**DAAS MISSION**
To protect the rights of older individuals and provide the tools and support services to promote a healthy independent lifestyle for those citizens.

---

**ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES**

**WHAT DOES APS DO?**
Adult Protective Services, under the Mississippi Department of Human Services, Division of Aging & Adult Services, investigates the allegations of abuse, neglect, and exploitation of “vulnerable persons” residing in private home settings, as well as any follow-up services provided by Division of Aging and Adult Services (DAAS) to those vulnerable persons as a result of the investigations.

**WHO MAKES A REPORT?**
Mandated reporters and anyone who suspects abuse, neglect, and exploitation of a vulnerable person. Any person including, but not limited to, the following who knows or suspects that a vulnerable adult has been or is being abused, neglected or exploited shall immediately report such knowledge or suspicion, MS Code title 43-47-7.

**WHAT TO REPORT?**
Observation, knowledge or suspicion of physical, sexual abuse, self-neglect, neglect and exploitation are grounds for a report.

---

**STATE HEALTH INSURANCE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SHIP)**
Provides counseling about Medicare programs.

**ELDER ABUSE PREVENTION**
DAAS and AAAs participate in seminars to learn about the prevention of abuse of older adult Mississippians.

**OLDER AMERICANS MONTH - MAY**
Working with a network of local AAAs and local service organizations, DAAS plans and administers programs and services to improve the quality of life for all of Mississippi’s older citizens. We work closely with a network of planning and service agencies to ensure comprehensive activities, programs, and services statewide.

**MISSISSIPPI ACCESS TO CARE (MAC) CENTERS**
Individuals are able to take advantage of MAC Centers across the state that allow older adults and people with disabilities to access various resources.

**OMBUDSMAN CERTIFICATION**
State certification and re-certification requirements ensure that AAAs and local provider agency Ombudsmen meet minimum standards for qualifications, training, knowledge, and competence.

**CONTINUING EDUCATION**
Program Directors offer specialized training throughout the year to ensure program improvement.

---

844.437.6282
Call the Vulnerable Persons Abuse Hotline to report abuse, neglect, and exploitation of a vulnerable adult.
DAAS partners with ten Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs) to ensure a variety of services are provided to Mississippi’s older adults statewide.

Serve approximately 164,431 older Mississippians annually.

Maintain home and community based services by forming collaborative partnerships with other agencies, public and private organizations, and the business community.

### Categories of Service Programs

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Home Based</th>
<th>Community-Based</th>
<th>Meals</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Adult Protective Services</td>
<td>Adult Day Care Information/Referral</td>
<td>Congregate Home Delivered</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Case Management</td>
<td>Medicare Counseling</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Homemaker</td>
<td>Legal Assistance</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Emergency Response</td>
<td>MAC Center</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Respite Care</td>
<td>Medicare Counseling</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Special Needs</td>
<td>Ombudsman/Advocacy</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Telephone Reassurance</td>
<td>Senior Center Activities</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

National Family Caregiver Support Programs provides support services, individual counseling, organization of support groups, caregiver training and respite care

Adult Protective Services Unit investigates suspected and reported claims of abuse, neglect and exploitation of vulnerable adults in their homes

Adult Abuse Hotline: 844-437-6282

Funding listed above is provided by the US Department of Health and Human Services for the time period of October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2019 and issued as a projection for future years.

---

**G E N E R A L  F U N D S**

$1,302,000 for matching funds and APS

**T I T L E  I I I / V I I**

$11,442,038 for Support Services in home and community

$186,998 for Ombudsman and elder abuse prevention

**SSBG**

$9,478,025 for home and community based services and Adult Protective Services

**NSIP**

$1,132,866 for nutrition incentive program to support the home delivered and congregate meal program

**CACFP**

$183,661 provides meals for eligible clients participating in the adult day care program

**SHIP**

$584,956 provides counseling for Medicare health insurance, supplemental insurance

**MIPPA**

$403,455 provides target funding to SHIP, AAA, and ADRC

**APS**

$2,867,960 (from GF & SSBG) investigates reports of abuse, neglect, and exploitation of vulnerable people ages 18+

**MAC**

$1,200,000 provides central source of reliable and objective information about a broad range of services and programs