



## Councils on Aging – Establishment Thereof

### Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40, Section 8b

A city by ordinance or a town by-law may establish a council on aging for the purpose of coordinating or carrying out programs designed to meet the problems of the aging in coordination with program of the department of elder affairs. The council shall submit an annual report to the city or town and shall send a copy thereof to the department of elder affairs. Said department shall from time to time review and evaluate such reports and make recommendations as to any required or needed changes in said local programs. The council may appoint such clerks and other employees as it may require.

The names, addresses, telephone numbers, or other identifying information about elderly persons in the possession of the council shall not be public records, but the use of these records shall comply with sections 14 to 24, inclusive, of chapter 19A as a condition of receiving a government contract, program grant or other benefit, or as otherwise required by law.

(second paragraph added under Ch 41, Acts of 2002)

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# MA Aging Network

US Department of Health and Human Services (and other federal agencies)

GOVERNOR / LEGISLATURE esp. Elder Affairs Committee

VOTERS

MassHealth Office of Long Term Services and Supports

Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS)  
Executive Office of Elder Affairs (EOEA)

VOTERS  
MUNICIPAL Departments

**ADRC**  
Aging and Disability Resource Consortia

Options Counseling

ASAPs  
Aging Services Access Points

ILC  
Independent Living Centers

Contracts and Designations  
AREA AGENCY ON AGING (AAA)

AGING SVCS. ACCESS POINT (ASAP)

COMMUNITY SVCS. (IIIB-OAA)

NUTRITION PROGRAM (IIIC-OAA)

HEALTH PROMOTION (IIID-OAA)

FAMILY CAREGIVER (IIIE-OAA)

ELDER EMPLOYMENT (V-OAA)

Information and Referral SHINE (Health Insurance Info)

Ombudsman (3 types)

Prescription Advantage

Family Caregiver Support

Senior Aides

Congregate Housing

Supportive Housing

Assisted Living Certification

MassHealth—Long Term Care Community Choices

Waiver/ECOP

Clinical Assessment & Eligibility

Home Care Program

Protective Services (Incl. Guardianship, Money Management)

Local Agency

Council on Aging -- COA (Ch. 40, s. 8b, MGL)

Information and Referral Outreach

Transportation

Health/Fitness/Wellness

Nutrition

Education / SCSEP Training

Advocacy

Peer Support (Individual)

Peer Support (Group)

Recreation

Volunteer Development

Supportive/Social Day Care

Intergenerational

Disability/Access Issues

MCOA = State Ass'n (& reg'l groups)  
"Friends of COAs..."

Associate Members

Board Alternates

Veterans

Schools, Libraries

First Responders

TRIADS

Hospitals, HMOs

Long Term Care

Housing Auth.

Public & Mental Health

Visiting Nurses & Alzheimer's Assn's

Chronic Disease

Self Management

Aging Mastery

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