

Dear Advocates/Consumers/Providers:

Every three years, as mandated under the Older Americans Act of 1965 and its subsequent amendments, the State Office on Aging, the Department of Aging and Disability Services, as well as Area Agencies on Aging are required to prepare state/area plans. These plans serve as planning documents for the assessment of need, demographic profile of 60+ and caregivers, service delivery strengths and challenges and most importantly, identifies service priorities for future funding which impacts the lives of older adults and their caregivers.

Your input and feedback, as network participants is extremely valuable and therefore we hope that you will take the opportunity to review and complete the brief Area Plan Needs Assessment Form. As you provide input, please keep in mind the following goals as established by the Administration on Aging at the federal level. Administration on Aging Goals:

- Increase the number of older people who have access to an integrated array of health and social supports
- Increase the number of older people who stay active and healthy
- Increase the number of families who are supported in their efforts to care for their loved ones at home and in the community
- Increase the number of older individuals who benefit from programs that protect their rights and prevent elder abuse, neglect and exploitation.

Thank you in advance for your important input in the development of 2011-2013 plans and funding priorities for Harris County's sixty plus (60+) population.

## ACCESS AND ASSISTANCE SERVICES

Access and Assistance Services include those direct services provided by Harris County Area Agency on Aging staff persons.

Please rate the direct services listed below.

\*I identifies partly subcontracted services

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Important	Of Little Importance	Not Important
CARE COORDINATION	jñ	jñ	jñ	jñ	jñ
CAREGIVER SUPPORT COORDINATION	jñ	jñ	jñ	jñ	jñ
INFORMATION REFERRAL AND ASSISTANCE	jñ	jñ	jñ	jñ	jñ
LEGAL ASSISTANCE - 60 YEARS AND OLDER*	jñ	jñ	jñ	jñ	jñ
LEGAL ASSISTANCE - LESS THAN 60 YEARS OF AGE	jñ	jñ	jñ	jñ	jñ
LEGAL AWARENESS*	jñ	jñ	jñ	jñ	jñ

### NUTRITION SERVICES

Nutrition Services provide meals to seniors who participate in congregate meal sites or are delivered a nutritious meal to their place of residence. Each meal is required to meet nutritional guidelines. As a part of Nutrition Services, participants are also counseled and educated on the importance of nutrition.

Please rate the nutrition services listed below.

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Important	Of Little Importance	Not Important
CONGREGATE MEALS	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn
HOME DELIVERED MEALS	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn
NUTRITION EDUCATION	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn
DEMAND RESPONSE HOME MEALS - As an alternative to placing senior on a waiting list for home delivered meals. A tow week supply of frozen vacuum pack meals shipped bimonthly.	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn

Please rate the supportive services listed below. \*I identifies services currently provided by the Harris County Area Agency on Aging.

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Important	Of Little Importance	Not Important
ADULT DAY SERVICES*	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn
ASSISTED TRANSPORTATION	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn
CAREGIVER EDUCATION AND TRAINING*	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn
CAREGIVER INFORMATION SERVICES*	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn
CAREGIVER RESPITE CARE	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn
CHORE MAINTENANCE* - Perfoming household chores, such as heavy cleaning, moving heavy furniture and yard/sidewalk maintenance.	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn
EMERGENCY RESPONSE*	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn

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Please rate the supportive services listed below.

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	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Important	Of Little Importance	Not Important
EMPLOYMENT PLACEMENT	jñ	jñ	jñ	jñ	jñ
CHRONIC DISEASE SELF MANAGMENT	jñ	jñ	jñ	jñ	jñ
HEALTH EDUCATION, PREVENTION AND PROMOTION	jñ	jñ	jñ	jñ	jñ
ESCORT	jñ	jñ	jñ	jñ	jñ
HEALTH MAINTENANCE* (Assistive devices for Hearing, Dental, Vision Services and Prescription Assistance)	jñ	jñ	jñ	jñ	jñ
HEALTH SCREENING/MONITORING* (Screening for Hearing, Dental and Vision Services, and Medication Management)	jñ	jñ	jñ	jñ	jñ
HOMEMAKER*	jñ	jñ	jñ	jñ	jñ
HOSPICE	jñ	jñ	jñ	jñ	jñ
HOUSING PLACEMENT	jñ	jñ	jñ	jñ	jñ
INCOME SUPPORT - Assistance in the form of a payment to a third party provider for services or goods that support the basic needs of the individual, on behalf of an older individual or their caregiver.	jñ	jñ	jñ	jñ	jñ
INSTRUCTION AND TRAINING	jñ	jñ	jñ	jñ	jñ
MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES*	jñ	jñ	jñ	jñ	jñ
OMBUDSMAN* (Long-Term Care Facilities and Assisted Living Facilities)	jñ	jñ	jñ	jñ	jñ
PERSONAL ASSISTANCE*	jñ	jñ	jñ	jñ	jñ
PHYSICAL FITNESS	jñ	jñ	jñ	jñ	jñ

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	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Important	Of Little Importance	Not Important
RECREATION	jñ	jñ	jñ	jñ	jñ
RESIDENTIAL REPAIR*	jñ	jñ	jñ	jñ	jñ
SENIOR CENTER OPERATIONS	jñ	jñ	jñ	jñ	jñ
SHOPPING	jñ	jñ	jñ	jñ	jñ
TELEPHONE REASSURANCE	jñ	jñ	jñ	jñ	jñ
TRANSPORTATION	jñ	jñ	jñ	jñ	jñ
VISITING	jñ	jñ	jñ	jñ	jñ
VOLUNTEER PLACEMENT	jñ	jñ	jñ	jñ	jñ

**PRIORITY SERVICES IN YOUR COMMUNITY:**

Of the services listed in question number three, please list services in order of priority, #1 being the highest.

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**\* GENERAL QUESTIONS:**

Are you a/an:

- Elected Official
- Agency/Service Provider
- Senior (60+)
- Caregiver
- Other:

Other (please specify)

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\* What is your zip code?

\* I live in Houston and my Council Member's name is:

District A - Brenda Stardig

District B - Jarvis Johnson

District C - Anne Clutterbuck

District D - Wanda Adams

District E - Mike Sullivan

District F - Al Hoang

District G - Oliver Pennington

District H - Ed Gonzalez

District I - James Rodriguez

\* I live in Harris County and my County Commissioner's name is:

Precint 1 - El Franco Lee

Precint 2 - Sylvia Garcia

Precint 3 - Steve Radack

Precint 4 - Jerry Eversole

\* How did you hear about the Harris County Area Agency on Aging Needs Assessment?

\* Do you currently or have you ever received services from the Harris County Area Agency on Aging?

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION IN COMPLETING THE AREA PLAN NEEDS ASSESSMENT. YOUR INPUT IS VALUABLE.