



Helping New Yorkers  
Age with Dignity  
and Independence

We changed our name to...  
**Association on Aging in New York**  
[www.agingny.org](http://www.agingny.org)

Why? It's shorter • More inclusive • Better reflects New York's broad Aging Network

*(Formerly: New York State Association of Area Agencies on Aging)*

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## Aging Together NY

Connect. Collaborate. Advocate.

Read all about it: Everything from our new name -- Association on Aging in NY -- to positioning Area Agencies on Aging for their role in Managed Care.

*Aging Together NY* is a monthly newsletter dedicated to sharing news and analysis on aging issues and community-based care locally, in New York State and around the nation.

Best regards,

Crystal L. Carter, President

Laura A. Cameron, Executive Director

## Trending Topics

### New York State Rethinks Medicaid

*The Wall Street Journal (8/2/2013)*

More than 5.5 million people are part of the state's Medicaid system, but a small group drives up the costs with unnecessary emergency room visits and hospital stays that are too long and state officials want to do something about it. [Read more.](#)

### Future of County Nursing Homes in NYS in Jeopardy

*Center for Governmental Research (8/19/2013)*

In a new statewide study, the Center for Governmental Research (CGR) finds 92% of county-owned nursing homes outside New York

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## Featured Video



Intergenerational Cleanup Video by Albany Guardian Society on YouTube Channel AgingNY.

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City lost money in 2010, and without significant changes in how they operate, most have little chance to survive. [Read more](#). For associated map [click here](#).

## Aging in New York

### **New York Warns About Scam Targeting Elderly**

*Democrat and Chronicle (7/29/2013)*

The state Division of Consumer Protection said recently that individuals posing as representatives for medical-device companies have been calling senior citizens asking for money and personal information they shouldn't be giving out. [Read more](#).

### **Immigrant Struggles Compounded by Old Age**

*NYTimes (7/25/2013)*

Besides being one of the fastest-growing demographic groups, older immigrants are also among the most vulnerable. Many are not only poised to strain the social safety net but fall through it entirely. [Read more](#).

## Aging in the Community

### Director Profiles

#### **Putnam's New Director Pat Sheehy Envisions a Future with Better Planning**

*Aging-NY (7/1/2013)*

Pat Sheehy, Director of the Putnam County Office of the Aging, would like to see a different future when it comes to aging: one that includes a plan. [Read more](#).

#### **Cathy Mackay Positions Cattaraugus Aging for the Long Term**

*Aging-NY (6/16/2013)*

Cathy Mackay hasn't been Director of the Cattaraugus County Department of Aging for long but already she's breaking new ground; the county's aging office is the new contractor for the Pines Health Care-Machias nursing home facility's food services/nutrition program. [Read more](#).

### More Community News

#### **Area Agency on Aging's Role in Managed Care Era Draws Packed Crowd**

*Aging-NY (6/20/2013)*

The audience fell silent during the question and answer session at "A Conversation with Four Directors of Area Agencies on Aging." Find out why. [Read more](#).

#### **Tips to Fight Loneliness for Healthy Aging**

*Poughkeepsie Journal (8/9/2013)*

As the population continues to age, researchers are discovering changes in society are feeding widespread loneliness among senior citizens. [Read more](#).

#### **Joe Welch Revels in Being County's 'Handyman'**

*The Daily News (8/10/2013)*

Joe Welch, 55, has played the title role for 10 years in the Handyman Program offered through the Genesee County Office for the Aging. [Read more](#).

## Aging in the Nation

### **How Technology Will Support an Aging America**

*US News & World Report (7/17/2013)*

Aging-in-place guru and a longtime technology veteran and analyst describes four aging-in-place technology categories that have emerged. [Read more.](#)

### **Remodeling Two Story Homes for Elderly or Disabled**

*About Rotations & 101 Mobility (8/1/2013)*

For remodeling tips from Certified Aging in Place Specialist Gordon Raney of 101 Mobility Dallas, [click here.](#)

### **Missing, Wandering Alzheimer's Patients A Growing Concern**

*The Huffington Post (7/26/2013)*

People with Alzheimer's who vanish without a trace constitute a rapidly growing crisis looming on the horizon for baby boomers and their loved ones. [Read more.](#)

## **Field Resources**

[Association on Aging in New York/Aging NY](#)

[Aging and Disability Resource Center, technical assistance \(ADRC\)](#)

[Administration for Community Living \(ACL\)](#)

[National Association of Area Agencies on Aging \(n4a\)](#)

## **Members Only**

### **Association Establishes Mentor Program for New Directors**

The Association on Aging in NY recently established a Mentor program for new Directors of Area Agencies on Aging. For more information on the program, [click here](#) for the Mentor section of our [www.agingny.org](http://www.agingny.org) website.

### **Nutrition Survey Results in Real Time**

The results of the "Nutrition Programs in NYS - 2013 Survey of AAAs" are available for viewing as the responses roll in. [Click here](#) for the link to the survey results in real time.

### **Save the Date for October Aging Policy Forum**

Mark your calendar -- Wednesday, Oct. 16 and Thursday, Oct. 17, 2013 -- for the Aging Policy Forum in Syracuse, for members of the Association on Aging in New York. The event will be held at the Syracuse Embassy Suites. [Click here](#) for more information and check your inbox for registration information. And see you in Syracuse!

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