



Community Needs Assessment Survey for 2021-2022

The 28 Texas Area Agencies on Aging are conducting this survey to collect your opinions about what matters most to the older adults and caregivers who live in your region.

Responses will guide their Area Plans for Aging Services and help determine the programs and services offered.

Please answer the following questions, which do not ask for your name or other identifying information. This survey takes approximately 10 minutes to complete.

1. Which categories best describe you? (Please select all that apply.)

Area Agency on Aging **client over age 60**.

Area Agency on Aging **client under age 60**.

Individual over 60 who is **not** an Area Agency on Aging client.

Individual under age 60 who is **not** an Area Agency on Aging client.

Individual with a disability.

Family Caregiver (Nonpaid, anyone who provides any type of physical and/or emotional care for a loved one who is ill or has a disability at home.).

Service Provider.

Elected Official.

Board or Aging Advisory Council Member.

Other: _____

2. Please circle the county in which you live.

Bell

Coryell

Hamilton

Lampasas

Milam

Mills

San Saba

- 3. If you selected Service Provider in Question #1, please select the county or counties in which your organization serves older adults and/or family caregivers.**
(If you are not a Service Provider, please skip to Question #4.)

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- 4. From the list below of most common services provided by Area Agencies on Aging. How would you RANK the IMPORTANCE of these services to older adults and family caregivers in your community? (1 being most important, 13 being least important.)**

___ Transportation.

___ Home Delivered Meals: Pre-prepared & delivered meals for homebound individuals.

___ Congregate Meals: Hot Meals served at Senior Centers, community centers or designated restaurants.

___ Personal Assistance: help with bathing, dressing, eating, using the toilet, or other personal care tasks.

___ Homemaker Assistance: Housekeeping, light meal preparation, provided for someone who cannot perform these tasks.

___ Residential Repair: Minor home repairs or modifications that are essential for their health and safety.

___ Adult Day Services: Supervision and socialization at an adult day facility.

___ Health Maintenance: assistance with the purchase of medications, nutritional supplements, glasses, dentures, hearing aids or health-related goods and services.

___ Caregiver Respite: Temporary relief for family caregivers who are caring for someone 60 and older.

___ Caregiver Education, Training and Information: information about available resources, educational topics and support for family members caring for aging loved ones with the focus on helping with their role as caregivers.

___ Evidence Based Programs: Educational programs that are provided to assist older adults improve their health and wellbeing. Examples include: A Matter of Balance Program, Chronic Disease Self-Management program, Diabetes Self-Management program.

___ Legal Assistance: Information and support that protects older adults from challenges to independence, choice and financial security; includes help accessing public benefits.

___ Information, Referral and Assistance: Information on various programs and services available to older adults and family caregivers in order to connect them to the assistance needed to meet their needs.

5. What are the top three needs to be addressed so that older adults can continue to live independently?

1.	
2.	
3.	

6. As a family caregiver, what is the greatest challenge encountered in providing care for a loved one? (If you are not a family caregiver, please skip to question # 7.)

7. As an older adult, how concerning are each of the following issues?	Highly Concerning	Somewhat Concerning	Slightly Concerning	Not Concerning at all
Health Issues				
Finances				
Safety				
Scams/Fraud				
Physical abuse				
Lack of transportation				
Inability to carry out activities of daily living, such as walking, bathing, dressing, toileting, feeding, and grooming				
Information about services that are available for older adults				
Food/Nutrition				
Public Benefits				
Making the home more accessible (examples: handrails, ramps, etc.)				
Depression, loneliness, isolation				
Medical and Legal Documents, such a Powers of Attorney, Wills, etc.				
Safe and affordable housing				

8. Where do you get information about services for older adults? (Please select all that apply.)

Word of Mouth.

Television and/or radio.

Health Care Provider or Senior Center.

Recreation Center/Newspaper/Newsletters.

Internet.

AARP.

Older Adult Programs and Services Website.

Do not receive information about senior services.

Other: _____

Don't know/Not Sure.

Thank you for participating in this survey.

Your opinions are important to the Area Agency on Aging of Central Texas.

Please return your survey by Thursday, October 31, 2019.

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