Celebrating 50 Years of the Older Americans Act Nutrition Program



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For 50 years, the Older Americans Act (OAA) Nutrition Program has ensured older adults have affordable and nutritious meals. The program promotes socialization and reduces food insecurity.



In South Carolina:

- Nearly 25,200 older adults receive meals.¹
- An estimated 2.9 million meals are served each year.²



The OAA Nutrition Program is available to more than 1.2 million people ages 60+ in South Carolina.³

An estimated 9.3 percent of older adults in South Carolina are food insecure.





South Carolina receives nearly \$9 million⁵ to provide services through 101 local programs.⁶ Nationally, the vast majority of participants say the program improves their health and independence.⁷





Need Support?

To find nutrition services for older adults in South Carolina, go to www.aging.sc.gov/nutrition or call 1-800-868-9095.

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