The Older Americans Act (OAA) was signed into law on July 14, 1965 and is reauthorized periodically. The Act established the Administration on Aging and created the Aging Services Network that includes 56 State Units on Aging, 629 Area Agencies on Aging, 246 Title VI Native American aging programs and over 20,000 service provider organizations. In September 2006, Congress reauthorized the OAA reinforcing its mission to enhance the ability of older Americans to live with maximum dignity and independence while adding several new initiatives to the existing responsibilities of the aging services network. In 2011, Congress will again consider reauthorization and amendments to the Act effective 2012.

For more information about the Older Americans Act and efforts in your community to improve programs and services, contact your State Agency on Aging; local Area Agency on Aging, Tribal/Native American organization, or senior center; or contact the Administration on Aging at www.aoa.gov.

Contact your Senators and Representative and ask them to invest in Older Americans Act programs! Increase OAA funding to keep pace with population growth and price increases.