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Ocean County Office of Senior Services

**NEEDS YOUR HELP**

**PLEASE COMPLETE**

**Our On-Line Needs Assessment Survey**

**For our 2021 Area Plan Contract**

**DEADLINE: August 1, 2020**

Available to all Ocean County Residents 60+,  
Caregivers, and the General Public



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# **OCEAN COUNTY OFFICE OF SENIOR SERVICES 2021 AREA PLAN NEEDS ASSESSMENT SURVEY**

This survey is an important step in our 2021 Area Plan Process; by area plan, we mean how we receive the funding for Ocean County senior programs, and then move ahead to distribute those dollars to the agencies who will do the actual work.

The Older Americans Act is the foundation, and those legislated dollars are distributed and monitored beginning with the Administration for Community Living in Washington, DC, matched by the State Unit on Aging in Trenton and our Office of Senior Services (Area Agency on Aging) as well as our local aging service providers (there are over 30,000 nationwide).

In our county, we are very fortunate that our Freeholders contribute well over a third of the dollars needed with a particular focus on our meal program, which prepares 1000 – 1100 meals for seniors every day.

Each year a local area plan on services is submitted to the NJDHS, DoAS, outlining the system of aging services that has been identified and developed to meet the needs of this community. We have the opportunity to look at the unique nature of our county and fund services that meet these concerns where we can as we always work under the mandate of the Older Americans Act and address these five key areas of support: home support, community support, nutrition support, caregiver support and access.

In addition to this survey, we gather our needs assessment information from Client Surveys, Senior Advisory and Service Provider meetings, Priority Issues Areas identified from our I and A calls and Quality Assurance Cards received directly from the clients who contact us. Then we put the next year's plan together with a close look at what we have identified.

**Please log into our survey and begin!**

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