

## Impact of Funding Stagnation

- ✓ Number of senior centers has declined from 246 in 2012 to 225 currently
- ✓ Waiting lists for services such as home-delivered meals, homemaker chores, personal care, home repairs, wellness programs, in-home services
- ✓ Need for support services by region:

Aging Matters– Meals, waiting lists for homemaker chores and personal care (120 persons a/o Feb 2017)

Care Connection for Aging Services - Transportation, in-home services (provided on a short-term basis to save on cost), less respite

Central Missouri AAA – Need 2 FTE ombudsman on staff, case management, stopped in –home services (not enough funds), only provide some respite (4 hrs. per week), transportation, meals, have cut so much at senior centers, they are at the “bare bone” and activities have declined; experiencing difficulty keeping staff and recruiting new staff because agency starting salary ranges are low (no longer competitive); constant turnover and vacancy is disruptive for service delivery.

MARC – Home delivered meals, transportation (number of providers decreasing), need 2 case-managers to participate in state-wide initiatives and meet local demand, need 2 FTE ombudsman, one to recruit and manage volunteers, and the other to respond to facility issues and complaints in support of volunteers; have a waiting list for in-home services; can’t fill requests for home repair; decreasing number of non-profit providers for homemaker/personal care services.

Mid-East AAA - MEAAA has been consolidating senior centers and changing from hot daily meals to delivering once a week 5 frozen meals. The result is fewer persons receiving meals. We are struggling to reopen a senior center in North St. Louis County after closing 4 centers in that area over the previous several years. Static funding has resulted in reduced access for seniors for AAA services in our planning and service area.

Northeast Missouri AAA - in FY 16 454 persons needing in-home services unable to be served from July 2016 through January 31, 2017; 116 persons have not received services; two senior centers have closed- to date we have not lost any more centers; unmet needs for home delivered meals due to cost of delivery; unmet needs for transportation 964 clients from July 2016 through January 31, 2017.

Northwest Missouri AAA – Homemaker, personal care and chore services, food and nutrition supplements, transportation, additional Ombudsman.

Region X –now has a waiting list for HDM's in rural areas and that will move into some of the towns very soon; caregiver services.

SeniorAge Area Agency on Aging - Waiting lists for wellness program, transportation, food costs have increased.

St. Louis AAA – - Significant areas of need include minor home repairs, homemaker services, personal care services, and long-distance transportation (out of city to nearby hospitals for example). HDMs are limited. Static funding has resulted in reduced access for seniors for AAA services in the City.