

CHAPTER 05 – AGING: GENERAL PROVISIONS

SUBCHAPTER 05A - INTRODUCTION

SECTION .0100 – GENERAL PROVISIONS

10A NCAC 05A .0101 DEFINITIONS

In addition to the definitions found in 45 C.F.R. 1321 (Grants for State and Community Programs on Aging), the following terms shall have the meanings specified, unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

- (1) "Area Agency on Aging (AAA)" means the agency designated by the Division of Aging to be responsible for the aging program described in the division "Manual of Policies and Procedures" within a planning and service area.
- (2) "Area Agency Advisory Council" is the council organized to advise the area agency on development and administration of its area plan, conduct of its public hearings and to otherwise represent the interests of older persons.
- (3) "Area Plan" is the official area planning document supported by Title III resources which is submitted every three years by a designated area agency on aging to the Division of Aging for approval. The area plan may be updated annually, or as is required by the Division of Aging. The area plan sets forth measurable objectives, identifies the planning, coordination, administration, social services, evaluation and other related activities to be undertaken for the project year.
- (4) "Coordination" is the formal or informal process through which the Division of Aging and Area Agencies on Aging bring together the planning and services resources (public and private) of a given geographic area for the purpose of initiating, expanding or strengthening services for older persons. This purpose is accomplished through cooperative efforts in support of common objectives, and may utilize funds, manpower, services and other elements of existing programs and organizations related to aging operations.
- (5) "Donated Foods or Cash" is food or cash made available by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) through the Food Distribution Program for use by nutrition services.
- (6) "Eligible Individuals" are persons who are 60 years of age or older and their spouses. Preference must be given to older persons with the greatest economic or social need in the delivery of services under the State and area plans.
- (7) "Minority Individuals" are persons who identify themselves as American Indian, Negro, Oriental, Spanish language speaking, and members of any additional limited-English-speaking groups designated as minority within the State by the Division of Aging.
- (8) "Nutrition Services" are those services, whether provided by a public or private non-profit agency or organization, which provide meals and other nutrition services, including nutrition education and outreach to older persons. Such services may be provided in;
 - (a) a congregate setting in which a range of social and supporting services are available; or
 - (b) in the home of an eligible older person if that individual is homebound by reason of illness, incapacitating disability or is otherwise isolated.
- (9) "Resource Development" means the development of new and existing resources for the purpose of creating new or expanding existing programs and services for older persons. This process includes those activities which result in the utilization of previously untapped resources of public, private and other agencies for older persons.
- (10) "Single Organizational Unit" is the division, within the Department of Human Resources, which carries out the functions and responsibilities of the State agency.
- (11) "State Agency" is the Department of Human Resources, which has legal responsibility for conduct of the Older Americans Act Program in North Carolina.
- (12) "Target Groups" are eligible individuals identified by the Division of Aging or the Administration on Aging to be in greatest economic or social need of services.
- (13) "Community Focal Point" is a facility which is so designated by an area agency for the purpose of facilitating ready access to services provided under an area plan and to encourage the maximum co-location and coordination of services for older persons.
- (14) "Program Development" is a social service that includes those activities directly related to either the establishment of a new service(s); or the improvement in expansion or integration of an existing service.

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