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The Arkansas Division of Aging and Adult Services (DAAS) is one of eleven divisions and four offices in the Department of Human Services (DHS). The Division of Aging and Adult Services is the agency of the state government designated by the governor and the state legislature as the focal point in all matters relating to the needs of older adults in Arkansas. The Division's mission is to promote the health, safety, and independence of the older Arkansas and adults with physical disabilities by working toward two primary goals: (1) to provide administrative support services for aging Arkansans and adults with physical disabilities; and (2) to enhance the quality of life for aging Arkansans and adults with physical disabilities that are authorized by both state and federal government. The Division also serves as an advocate for residents of nursing homes and provides protective services for individuals 18 years and older who are suffering from abuse, neglect, and/or exploitation.