



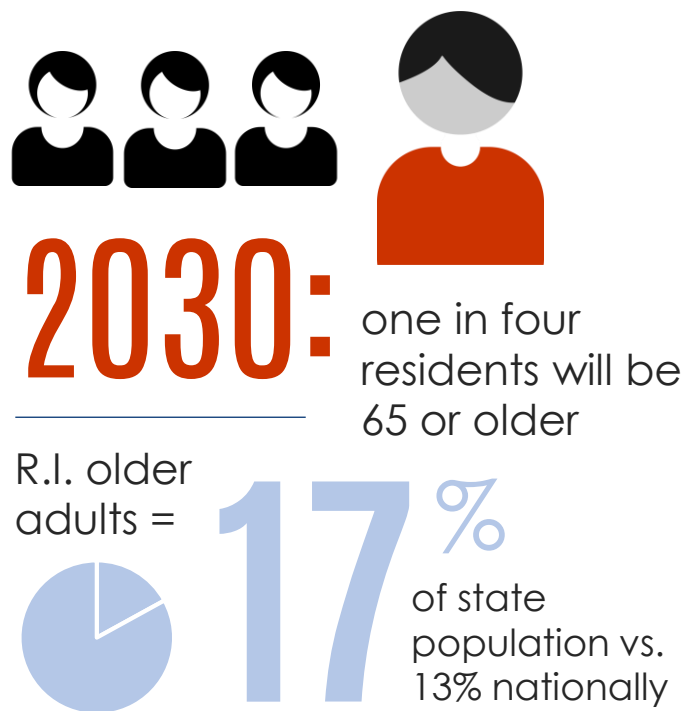
Inspired Living in Rhode Island

*Promoting choice, community,
and opportunity for older Rhode
Islanders and those with disabilities*



R.I. Division of Elderly Affairs
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Why Our Work Matters



Rhode Island's 85 + older population is largest in U.S.

- All Rhode Islanders should have an opportunity to live an inspired life, of their choosing, that allows them to age healthfully and happily.
- Research shows that most people desire to “age in place” whenever possible. Supporting this aim promotes better health outcomes + helps stall, if not avoid, more costly institutional care and full Medicaid eligibility for older Rhode Islanders.
- People’s needs + preferences are diverse and multi-dimensional as they age, requiring we take a thoughtful approach with our partners + provide an array of services + supports.

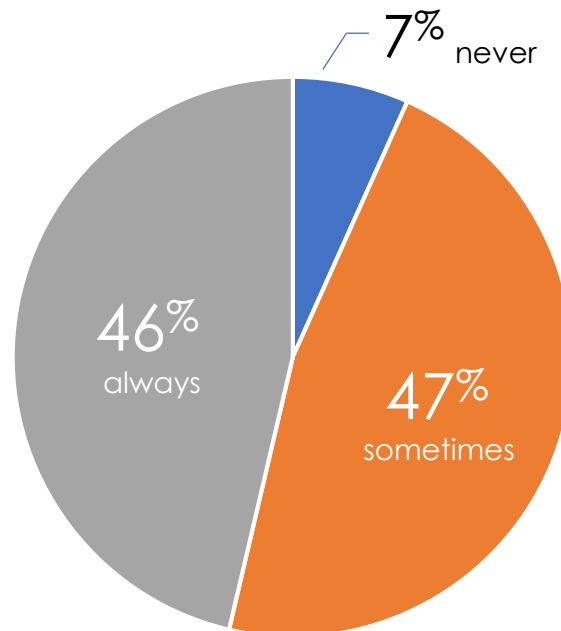
Taking Action

In 2018, Governor Raimondo directed DEA, partners to talk to older Rhode Islanders and those with disabilities about their experiences and to use these insights to advance policy + investment recommendations for SFY2020 – and beyond.

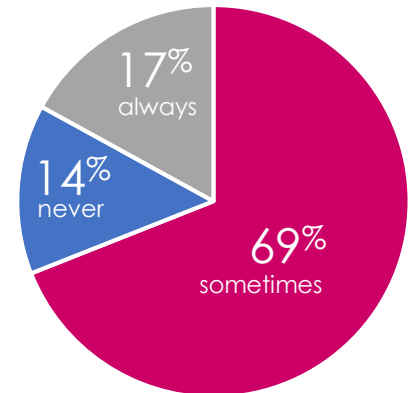
- Expand our Home & Community Care Co-Pay program
- Initiate an Independent Provider program
- Fund RIPTA's 'No-Fare' bus pass program
- Increase funding for the Elderly Transportation Program
- Increase wages for direct-support workers
- Begin planning for a '**no wrong door**' system

This builds on our work together to:

- Double funding to senior centers across the state
- Increase funding for home-delivered meals
- Raise wages for home-care and direct-support workers
- Close all sheltered workshops + invest in community-employment programs for people with disabilities



"I feel like I have all the help I need to live comfortably in my own home"



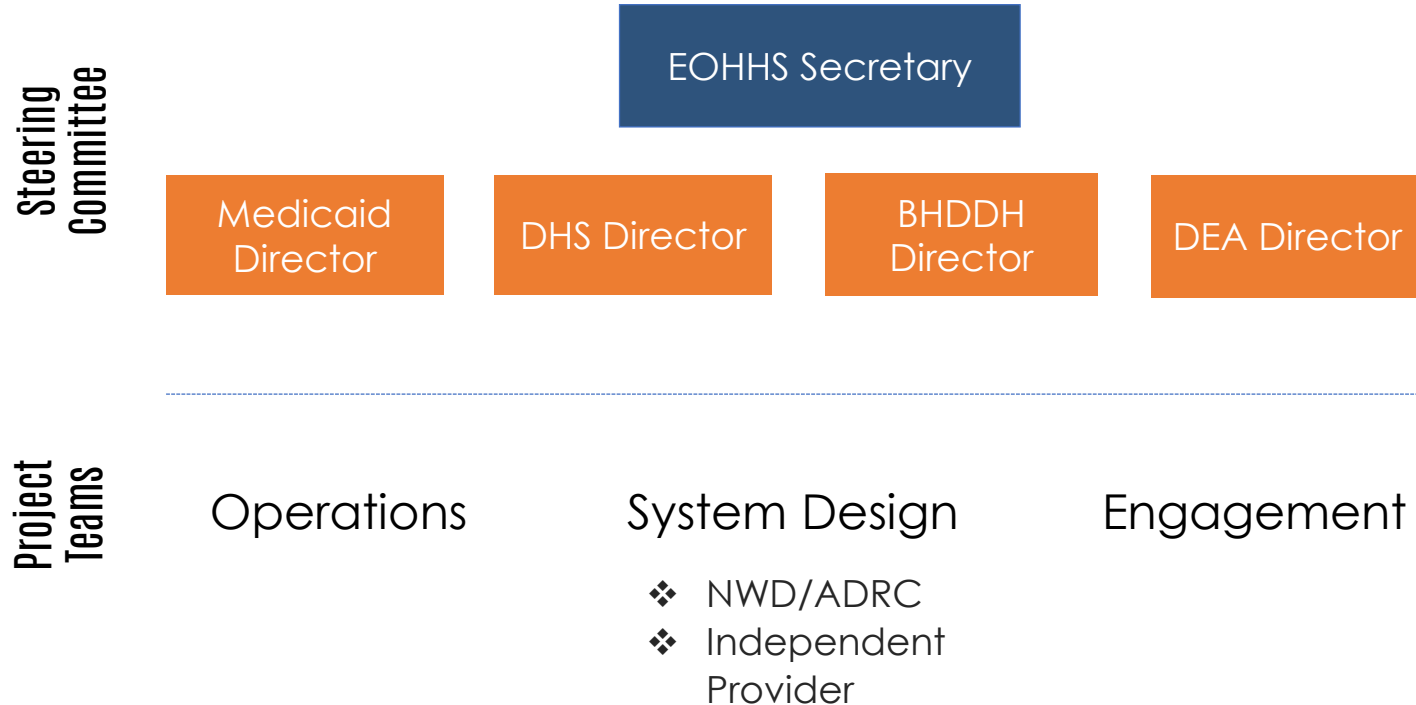
of those who do not have consistent help (54% from previous chart)

"I want or need a service but do not know how to access it"

Source: 2018 Meal On Wheels Survey

Cross-Agency Governance Model

We are working across health & human service agencies to improve our long-term care system.



Aging & Disability Resource Center:

(aka. 'No Wrong Door' by federal definition)

Provides information, counseling and assistance to help older adults and those with disabilities make informed decisions about long-term services and supports, as well as connect with public and private programs.

- Information, Referral + Awareness
- Options Counseling
- Streamlined Eligibility Determination for Public Programs
- Person-Centered Transition Support
- Stakeholder Engagement
- Quality Assurance + Continuous Improvement

Where Do I Go for Info?

Currently we coordinate information + referral through our 'Aging and Disability Resource Network,' which is comprised of 25 partners. Services include:

- Information assistance
- Screening
- Some options counseling
- Referral to relevant resources



Located at the United Way of RI, THE POINT connects seniors and those with disabilities to long-term care information and resources. Some 70,000 calls and walk-ins are received annually. To access The POINT 24/7, call

401.462.4444



Aging & Disability Resource Network

Statewide coverage:

- OSCIL
- The Point

Road ahead:

Strengthen the network by further enhancing and coordinating services; standardizing processes, such as data collection, screening, and training, across partners; and developing a robust online portal.

Region 1

Tri-County CAP
Johnston SC
Senior Services, Inc.

Region 4

Diocese of Providence
St. Martin de Porres SC
United Way 2-1-1

Region 5

East Bay CAP
Bristol SC
Leon Mathieu SC
Progreso Latino

Region Two

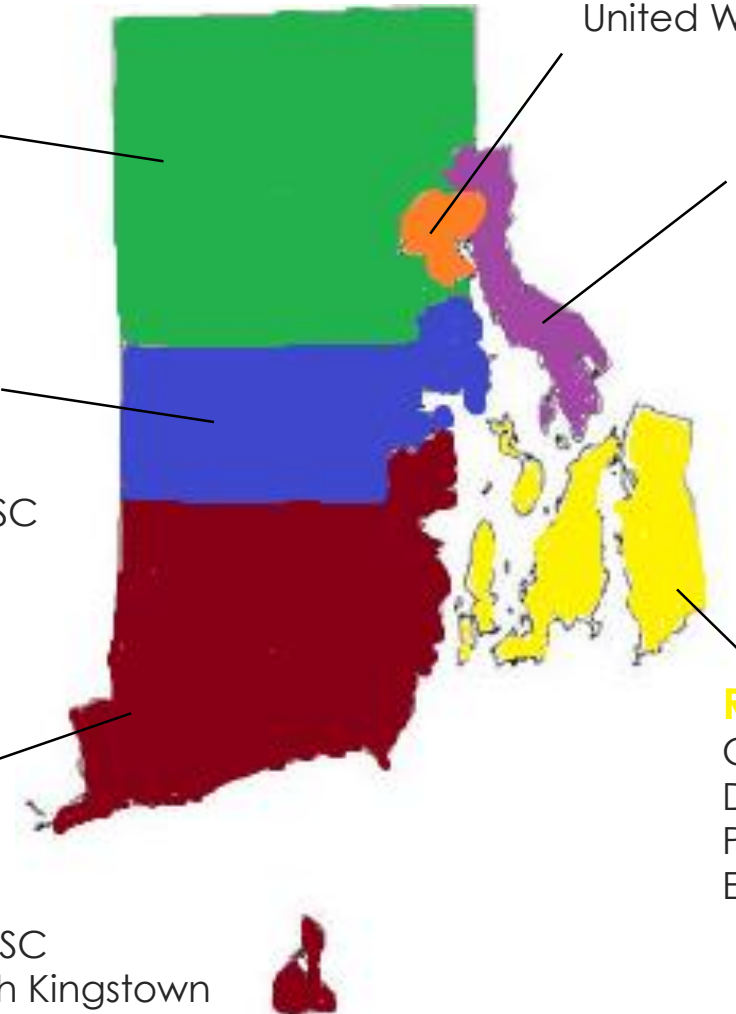
Westbay CAP
Pilgrim SC
West Warwick SC

Region 3

Tri-County CAP
Westerly SC
North Kingstown SC
The Center, South Kingstown

Region 6

Child & Family
Dr. MLK Center
Portsmouth SC
Edward King House





We strive to empower all older Rhode Islanders and adults with disabilities to age healthfully and happily.

As we move ahead, DEA will continue to focus on advancing meaningful programming, advocacy, and policy to benefit older Rhode Islanders and adults with disabilities. Our work is anchored in our values of choice, connection, equity, safety and performance – and made possible by many partners.

We look forward to continuing to work with our partners to bring quality services and supports to older Rhode Islanders and those with disabilities. We invite you to keep in touch and share your thoughts as we move ahead in this work.



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