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Public Input: Vermonters Encouraged to Give Feedback on Next State Plan on Aging

The Department of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living (DAIL) is developing the next State Plan on Aging, work required by the Older Americans Act (OAA) that outlines the roles and responsibilities of the State and the Area Agencies on Aging in administering and carrying out the Older Americans Act. The draft plan is available online at [Draft for Public Comment](#).

The Older Americans Act lays the framework with broad objectives to empower Americans to age with dignity, health, and independence for as long as possible. In line with the OAA, the Older Vermonters Act, passed in 2020, sets the principles of the system of services, supports, and protections for older Vermonters and requires an evaluation of long-term services and supports. The State Plan on Aging is designed to guide the State in understanding the needs of older Vermonters and family caregivers and planning to meet those needs with a comprehensive system of services and supports.

We welcome your input! The public comment period begins Monday, April 11, 2022, and is open through Friday, April 29, 2022.

Written comments can be submitted electronically to Conor O'Dea at our State Unit on Aging at: conor.odea@vermont.gov or by mail to: Conor O'Dea, Department of Disabilities, Aging and Independent Living, Adult Services Division, 280 State Drive HC 2 South, Waterbury, VT 05671-0270. Please direct any questions to Conor at (802) 585-6040.

A hybrid session for the public to provide comments will be held as part of the DAIL Advisory Board Meeting on Thursday, April 14, 2022, at 10:00 AM. in the Red Maple Conference Room at the Waterbury State Office Complex or participate virtually through Microsoft Teams. All are welcome. Please RSVP to Liz Perrault at liz.perreault@vermont.gov or (802) 241-0362.

About the Department of Disabilities, Aging & Independent Living (DAIL):

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

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