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Alabama Department of Senior Services

The Alabama Department of Senior Services (ADSS) is a cabinet-level state agency with 45 employees and serves the 907,000+ Alabamians who are 60 and older. As a planning, development, and advocacy agency for the aging, the employees include program specialists, administrators, attorneys, information technology specialists, accountants, auditors, nurses, nutritionists, case managers, grant special project personnel, as well as clerical support personnel. The State Ombudsman who acts as an advocate for residents in nursing homes and assisted living facilities is also housed in this agency. ADSS is the state agency responsible for coordinating state and federal programs for senior citizens from the Administration on Aging and Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. We administer statewide aging programs through nine regional planning commissions, 13 Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs), and over 2,000 direct service providers and volunteers.