

# Florida's Frail Seniors Need Help!

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Dear Governor Scott and the Honorable Florida Legislature,

Florida's seniors need your help, including myself. Many of us retired to Florida in our 50s. Today, we're in our 80's, 90's, and some of us have reached the century mark! We thought we planned well for retirement but didn't plan to live to be so old with physical impairments and chronic health conditions. And most certainly we did not plan to outlive our retirement savings!

Some of our seniors need help to remain at home safely and with dignity. Help such as home-delivered meals, transportation, and personal care, help doing things most people take for granted.

Today, there are over 57,000 frail seniors on waiting lists for these services offered by the Community Care & Home Care for the Elderly Programs, the Alzheimer's Disease Initiative, and Local Service Programs serving congregate meals at senior centers. Many of those waiting for help are deeply worried. Please make 2016 the year that funding is provided to help the most frail seniors on the waiting list.

A senior Floridian

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# Over 57,600 Frail, Lower-Income Seniors are Waiting for Essential Services. Support Florida's General Revenue Funded Home and Community Based Programs.

- Community Care for the Elderly (CCE)
- Alzheimer's Disease Initiative & Respite (ADI)
- Home Care for the Elderly (HCE)
- Local Services Programs (LSP)

## Services for Frail Seniors Paid by State General Revenue

Home Delivered and Congregate Meals

Homemaker and Personal Care Services

Caregiver Respite and Family Training/Support

Incontinence Products

Medical Transportation

Adult Day Care

Home Health

Care Management

**The average monthly cost to care for a senior in the CCE Program is \$605 compared to \$2,277 per month (State share of cost) for a senior to receive care in a nursing home.**

**500,000**



**Probable  
Alzheimer's  
Cases in FL**

**4 million**

Floridians provide care  
for family members or  
friends.

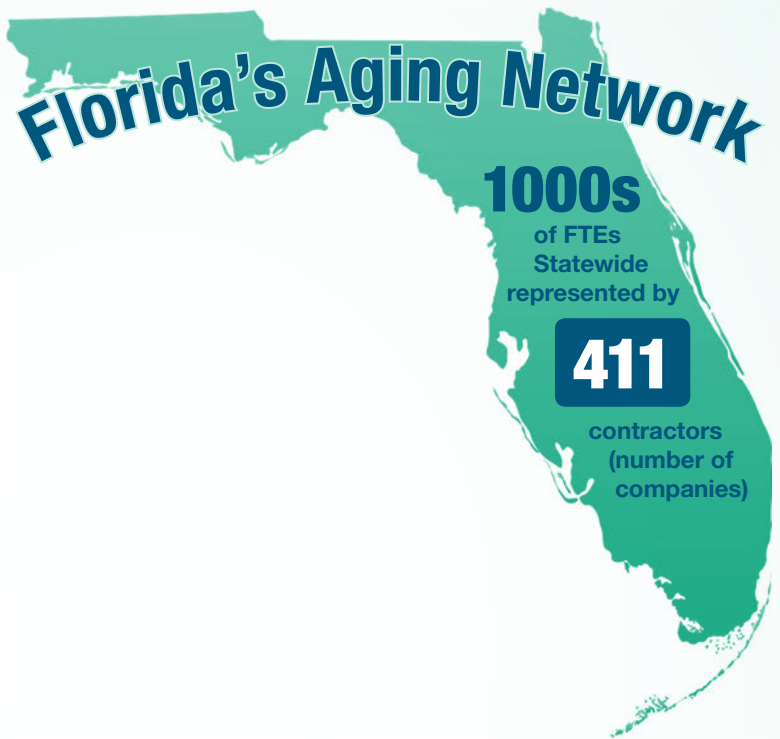


1 in 10 caregivers are  
75 years old or older.

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**One in 4 Floridians is 60+  
(4.9 million people)**

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**SOCIAL SECURITY**

**1 in 3 Florida Retirees  
rely primarily on Social  
Security for their income.**

**Average monthly check = \$1,335**

# The following organizations support these priorities:



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