

## Area Plan (AP) Rollout Timeline

**Background:** The Area Plan is broken into two components: Area Plan Program and Area Plan Budget. The Area Plan Program, which provides information about the Area Agency on Aging (AAA), the Planning and Services Area (PSA), and the community needs. It also identifies the menu of services the AAA will provide. The Area Plan Budget identifies the AAA's corresponding allocations for the array of Older Americans Act (OAA) and state-funded aging services the AAA intends to provide.

DARS will also collect Annual Documents and Emergency Preparedness Plans, some of which used to be included in the Area Plan document. Unlike the Area Plan, these documents are not subject to the required public comment period.

**Below you will find the timeline for the Area Plan Rollout. Training and Office Hours virtual meetings are hyperlinks. Training sessions require AAA staff to register, while Office Hours sessions do not.**

### March 2025

3/14: 2026 Area Plan Program Released & [AP Inquiry](#) (Microsoft Form) Released

3/26: AAA Input Session- Area Plan Process Overview

### April 2025

4/1: Area Plan Program Instructions Guide Released

[4/14: AP Parts 1&2 Training](#)

[4/21: AP Parts 1&2 Office Hours](#)

[4/23: AP Groups 1-4 & 7 Training](#)

[4/30: AP Groups 1-4 & 7 Office Hours](#)

### May 2025

[5/1: AP Groups 5-6: Nutrition Programs Training](#)

[5/12: AP Groups 5-6: Nutrition Programs Office Hours](#)

[5/22: AP Groups 8-9, CCEVP, & Other AAA Services Training](#)

[5/29: AP Groups 8-9, CCEVP & Other AAA Services Office Hours](#)

## **June 2025**

6/1: Area Plan Budget Instructions Guide Released

[6/3: Area Plan General Office Hours](#)

[6/9: Area Plan Budget Training](#)

[6/16: Area Plan General Office Hours](#)

[6/17: AP Budget Office Hours](#)

[6/23: Area Plan General Office Hours](#)

## **July 2025**

7/1: Area Plan and Budget Public Review Period

[7/7: Annually Required Documents & Emergency Preparedness Plans Training](#)

[7/15: Annually Required Documents & Emergency Preparedness Office Hours](#)

## **August 2025**

8/1: Area Plans and Budgets Due to DARS

8/1-8/30: Area Plans Reviewed by DARS

August-September: As Required by DARS, AAA Area Plan Revisions

## **September 2025**

9/15: Area Plans Finalized

## **October 2025**

10/1: Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) Begins

10/1: Area Plans Effective