

WASHINGTON STATE COUNCIL ON AGING



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The Implications of the Silver Tsunami





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- ◉ The Washington State Council on Aging (SCOA) is a unified voice across Washington for senior citizens. SCOA is a unique *advocacy group* in the arena of senior issues.
- ◉ Members are appointed by the Governor and Area Agency on Aging Advisory Councils and are charged with *advising* the Governor, the DSHS Secretary and the Assistant Secretary of ADSA. (RCW 43.20A.695)
- ◉ This connection brings the State Council on Aging *inside perspective* on matters concerning seniors and people with disabilities.
- ◉ We have a *statewide perspective* and speak as one voice.
- ◉ Members are made up of representative of local communities, from Area Agencies on Aging Advisory Councils, cities & counties, the legislature, and the long-term services and supports field.
- ◉ The makeup of the membership provides the Council with a *built-in communications and outreach platform* that reaches all corners of the state.



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Mission:

To educate and advocate on social, health, and economic services and potentialities of older adults for current and future generations.

Vision:

That all older adults will be able to remain in their home or a community-based setting for as long as possible and continue to be engaged with and contribute to their communities, and that those who have the most need will have access to services that provide choice, independence and dignity.

STATE COUNCIL ON AGING: 2013 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES



2013 SCOA Legislative Priority:

“Act now for the future.”



Governor-elect Jay Inslee

2013 SCOA Legislative Priority:

“Support a balanced approach that includes strategies to increase revenue; NOT an ‘all cuts’ budget.”



Read more: <http://www.statebudgetsolutions.org/publications/detail/inslee-still-says-no-taxes-needed-for-wash-budget#ixzz2Ht46phaA>

2013 SCOA Legislative Priority:

“Support for the Affordable Care Act initiatives that are cost effective and driven by our shared core values.”



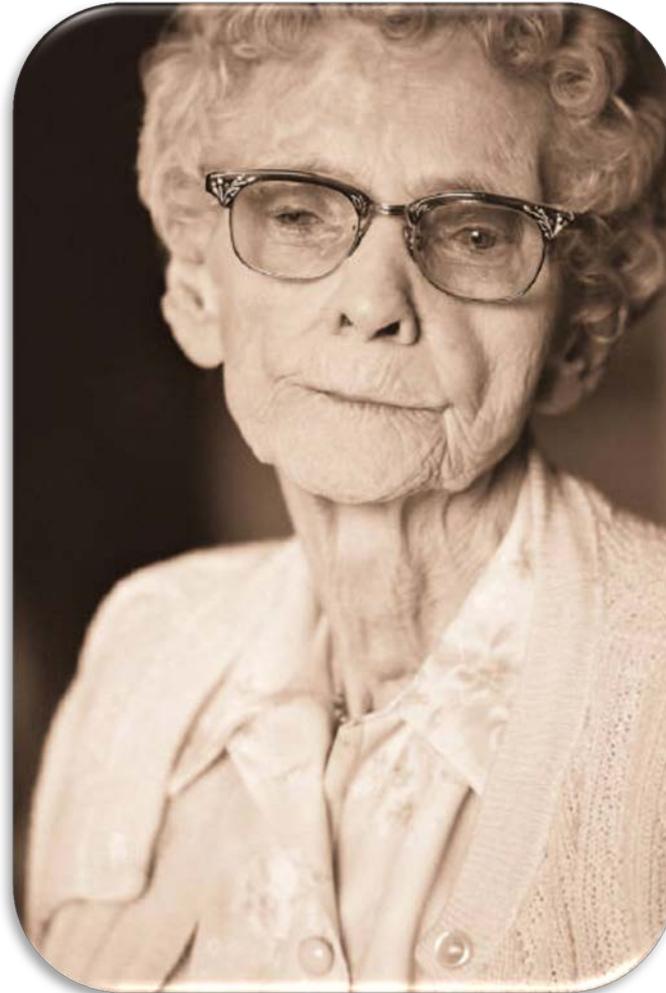
Read more:

http://www.governor.wa.gov/accomplishments/affordable_health_care.pdf

2013 SCOA Legislative Priority:

“Protect the most vulnerable seniors and citizens with disabilities.

Prioritize funding to protect those receiving services.”



2013 SCOA Legislative Priority:

“Protect funding that helps seniors remain in their home or a community based setting.”



Subsection 1:

No more cuts to the State Senior Citizens Services Act !

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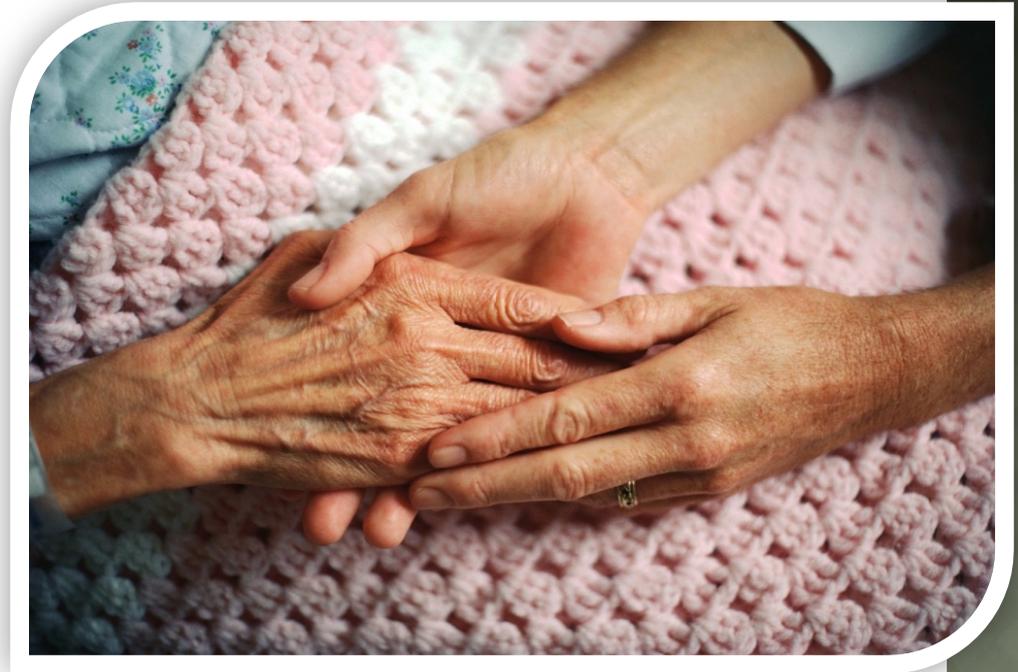
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Subsection 2:
Support Family Caregiver Programs!

2013 SCOA Legislative Priority:

“Protect Washington’s investment in home and community services by maintaining and protecting the current cost effective long term care infrastructure.”



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