



National Council on Aging

NCOA OAA REAUTHORIZATION PRIORITIES

1. **Promote Economic Security:** Establish economic security as a primary goal of the Act, enhance measurement of economic need and interventions, and invest in testing and disseminating innovative strategies to enable older adults to attain economic security (including expanding access to coordinated benefits, debt management and credit counseling, and housing options).
2. **Support Modern Senior Centers:** Create new opportunities to modernize multipurpose senior centers to foster innovation, build leadership and capacity, and promote pathways for centers to shape and deliver aging services, including congregate and home-delivered meals.
3. **Advance Evidence-Based Healthy Aging Initiatives:** Imbed the key principles, standards and lessons learned from AoA's Evidence-Based Disease and Disability Prevention Program in the core services of the OAA under Title IIID.
4. **Restructure Aging Services Research and Development:** Create a robust aging services research and development authority in the Act to evaluate and improve measurement of current services and support development of evidence-based innovations.
5. **Empower and Protect Older Adults:** Improve education and training in best practices for advocacy and consumer empowerment, integrate various existing advocacy provisions, support independence to promote systems and policy change, and enhance accountability at all levels.
6. **Enhance the Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP):** Promote flexibility in eligibility requirements and service options and test innovations such as sector strategies for job creation for older adults to address employment and training needs in the current economy. SCSEP is the nation's only jobs program specifically designed for seniors and has a long, successful history of job training and placement for those in need.

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