



AREA AGENCY PLANNING AND PRIORITIES

A-1 INTRODUCTION:

Southeast Washington Aging and Long Term Care (SE/ALTC) is a designated Area Agency on Aging. SE/ALTC is one of thirteen such agencies throughout the state of Washington.

ALTC is responsible for administration of the Area Plan in accordance with all requirements of the Older Americans Act (OAA) and related state policy. SE/ALTC promotes the development of a comprehensive and coordinated system of services to help meet the needs of older and disabled individuals and serve as the advocacy and local focal point for older people in the Planning and Service Area.

Policy requires that AAAs provide a two-year interim update to the narrative sections of their area plan as well as submit their annual area plan budget. This provides an opportunity for ALTC to make necessary revisions and to provide to the public and ADSA an update regarding goals and objectives. The area plan update narrative covers the period from January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2011. The budget and written cost allocation plan is for calendar year 2010.

The primary function of SE/ALTC is to:

- **Advocate** for older Americans within Southeast Washington
- **Identify needs** of elders at the local level and **create** multi-year plans for the development of **comprehensive community-based services** to meet those needs

- **Administer** Older American's Act, state, and private funds
- **Contract** with community service providers, **provide technical assistance**, and **monitor** for quality within these services
- Provide directly **Senior Information, Assistance, Case Management, and Nurse Services**
- **Serve as a resource** for Long Term Care (LTC) information and create awareness of LTC trends and needs.

SE/ALTC covers a large geographic area (13,024 square miles), encompassing eight counties: Kittitas, Yakima, Benton, Franklin, Walla Walla, Columbia, Garfield, and Asotin counties. SE/ALTC serves thirty-seven towns/cities and all the rural areas throughout southeast Washington. SE/ALTC has a satellite office in each county in order to ensure that the intent of the OAA is met. Local continuum of service is available to help meet the needs of older citizens located in all areas.

We provide all counties with Senior Information and Assistance (I&A), Case Management, Nursing Services, Nutrition, Respite, Family Caregiver Support, Legal Services, Senior Employment, Medicaid Personal Care (MPC), and Community Options Program Entry System (COPEs) services. SE/ALTC provides transportation services in six of eight counties, Adult Day Care in four of the counties, foot care in six counties, and health screening in one county.