Senior Services

When older Missourians have access to supports that help them age in their own homes and communities, they can live with dignity as they age. Yet in recent years, programs designed to help keep Missouri’s seniors at home have been substantially cut or underfunded. These cuts are taking place as the number of Missouri seniors will soon increase substantially.

Missouri ranks 45th in the nation in the adequacy of policies designed to support seniors.

The Number of Missouri Seniors Is Increasing...

...While the Programs to Help Them Are Decreasing

In FY 2018, eligibility for Home & Community Based Services (HCBS) was cut, meaning that participants must now be sicker to access HCBS services.

Despite rapidly increasing need, state funding for Missouri’s Area Agencies on Aging has declined over the past decade.

In today’s dollars, the amount of state funding for AAAs per MO senior has decreased by more than 1/3 since 2008.

In FY 2018, MO Rx eligibility was cut substantially, causing nearly 58,000 Missouri seniors to lose prescription drug coverage.

- Between 2010 and 2040, the share of Missouri’s population that is aged 65 or older will grow by 53%, and the share of the population 85 or older will grow by 69 percent.
- Missouri remains unprepared for the challenges this will present to the state budget.