

Vermont Department of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living



State Agency Mission

To make Vermont the best state in which to grow old or live with a disability with dignity, respect, and independence.

Populations Served

- Older Adults
- Adults with Physical Disabilities
- Adults with Developmental Disabilities
- Individuals with Traumatic and/or Acquired Brain Injuries
- Individuals with Behavioral Health Conditions
- Individuals with Substance Use Disorders

Organizational Structure

The director is appointed by the Governor and oversees a staff of 280 FTE.

Local Network

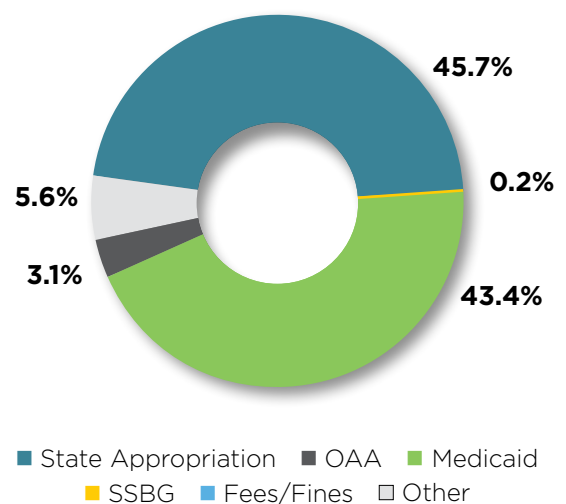
- 5** Area Agencies on Aging
- 1** Tribal Organization
- 1** Independent Living Center

Top Five Agency Policy Priorities

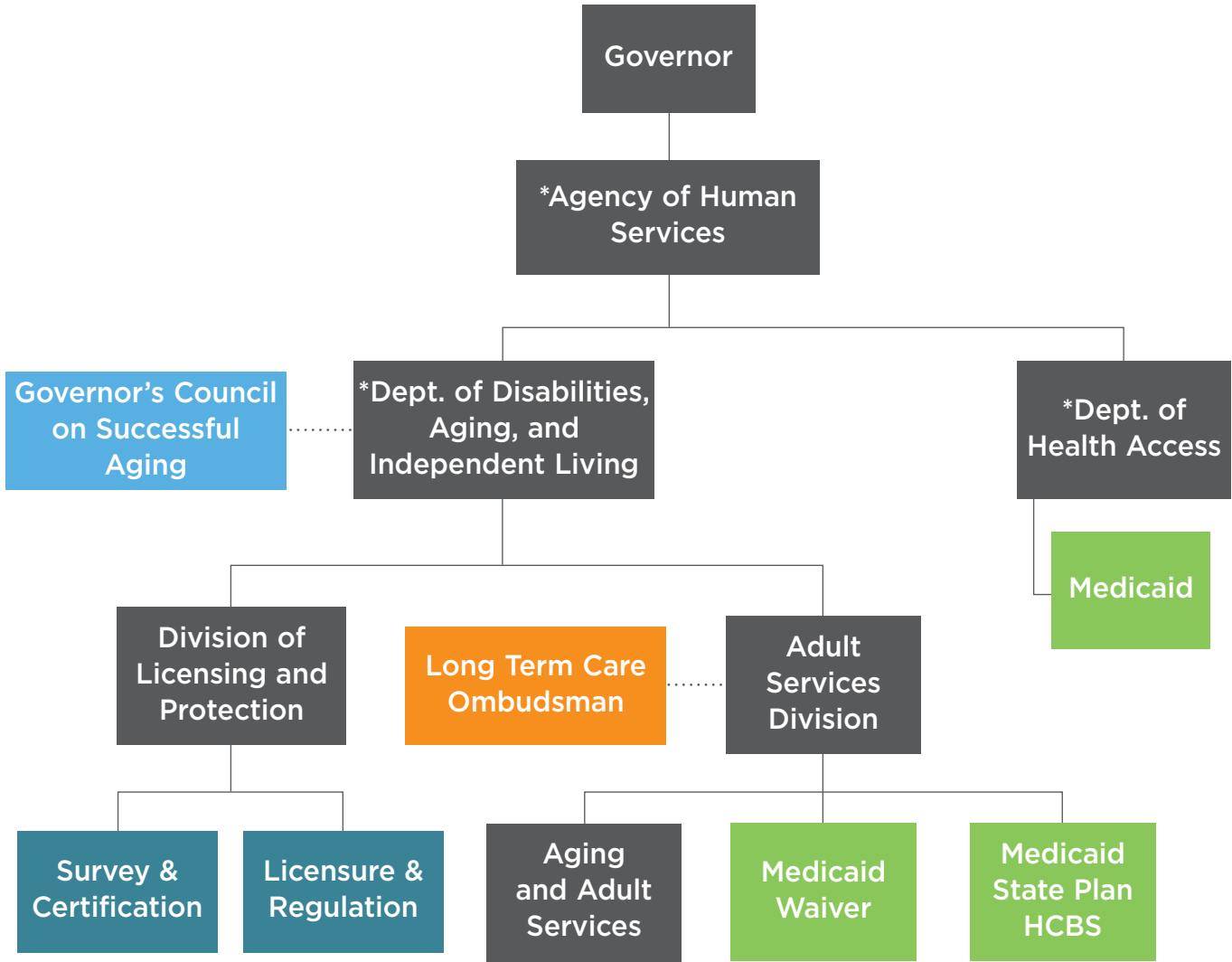
1. Workforce Shortage
2. Health and Welfare of LTSS Participants
3. COVID-related Closures of Providers
4. Supporting Caregivers
5. Mitigating Social Isolation

Agency Funding Sources

Total FY2020 Budget \$514,200,000



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- Aging or Physical Disability Services and Agency or Division with Multiple Functions
- Medicaid Services
- Long-term Care Ombudsman
- Provider Regulation and Oversight
- Advisory Board
- Denotes an advisory board or a contractual/indirect reporting relationship.
- * Denotes Cabinet-level Agency

Responsibilities of Vermont’s Department of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living

Aging & Adult Services	
Set statewide aging policy	✓
Set statewide disability policy	✓
Administer Older Americans Act (all programs except SCSEP)	✓
Administer Senior Community Service Employment Program	✓
Administer a state-funded aging & disability program	✓
Manage state Aging & Disability Resource Center network	✓
Administer the State Health Insurance Assistance Program	
Provide Adult Protective Services (18+)	✓
Provide Elder Protective Services <i>only</i> (60-65+)	
Operate state-owned institutional facilities	
Oversee guardianship program	✓
Serve as state guardian	✓
Oversee Centers for Independent Living	✓
Administer State Vocational Rehabilitation Program	✓
Administer State Assistive Technology Program	✓
Manage No Wrong Door system	✓

Medicaid Services	
Administer Medicaid State Plan Services	✓
Administer Medicaid HCBS waiver(s)	✓
Administer PACE program	
Perform Medicaid functional eligibility determinations	✓
Perform Medicaid financial eligibility determinations	
Provide case management services to Medicaid recipients	
Administer PASRR	✓
Regulate and administer managed long-term services and supports	
Provide quality assurance for managed long-term services and supports	✓
Provide quality assurance for Medicaid HCBS	

Responsibilities for Provider Management	
Regulate institutional providers	✓
License institutional providers	✓
Regulate HCBS providers	✓
License HCBS providers	✓
Certify Assisted Living providers	

Key State Initiative

In 2020, in partnership with the Vermont Legislature and Governor Phil Scott, Vermont was able to pass Act 156, an Older Vermonters Act. This act lays out key principles of services, supports and protections for older Vermonters, identifies the Department of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living (DAIL) as the subject matter expert across state government to guide decision making in state government for programs, services funding and initiatives related to older Vermonters, addresses coordination of strategies with those key principles, names the DAIL Departmental Advisory Board in a monitoring role and articulates the connections between the Older Americans Act and the state HCBS system.

The Act also enhances Vermont's State Plan on Aging requirements and requires DAIL to work in concert with the Governor's Agency of Administration to develop a **Vermont Action Plan for Aging Well** to be implemented across state and local governments, the private sector and philanthropies. That plan is intended to promote aging with "health, choice and dignity in order to establish and maintain an age-friendly State for all Vermonters". A link to Act 156 is below:

<https://legislature.vermont.gov/Documents/2020/Docs/ACTS/ACT156/ACT156%20As%20Enacted.pdf>

