

## INTRODUCTION

Snohomish County Long Term Care & Aging (LTCA) is the designated Area Agency on Aging for Snohomish County. Under the auspices of the County's Department of Human Services, LTCA is responsible for developing a comprehensive and coordinated system of services for persons age 60 and over. LTCA also works to meet the needs of adults with disabilities through home and community-based services.

Area Agencies on Aging were created under the 1965 federal Older Americans Act to provide services and represent the interests of older persons. There are 629 Area Agencies on Aging across the country, and 13 Area Agencies on Aging in Washington State.

As the local Area Agency on Aging, LTCA conducts planning efforts and advocates with and on behalf of older adults in the county. LTCA also administers federal, state and county funds to provide in-home and community-based services. These services are provided by contracting with local organizations and directly providing some of the services.

The Snohomish County Council on Aging (COA) is a thirty member advisory board that helps guide the work of LTCA. The County Executive appoints members for three-year terms and the Snohomish County Council confirms these appointments. COA members advise LTCA and elected officials on concerns of the county's older population. The COA also participates in educational and advocacy efforts on behalf of older persons and adults with disabilities.

Comments or questions about the Plan, or the work of LTCA, should be directed to:

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