The purpose of the NORTHERN ARIZONA SENIORS IN ACTION COALITION (NAZSAC) is to (i) provide leadership and advocacy to improve the quality of living for older persons (ii) provide advice and information to decision makers, elected officials, agencies, and organizations regarding public issues and proposals of interest to older persons (iii) develop communication, collaboration and coordination of services between agencies and care providers in Northern Arizona and (iv) develop training and educational programs for caregivers and older persons.

Since 2000, the Coalition has developed partnerships to assist in promoting service providers programs and created outreach networks to research and educate within the Northern Arizona communities regarding aging concerns. For example, one of the programs the Coalition encouraged was the development of a partnership with the regional Medical Center to encourage a collaboration between service providers to implement a Care Transitions program. Currently, we are the lead organization to adopt the Elder Economic Security Initiative and the Elder Index in the State of Arizona.

NAZSAC advocates on federal, state and regional level. This is achieved regionally through our Community Advocates attending municipal council and county supervisor meetings. We regularly attend the Governor’s Advisory Council on Aging at the State Capitol and visit with our state elected officials. Being associated with NCCO gives a deeper connection to learn and understand what other states have achieved in their advocacy efforts, and receive strategic, informative Federal advocacy updates from Howard Bedlin, NCOA, Vice President, Public Policy & Advocacy.