



Mass Home Care

Overview of the Massachusetts Aging Network and Advocacy Presentation



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Our Mission: The “3 Possibles”



To help older adults and individuals with disabilities live in:

- the least restrictive setting possible
- at their highest level of functioning possible
- for as long as possible

ASAP/AAA Service Areas



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|  | Baypath Elder Services, Inc. |  | Highland Valley Elder Services, Inc. |
|  | Boston Senior Home Care |  | LifePath, Inc. |
|  | Bristol Elder Services, Inc. |  | Minuteman Senior Services |
|  | Central Boston Elder Services |  | Montachusett Home Care Corporation |
|  | Coastline Elderly Services, Inc. |  | Mystic Valley Elder Services, Inc. |
|  | Elder Services of Berkshire County, Inc. |  | Old Colony Elder Services, Inc. |
|  | Elder Services of Cape Cod and the Islands, Inc. |  | SeniorCare, Inc. |
|  | Elder Services of Merrimack Valley and North Shore, Inc. |  | Somerville/Cambridge Elder Services, Inc. |
|  | Elder Services of Worcester Area, Inc. |  | South Shore Elder Services, Inc. |
|  | Ethos |  | Springwell, Inc. |
|  | Greater Lynn Senior Services, Inc. |  | Tri-Valley, Inc. |
|  | Greater Springfield Senior Services, Inc. |  | WestMass ElderCare, Inc. |
|  | HESSCO Elder Services | | |

 Stand-alone AAAs: Age Strong Commission, Central MA Agency on Aging, and Old Colony Planning Council

For more information, visit www.masshomecare.org

Our Statutory Responsibilities



Information and Referral



Home Care

Care Management

Service Plan Development and Coordination

In-Home Assessments

Authorization and Purchase of Services



Clinical Eligibility and Assessments for Medicaid-funded Institutional and Community Based Care

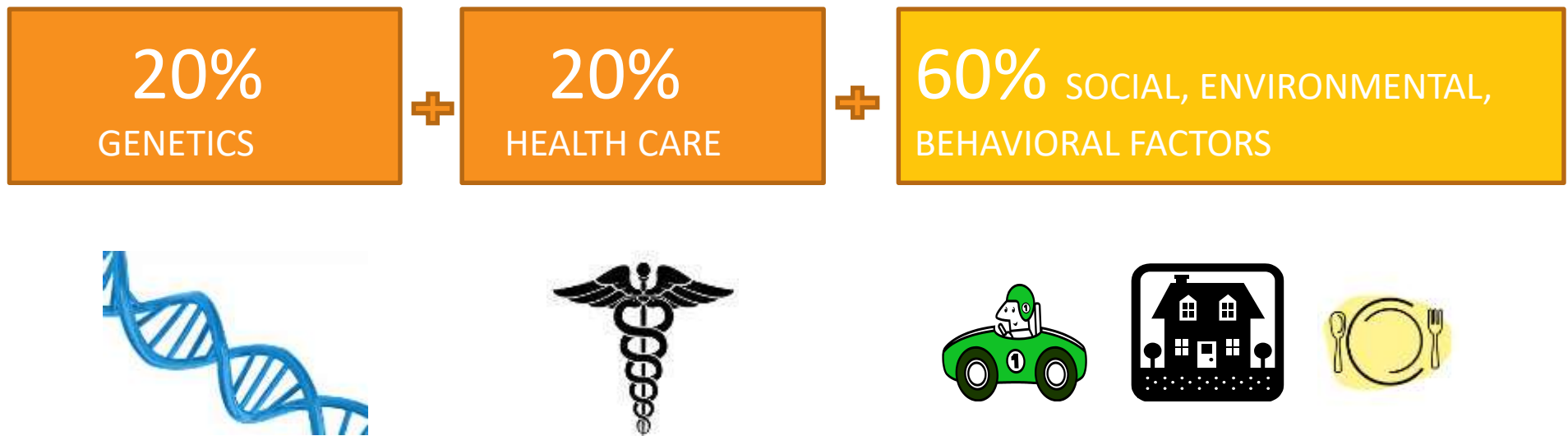


Elder Protective Services



Our Value: Address Social Determinants of Health

WHAT DETERMINES HEALTH?



*ADAPTED FROM MCGINNIS ET AL., 2002 by Minuteman Senior Services



A Snapshot of the MA Elder Home Care Program



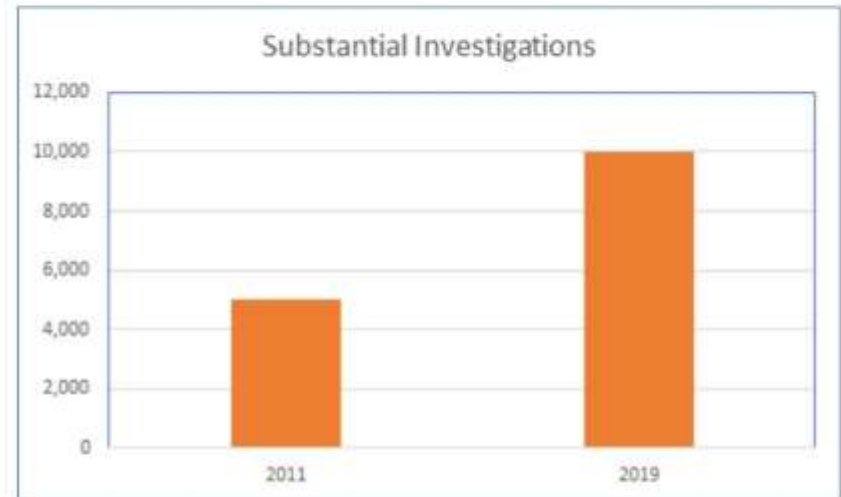
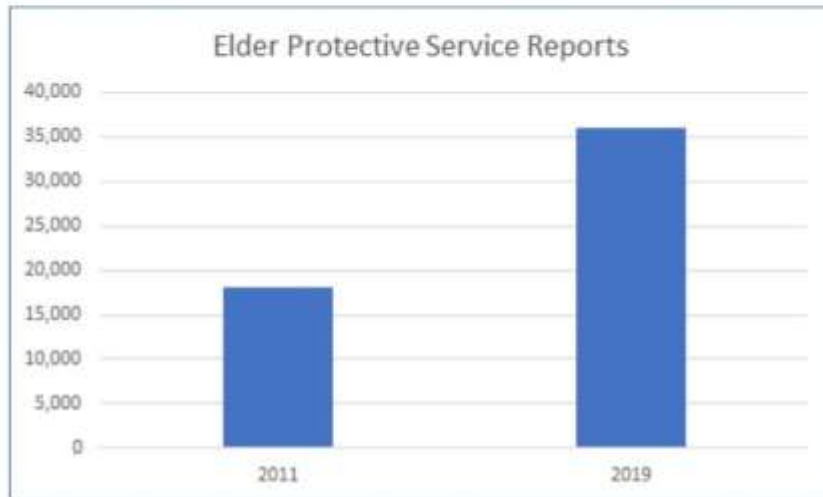
Source: 2018 EOEA Program Data



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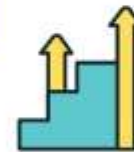
50% Increase in PS reports between 2011 and 2019



Increase in 2019



115% confirmed allegations



97% in reports

Source: 2019 EOE Program Data



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Our Response to COVID19

TRI VALLEY, INC.
How We Vie

VIRTUAL NEIGHBOR

This program is open to any senior who would like to connect with a volunteer for a friendly conversation. Volunteers will call a senior to check in on them, carry on conversations and just spend time getting to know each other.

If you would like to receive phone calls from a volunteer, please call Joanna Finley at 508-949-6040 ext. 9031.
If you would like to become a Virtual Neighbor, please sign up at www.trivalleyvolunteers.org

KEEP FOOD ON THE TABLE.

Healthy meals are available for the elderly.

Mass.gov/findfoodhelp

The ASAP/AAA network continues to serve older adults

The Five Pillars to Ensure Consumer Safety During #Covid19

- Social Distancing
- Appropriate PPE
- Daily Self-Assessment
- Frontline Home Care Worker Training
- Consumer & Family Education

Stay Home. Stay Safe.
#StopTheSpread

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WestMass ElderCare

COVID-19 | Start Here | Services & Programs | Housing | What's New | Online Referral | 413Cares

THE RAINBOW SUPPER CLUB IS MEETING VIRTUALLY DUE TO COVID-19.

Due to COVID-19, we have suspended our monthly in-person dinners and shifted to weekly virtual gatherings. We appreciate your understanding.

Meetings/events take place on Wednesdays from 5-6pm

Interested individuals can participate from a phone or computer/iPad/tablet.

[Event Series Information](#)

[Meet Up Page](#)

Supporting Issues Through Action and Advocacy



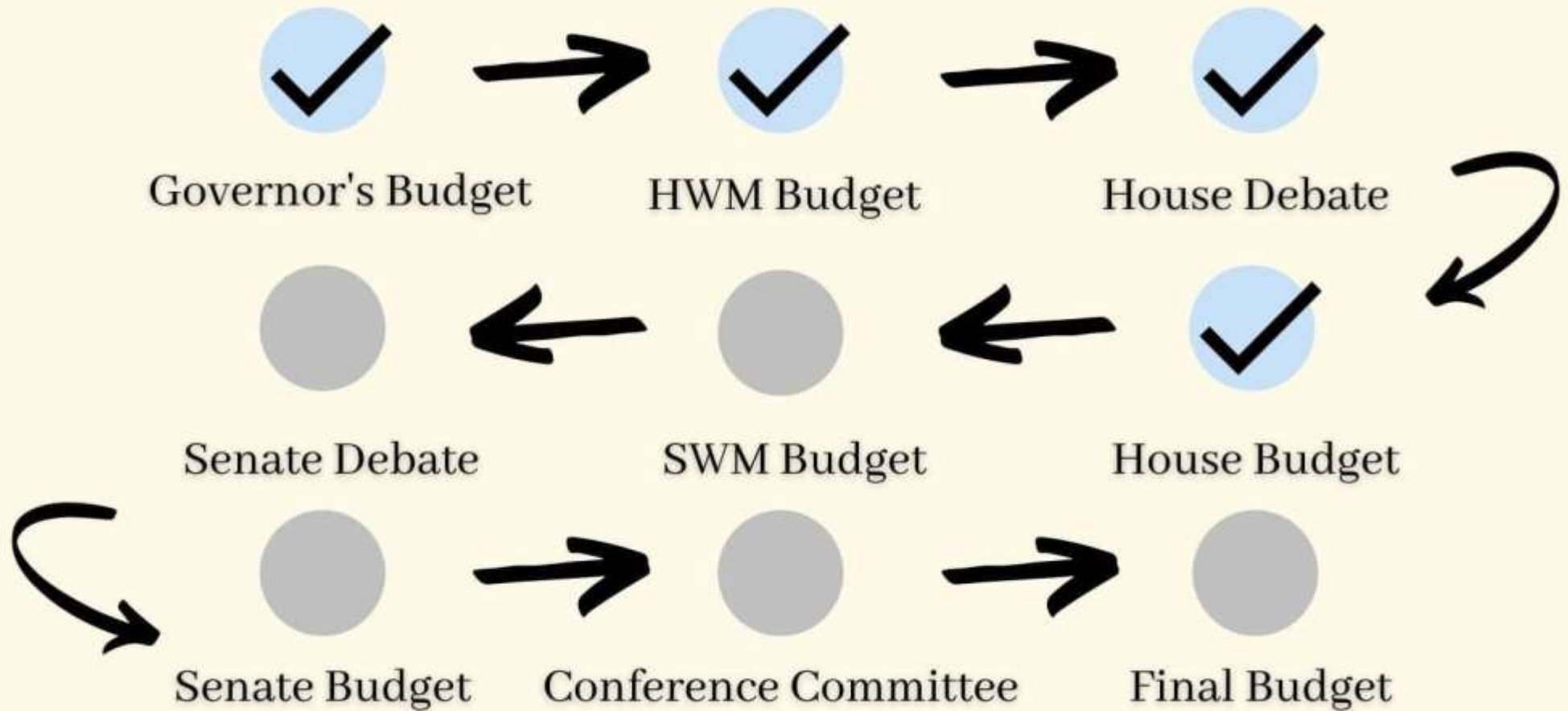
Five Simple Steps to Becoming an Effective Advocate

- “All politics is local”
- Keep your Message Simple and Specific
- The Personal Stories are Most Important
- Don’t Forget the Power of the Press (Social Media)
- Say Thank you!

2021-2022 MHC Priority Legislation

- Intensive Case Management for Clinically Complex Older Adults
- Promoting Affordability of Home Care Service
- An Act Relative to Home Care (Enough Pay to Stay)
- Small Group Homes/Personal Care Homes
- Spouse as Caregivers

FY22 BUDGET PROCESS



MHC FY22 State Budget Priorities

Restore Critical Elder Program Accounts to FY21 Funding Levels

- \$1.3 million for 9110-1633, Elder Home Care Case Management
- \$776,495 for 9110-1636, Elder Protective Services

Earmark \$1 million for the SHINE Program

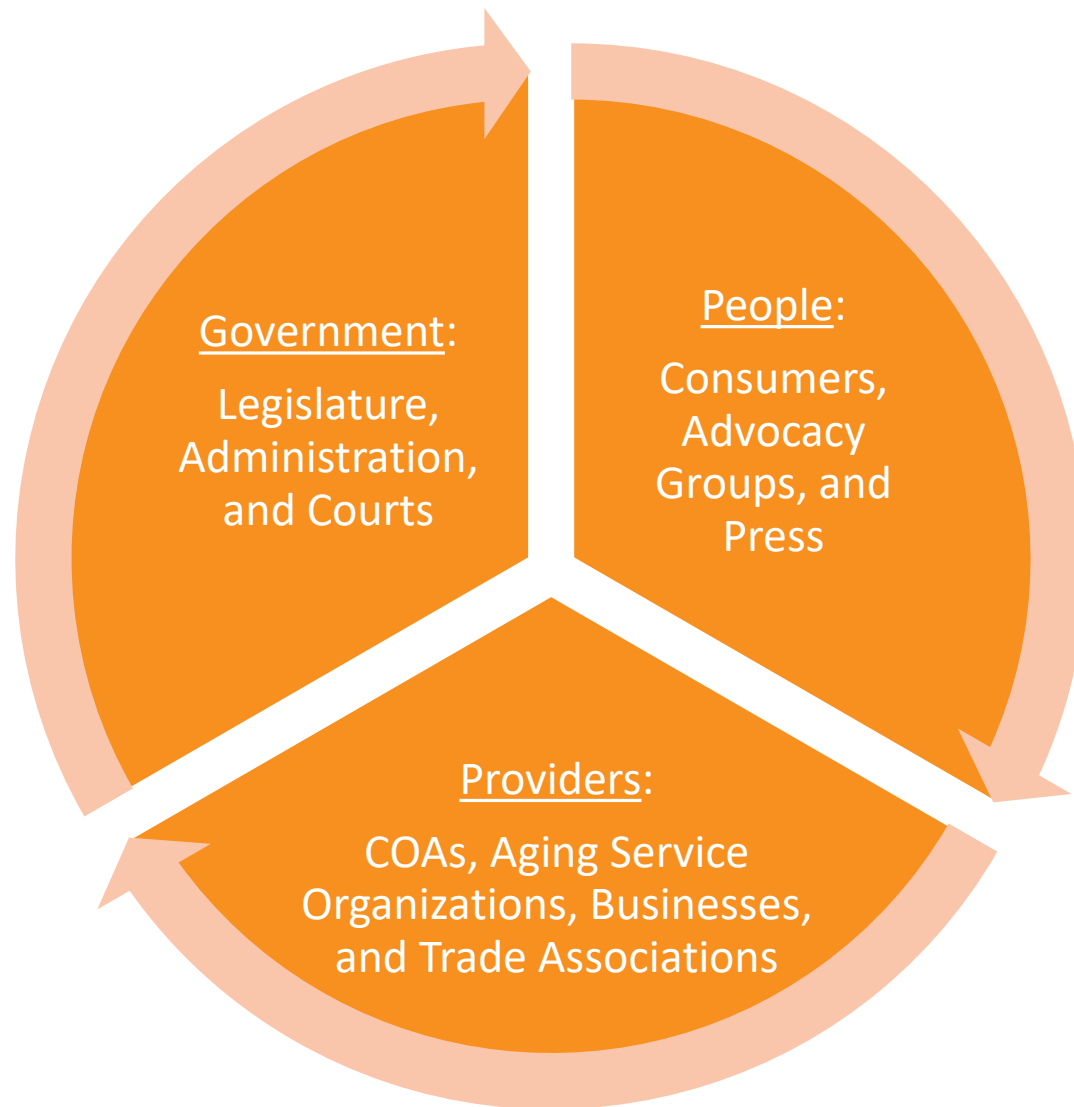
Add \$400,000 to Support Elder Mental Health Outreach Teams (EMHOT)

Add \$27.9 million for the Enough Pay to Stay Initiative to increase compensation to frontline homemakers, personal care homemakers, and home health aides

Contacting Your Legislators

- Finding out who your Legislators are:
<https://www.sec.state.ma.us/wheredoivote/ma/bal/myelectioninfo.aspx>
- Massachusetts Legislature website:
www.malegislature.gov
- MA Executive Office of Elder Affairs website:
<https://www.mass.gov/orgs/executive-office-of-elder-affairs>
- Mass Home Care website:
www.masshomecare.org

Keys to Advocacy Success – Engagement, Partnerships, and Collaboration



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