

STANISLAUS COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF AGING AND VETERANS SERVICES

The Stanislaus County Department of Aging and Veterans Services is comprised of two Divisions: the Area Agency on Aging, and the Veterans Service Office. The Department's Vision Statement is "Department of Aging and Veterans Services is dedicated to enhancing the lives of seniors and veterans in the community", and the Mission Statement is "Help seniors and Veterans obtain services and benefits they need to live secure, healthy, independent lives". The Department has 17 employees, and is located at 121 Downey Avenue, Suite 102, Modesto, CA, 95354.

Area Agency on Aging

The Stanislaus County Area Agency on Aging (AAA) office is mandated by the Older Americans Act of 1965. Governed by the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors, the AAA acts as the principal advocate, planner and program developer on behalf of older persons. A variety of services and programs are either directly, or by contract with local providers, administered to enhance the lives of the older adults in this county. The AAA also administers the federal and state funds for these services. The following services are currently available: Adult Day Care Resource Center (Alzheimer's), Assisted Transportation, Brown Bag, Disease Prevention / Health Promotion, Employment / Training Services, Family Caregiver Support Program, HICAP (Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program), Homemaker Services, Information and Assistance, Legal Assistance, Linkages Program (case management), Ombudsman Program, and Senior Nutrition (Home-Delivered and Congregate meals). (Visit us at www.agingervices.info.)

The funding for this Division comes from Federal and State Programs with County match. The 2005-2006 Budget is \$2,556,255.

Veterans Service Division

The Veterans Service Office was established by the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors to assist Veterans and their qualified dependents / survivors in obtaining Federal, State, and local benefits, and provides counseling for such benefits. It also assists in claim preparation and submission, claim follow-up, and initiation and development of appeals (when appropriate). Information and referral services to link Veterans to other county and community services are also provided. The goal of these services is to maximize Federal / State benefits and reimbursements*. Another crucial service provided to Veterans is the college fee waiver program. These services are provided to qualifying Veterans whose dependents are attending colleges / universities in the California State University system. Note: This office is NOT part of the Federal Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). (Visit us at www.veteranservices.info.)

The funding for this Division comes from the State of California and Stanislaus County. The 2005-2006 Budget is \$289,466. *(Approximately \$5,100,000 in Veterans' benefits and / or claims was brought into this county in Fiscal Year 2004-2005).