



GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING

- **Established by state law in 1980, the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging (GACA) is a statewide body of fifteen members appointed by the Governor to serve three-year terms.**
- **Purpose: advise the Governor, Legislature and all State Departments on all matters and issues relating to aging, including the administration of the State Plan on Aging.**
- **Mission: enhance the quality of life for older Arizonans.**
- **The Council works with local communities, private enterprises and older adults across Arizona to fulfill its purpose and accomplish its mission.**

Recent areas of focus:

- Alzheimer's disease and related disorders
- Affordable and accessible transportation options
- State and federal legislation impacting older/vulnerable adults
- Senior Action Days - offering an opportunity for older adults and advocates to join in dialogue with elected officials and GACA members about issues of concern.

Other concerns addressed:

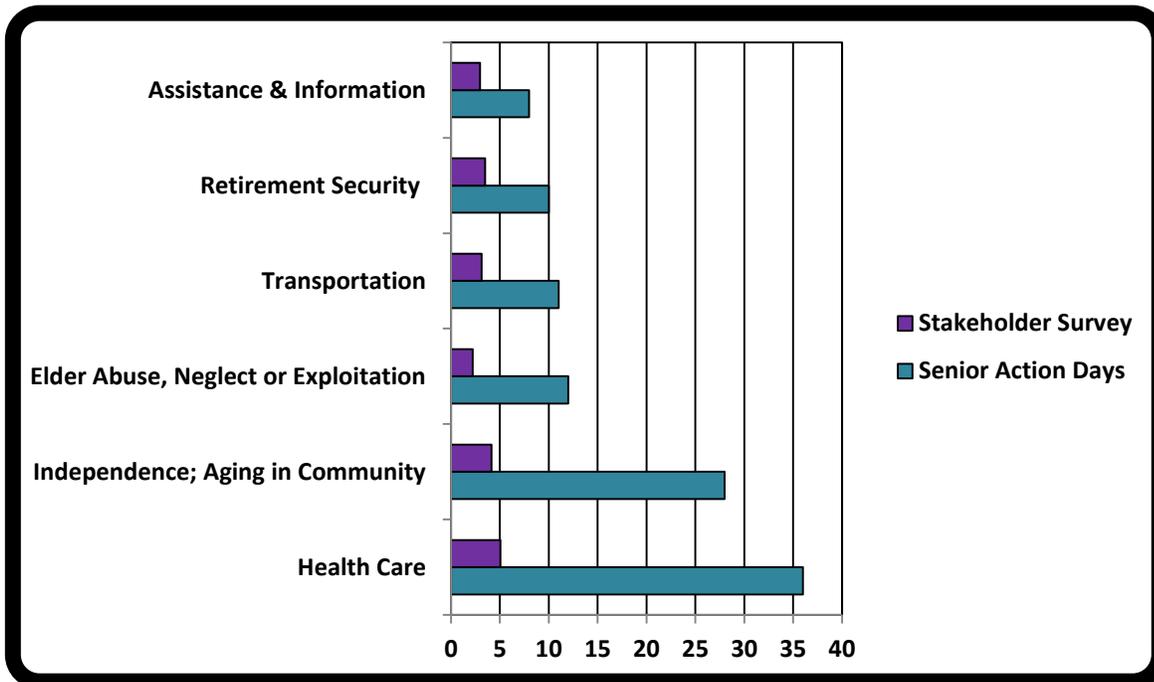
- Older driver safety
- Fall prevention
- Oral health
- Hearing loss
- Caregiving & kinship care
- Value of mature workers and certification of mature worker friendly employers
- Utilities assistance
- Affordable housing
- Guardian and conservatorship issues,
- Medication misuse

The Council on Aging tracks federal and state legislation that may have a significant impact on older Arizonans and provides that information through the [Legislative Update](#), a free email

newsletter that also includes local, state or national resources and information. You can subscribe at: <http://govtrans.az.gov/gaca/Legislative.asp>.

In 2015, the Governor’s Advisory Council on Aging held seven Senior Action Day events in communities around the state. Older adults and advocates were invited to join members of GACA, state legislators, local elected officials and federal staff to talk about shared concerns. Input collected at the events and through a stakeholder survey is presented below and represents the top concerns of older Arizonans.

Senior Action Day 2015 - Top Concerns of Older Arizonans



You’re welcome to join in the work of the **Governor’s Advisory Council on Aging!**

Remaining 2016 Meeting Dates

May 13, 2016

July 8, 2016

September 9, 2016

Annual Planning Meeting November 4, 2016

All meetings are open to the public.

For more information, call **602-542-4710** or email gaca@az.gov.