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WELCOME
2026 Florida Council on Aging Annual Membership Meeting



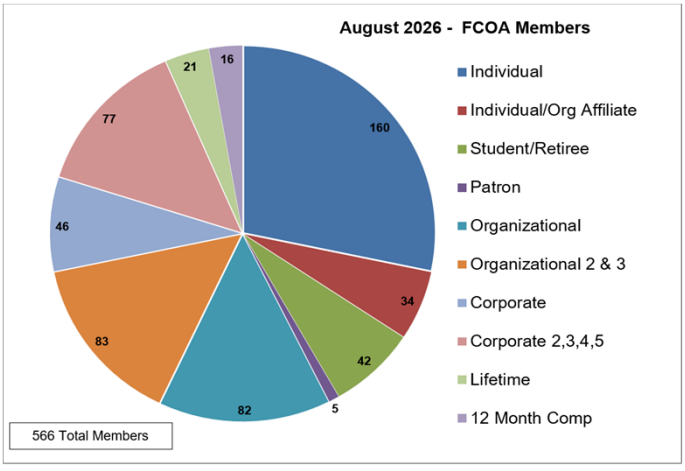
Erin McLeod, President
Florida Council on Aging

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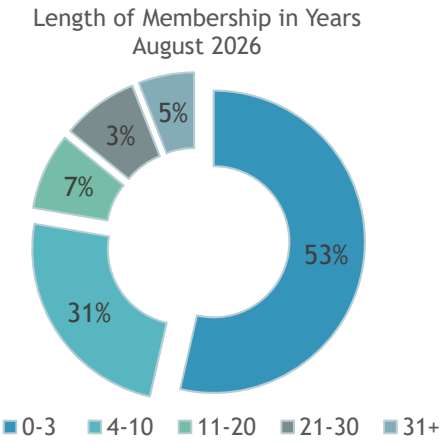
FCOA Annual Report 2026

Membership

As of August 31, 2026, FCOA has 566 members

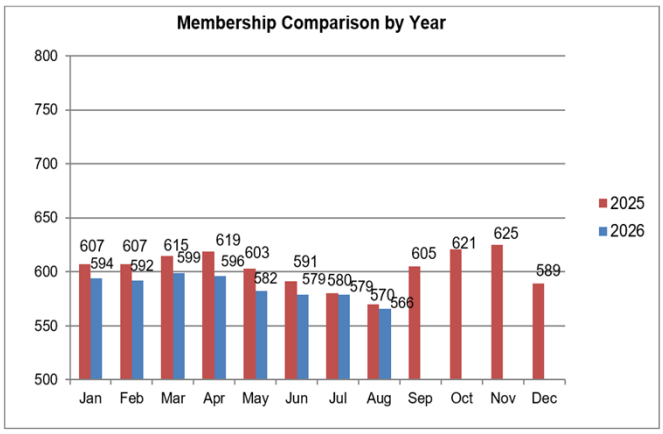


Length of FCOA Membership

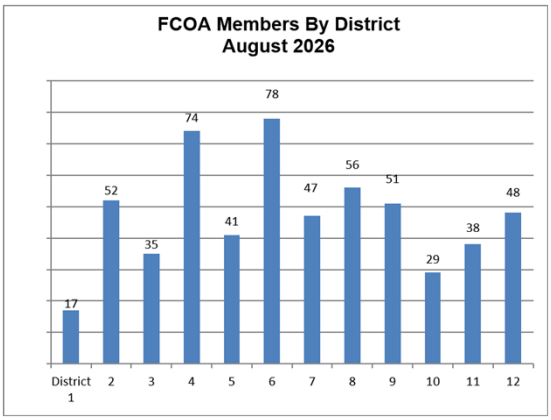


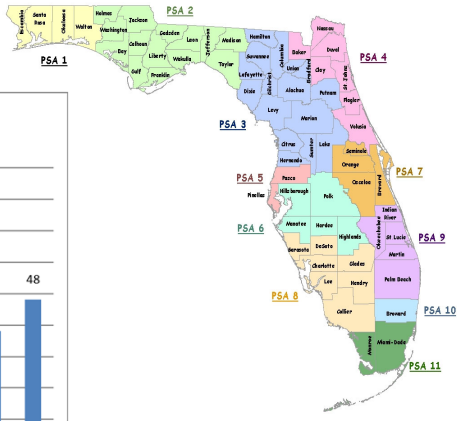
*Once a membership is lapsed/unpaid for 3 or more months, the join date is changed to the date of the most recent membership request is made. This, in part, accounts for the large percentage of memberships that are 0-3 years. FCOA is working to find a way to update this in our membership database and have consulted with the host CRM.

FCOA Membership Comparison 2025 and 2026

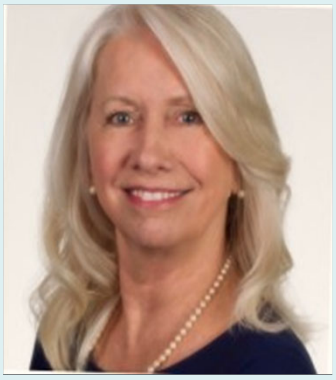


FCOA Membership by PSA/District



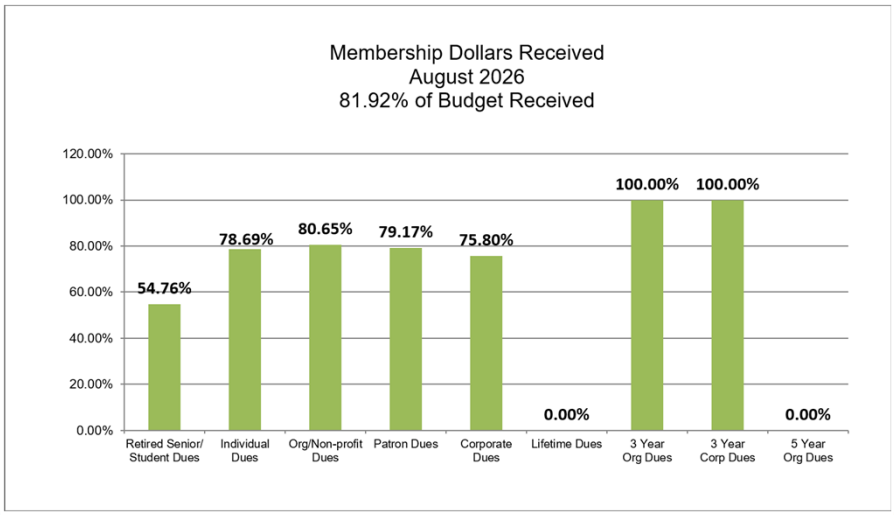


PSA/District 12 – Out of State Members



Donna Melogy, Treasurer
Florida Council on Aging

FCOA Membership Dues Received



Financial Summary

- As of 8/31/2026, the balance in the operating account was $281,153.57 and the balance in the savings account was $125,313.72 and $54,268.28 on a 5-month CD, or total cash on hand of $460,735.57.
- A full audit review of fiscal year 2025 was conducted by James Moore & Company, independent certified public accountants. The independent auditors' report indicated that the financial reports presented fairly, in all material aspects, the financial position of FCOA as of December 31, 2025. A copy of the audit is available for review by FCOA members upon request. (FCOA Office 850-222-8877 or email moreinfo@fcoa.org)
- A financial report detailing every expenditure and receipt is provided monthly to the Treasurer and the Board of Trustees. All reports and minutes of the Board of Trustees and Executive Committee are filed for audit.

FCOA Welcomes New Trustees



District III Representative
Katina Mustipher, CEO
Elder Options



District VIII Representative
Susan Berger
Aging System Coordinator
Sarasota County



Trustee At Large
Ronnie Lovler
Senior Correspondent
Mainstreet Daily News

FCOA Board of Trustees

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Nicholas Joseph, Empath Health
Marc Lei, Brooks Rehabilitation
Ronnie Lovler, Mainstreet Daily News
Brad Shapiro, Sunshine Health
Miles Taylor, PhD, Pepper Institute on Aging and Public Policy
Nicole Weaver, Florida Blue Medicare

Advocacy Work

- Since 2009, FCOA has been working with partners and members to advocate for increased funding for General Revenue funded home and community based programs: Home Care for the Elderly (HCE), Community Care for the Elderly (CCE), Alzheimer's Disease Initiative and Projects (ADI) and Local Service Programs (LSP)
- **FCOA's Advocacy Initiative has helped increase funding to home & community based programs by over $160 million in Florida.** With over 90,000 seniors still on the wait list, there is still a lot of work to do.
- FCOA is actively seeking financial support to continue our work! If you or your agency can help, email us at moreinfo@fcoa.org.
- Make the commitment ***TODAY*** to support the Advocacy Initiative with your donations, calls/emails to decision-makers, sharing of advocacy materials and success stories.

What Legislative Turnover Means for the Aging Network

The November Election is filling Governor, Cabinet, all 120 House seats, 20 even-numbered Senate seats

Relationship-building starts now

New committee chairs, a new Senate President and House Speaker, and a new Governor all mean the network needs to (re)introduce its mission and priorities to people who may have no history with aging services.

Show up at delegation meetings

Attending and speaking at local legislative delegation meetings is one of the most effective ways to put aging-services priorities in front of members, and members-elect, on their home turf. Delegation season arrives fast after the November election; get on those agendas early.

A natural window before 2027

This is the moment to raise aging-services priorities directly with candidates, both incumbents and open-seat contenders, while positions are still forming.

New Legislative Leadership for 2026-2028

Senate President-Designate

Jim Boyd (R-Bradenton)



- Current Senate Majority Leader; SD 20 (Bradenton, Parrish, N. Longboat Key, parts of E. Hillsborough). House 2010-18, Senate since 2020.
- CEO of Boyd Insurance & Investments; signature issue is property-insurance reform (2021 litigation-reform law).
- Says he doesn't support Medicaid expansion, but Florida should help "those that need the help the most," and has flagged the shortfall forecast, saying the state needs to "right-size" spending.

House Speaker-Designate

Sam Garrison (R-Fleming Island)



- HD 11, Clay County (Orange Park, Fleming Island, Middleburg); elected 2020. Chairs House Rules & Ethics. First Clay County Speaker since 1999-2000.
- Attorney; spent a decade as an assistant state attorney and helped establish Clay County's first rape crisis center.
- Says the House will focus on reining in government spending, while embracing a "messy by design" process of House-Senate debate.

Both incoming leaders are fiscal hawks facing the same budget shortfall projections, but by their own account, they work well together. For providers, that means making the case for CCE, HCE, and ADI in their language: cost-effectiveness and nursing-home diversion, not just need.

If you have relationships in the office of Senator Boyd or Representative Garrison, please take every opportunity to engage them with senior programs and share messaging on the importance of home and community based funding to reduce the growth of Medicaid spending.

Top Advocacy Priorities for 2027 Florida Legislative Session

Protect & grow CCE, HCE & ADI funding

More than 90,000 people are on a combined waitlist for these programs, with roughly 40,000 more waiting to be assessed. Make the case early, before projected shortfalls harden into cuts; the Outlook already names these among the key programs to fund

Build relationships with new leadership

Senate President-designate Boyd, Speaker-designate Garrison, a new Governor, and many new members all need early outreach, framed in cost-effectiveness terms

Speak at fall delegation meetings

Get aging-services priorities on local delegation agendas quickly after the November election. That's where members hear the home-district story



REGISTER TO VOTE!

https://registertovoteflorida.gov/

Key Dates for 2026 General Election

October 5 – Voter Registration Deadline

September 19 – Vote-by-Mail Ballot Send Deadline – for UOCAVA Voters

September 24 – October 1 – Vote-by-Mail Ballot Send Deadline – Domestic

October 22 – Deadline to Request to be Mailed a Ballot

October 19 – November 1 – Early Voting

November 3 – Election Day

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The State of Florida has Amendment 3 on the 2026 ballot. This amendment needs a 60% majority vote to be in the constitution. The passage of this amendment may impact the budgets of community-based senior service programs.

FCOA has not taken an official position on candidates or amendments.

Please register to vote and educate yourself on the options on your ballot and how they may impact the people and programs you support.

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Jeff Rubin, Wisdom of Age





Great things are happening at FCOA!

FCOA Upcoming Webinars

November 10, 2026 at 10:00 AM ET
Grief, Ritual and Remembrance
Presented by Chapters Health System

December 8, 2026 at 10:00 AM ET
Advancing Pressure Injury Prevention Through Repositioning
Presented by Side Lyer. This session will explore practical, evidence-based approaches to improving repositioning practices and reducing the risk of pressure injuries for individuals with limited mobility. Attendees will learn how consistent repositioning strategies can support better outcomes while addressing some of the challenges caregivers and organizations face in maintaining effective repositioning programs.

Emergency Meals Project 2026

- $300,000 grant;
- Nearly 10,000 people served;
- Over 80,000 meals delivered;
- 31 counties impacted; and
- 41 agency partners!

Thank you FPL













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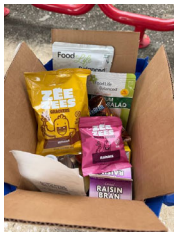
Duke Energy worked with FCOA in 2026 to provide hurricane preparedness meal boxes in 6 counties and served nearly 2,000 older adults!

ADDITIONALLY, FCOA is working with Duke Energy to support seniors in Franklin, Gulf and Wakulla Counties who have been impacted by hurricane Isaias.

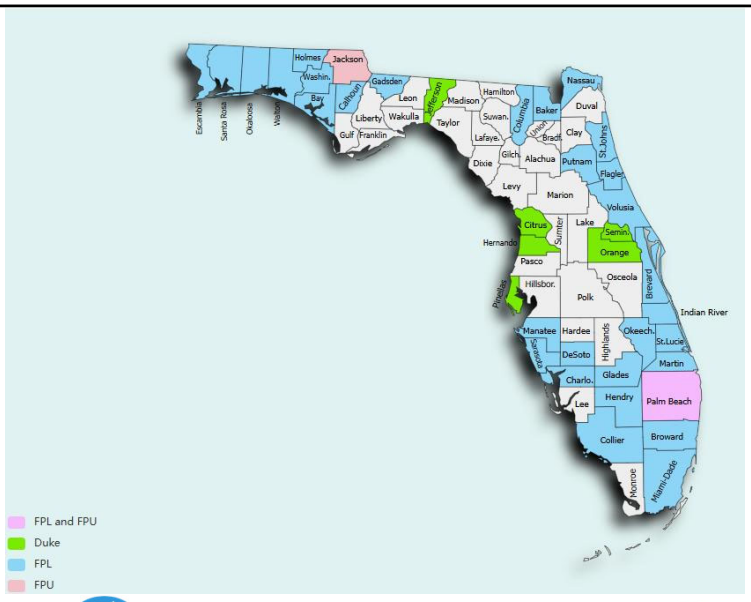
Thank you to all of our 'boots on the ground' members and partners who get meals and supplies to seniors in the community.











FCOA administered grants from 3 utility partners in 2026 to provide shelf stable hurricane meals to cover 38 counties!!!

We look forward to GROWING this project in 2027 with statewide coverage as our ultimate goal.

Thank you to our meal vendor ReBuilt Meals for your support and service to this project.

BREAKING NEWS!

FEATURED 2027 CONFERENCE SPEAKER



Carl Hiaasen will be a featured speaker at the 2027 Florida Conference on Aging!

Hiaasen spent decades as a *Miami Herald* columnist and investigative reporter tracking bizarre political corruption, real estate greed, and bizarre local crime.

Carl Hiaasen is famous for the phrase "*you can't make this stuff up*" because real-life events in Florida often sound weirder and more absurd than any satirical crime novel.



2027 FLORIDA CONFERENCE ON AGING

GLOWING Older

August 16-18, 2027 | Hyatt Regency | Orlando, FL

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Thank you for your membership!

Contact us if you would like more information about today's presentation, to renew your membership and/or to make a contribution to the Advocacy Initiative.

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