have all Hawaii residents and officials help their older adults age in place with ease.

Related Resources:

“Hawaii State Plan on Aging.” Executive Office on Aging.
<http://www2.state.hi.us/eoa/programs/community/state_plan.html>.

“Hawai'i Summit: 2011 Project.” Executive Office on Aging.
<http://www2.state.hi.us/eoa/programs/community/hawaii_summit.html>.

“Project 2011: Briefing Book.” Hawai'i Summit: Project 2011.
<<http://www2.state.hi.us/eoa/pdf/briefingbook.pdf>>.

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