

rights, and assist consumers in selecting a care community that is appropriate for their care needs.

Elder Refugee Program

In partnership with the Colorado Refugee Service Program, DRCOG's Elder Refugee Program has created a gathering place for refugee elders to decrease social isolation, increase integration experiences and build community connections. Partners include the Colorado African Organization, Volunteers of America, Visiting Nurse Association, and the Aurora Center for Active Adults. Activities are designed to promote better overall health, nutrition and wellness.

Veteran-Directed Home and Community-Based Services

Veteran-Directed Home and Community-Based Services (VD-HCBS) helps veterans of all ages continue to live independently in their own homes and communities. Veteran-directed care is for veterans who need nonmedical services, case management and assistance with some activities (such as bathing, getting dressed, preparing meals and managing medications), veterans who are isolated or whose caregiver is overburdened. The veteran or an authorized representative manages a flexible, monthly budget to pay for services. Eligibility is determined through the Department of Veterans Affairs. AAA case managers are the veteran's primary source of support.

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Denver Regional Council of Governments Area Agency on Aging



The Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG) is the federally designated Area Agency on Aging (AAA) and Aging and Disability Resources for Colorado (ADRC) for eight counties: Adams, Arapahoe, Clear Creek, Douglas, Gilpin and Jefferson, the City and County of Broomfield, and the City and County of Denver. DRCOG connects older adults, adults with disabilities and their caregivers and families with information and services to help them to remain in their homes or maintain their quality of life in long-term care facilities.

Aging and Disability Resources for Colorado (ADRC)

The ADRC provides both older adults and adults with disabilities streamlined access to long-term services and supports to remain independent in the community. ADRC Information & Assistance and Options Counseling help individuals manage their health issues, remain independent and understand long-term care support and service options.



Information & Assistance

Community Resource Specialists provide information and assistance by phone and email including referrals to local service providers, guidance to older adults, people with disabilities and their families on community resources and tips on how to access them. DRCOG also funds community services for residents age 60+, using priorities outlined in its four-year Area Plan on Aging.

ADRC Options Counseling

Options Counseling is available to assist adults 18 and over with disabilities and their caregivers. Options Counseling begins with an in-person interview and a strengths-based assessment. Counselors then work with consumers to explore individualized options and resources for long-term services and supports; provide decision-making support; establish a person-directed action plan; and follow up to ensure access to desired services.



Network of Care

Network of Care is a comprehensive, community-based website with an easy-to-use Service Directory, a library on more than 40,000 health topics and a secure, electronic Personal Health Record.

Case Management

The AAA provides intensive short-term, case management services for people 60 and older. This involves a comprehensive needs assessment to help in developing a Care Plan. Case managers also assist with coordinating and monitoring services.

Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program

The Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program is an advocacy program that protects the rights of residents of nursing homes and assisted living residences. Ombudsmen investigate complaints, assist facility staff in solving or mediating problems, provide education about long-term care communities as well as residents'

