

Older Americans Act Services in Vermont 2018 Snapshot

The **Older Americans Act** creates the foundation for a system of services and supports that enables millions of older Americans to continue to live independently as we age. In Vermont, these services are overseen by the **Department of Disabilities, Aging and Independent Living** and provided across the state by Vermont's five **Area Agencies on Aging** (see map on back) and a network of community-based organizations. **Together, we served 1 in 3 older Vermonters (57,000) in 2018.**

- **26,000 calls were made to the statewide Helpline**, where older Vermonters and their family near and far received information, assistance and referrals on a range of questions related to aging, available benefits and local resources.
- **18,000 older Vermonters ate nutritious meals**, delivered to their home or shared in community. Over 1 million meals were served in partnership with community and senior centers, businesses, towns, volunteers and donors.
- **7,000 older Vermonters received options counseling, case management, and care coordination** to access supports in their community, such as healthcare, public benefits, nutrition, wellness activities and more in order to remain independent and living at home.
- **100,000 rides were coordinated for older Vermonters** through partnerships between the Agencies on Aging and local transit providers, bolstered by the contributions of neighbors driving neighbors.
- **1,500 older Vermonters participated in evidence-based health promotion activities**, including Tai Chi to prevent falls, HomeMeds to improve medication safety and Powerful Tools for Caregivers to reduce the stress and burden of caring for family.
- **3,600 hours of legal representation and assistance** were provided to older Vermonters on a range of complex issues including housing, public benefits, financial exploitation, guardianship and more.
- **300 family caregivers**, those caring for older adults and older adults caring for children, were able to access information, resources, education, training and much needed respite to strengthen their ability to care for their loved ones.
- **5,000 older Vermonters volunteered** to help their neighbors by providing rides, delivering meals, teaching classes, offering companionship and more.

Learn more about services for older Vermonters at: <https://asd.vermont.gov/services/>.
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