



Keep Area Agencies on Aging Strong.

Older Missourians are just
ONE INCIDENT AWAY
from hospitalization,
nursing home placement,
and the loss of lifetime
resources.

Did you know Area Agencies on Aging provide options?
Support the Senior Services Growth and Development Bill.

ONE INCIDENT AWAY ...

Home Sweet Home.

For six years Deborah lived in a nursing home. She dreamed of the day she would have enough health and strength to create a home again with her son. When Deborah was first admitted to nursing care, her 13-year old son became a ward of the state because there was no one else to take care of him. Deborah says this separation was the worst thing she had ever faced.

Carolyn, a Care Coordinator with the Area Agency on Aging, was asked to visit Deborah and assess her possibilities. After a few meetings, it was determined Deborah would be a good candidate for a transition back home through Money Follows the Person-a program administered by the AAA.

As Carolyn explained the transition process to Deborah, all Deborah could say is "I am so excited! I can't believe this is really happening!" Although transitions usually take two to three months, Deborah begged for it to be sooner because her son was now also in need of a place to live.

Carolyn explained it was unlikely to happen sooner, but she promised to try. There would be challenges since Deborah was in a wheelchair and her apartment would have to be on the ground floor. Incredibly, in a little over three weeks, Carolyn was moving Deborah and her son into her new apartment home. Deborah and her son went from room to room in awe, happiness beaming. For the first time in six years, they were home and together again.

To this day, Deborah and her son still beam with thankfulness for the help of the Area Agency on Aging. Although Deborah still battles health problems, she manages to work through them. Her son has found a job nearby and walks to and from work each day. Deborah returns to visit her friends at the nursing facility and calls bingo for them each month.

Together again, mom and son are loving life again.

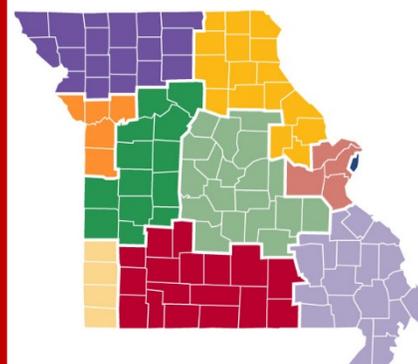
Your Area Agency on Aging in Missouri has expert help.

"We want to be here when you need us."

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Core Services:
Supportive Services
Caregiver Encouragement
Nutrition
Health and Wellness
Advocacy

Additional Support:
Care Coordination
Medicare Enrollment
Tax Assistance
Transportation
Respite



Care Connection

Central Missouri

Mid-America

Mid-East

Northeast Missouri

Northwest Missouri

Region X

Southeast Missouri

SeniorAge

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