

**Community Care for the Elderly (CCE)**

is a statewide General Revenue funded program that provides supportive services to non-Medicaid frail seniors. This community-based program is part of a continuum of care to help functionally impaired elders live in the least restrictive, yet most cost effective, environment suitable to their needs.

**Support Programs That Keep Seniors Safe**

**Home Care for the Elderly (HCE)**

is the statewide program that supports caregivers of adults 60 years old and older in family type living arrangements within private homes, as an alternative to institutional or nursing home care. A basic subsidy of \$160/month is provided for support of the elder and special subsidy may also be provided for services and/or supplies.

**Alzheimer's Disease Initiative (ADI)**

is a statewide program providing a continuum of services to meet the changing needs of non-Medicaid individuals with, and families affected by Alzheimer's disease and related disorders. This program includes: medical supplies and respite for caregiver relief, Memory Disorder Clinics, model day care programs and the brain bank to support research.

**Local Service Programs (LSP)**

provide additional funding to expand long-term care alternatives that support non-Medicaid elders to maintain a favorable quality of life in their own homes. LSP also targets unmet, specific community service needs, such as congregate or home delivered meals in regions with high numbers of at-risk seniors.



## WHO ARE PROGRAM RECIPIENTS?

- Average age is 82 years old
- About 42% live alone
- Have 3-5 serious health conditions
- Adult Protective Services (abuse and/or neglect) client referrals are served using Community Care for the Elderly Program, bypassing the wait list
- Average monthly income is \$1,516 and 79% have <\$2,000 in assets
- **Over 112,000 Floridians have been assessed as needing support and are on the wait list**

## WHAT ARE THE CRITICAL SERVICES THAT HELP SENIORS REMAIN AT HOME?

- Home-delivered meals
- Home health aide
- Personal Care
- Adult day care
- Transportation
- Case Management
- Chore/Homemaker
- Some medical supplies
- Caregiver support
- Respite
- Home accessibility modifications

## 2023 Budget Conference Request:

We applaud the House and Senate for each recommending increased funding for Community Care for the Elderly, Home Care for the Elderly, Alzheimer's Respite Care, and continued funding for Local Service Programs serving seniors, in their respective budgets – HB 5001 and SB 2500.

Florida Council on Aging respectfully requests the following of the Budget Conference Committee:

- Increase funding to the greatest extent possible to serve the maximum number of frail seniors at risk for nursing home care who are on the prioritized, Department of Elder Affairs Waiting List.
- Adopt the Carry Forward Provision in section 6. of Senate Bill 2510 that allow Area Agencies on Aging to carry forward up to 10% of unexpended funds under the Community Care for the Elderly Program each fiscal year. SB 2510 will allow Area Agencies on Aging and Service Providers to serve the greatest number of seniors each fiscal year.

## THE FOLLOWING ORGANIZATIONS SUPPORT FCOA PRIORITIES



**SeniorsFirst**  
Meals on Wheels, in-home care and more.



Senior Friendship Centers



WELLMED



Senior Resource Association



sunshine health



United HOME CARE

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