

"I'm fighting to bring our seniors the resources they need to age happily and comfortably in the neighborhoods they call home."

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# Assemblymember Jen Lunsford is keeping seniors informed

# Take the Master Plan for Aging Survey

New York is developing a Master Plan for Aging (MPA) to create a blueprint of strategies to ensure that everyone can live fulfilling lives in good health, with freedom, dignity and independence, regardless of age. This survey will help us understand the living conditions, care and service needs of senior New Yorkers, along with what they want to be addressed in the MPA. To complete the **anonymous survey**, visit **forms.ny.gov/s3/mpasurvey**. It will be available until Dec. 31, 2023.

## **Tax Relief for Senior Homeowners**

Homeowners aged 65 and older are eligible for the Enhanced STAR program if their combined annual income does not exceed \$98,700. Those who have recently purchased homes or have never applied for STAR benefits on their current homes may be able to **save hundreds of dollars** annually. To learn more, visit **tax.ny.gov/star** or call **518-457-2036**.

# **NY Connects**

NY Connects helps anyone who needs long-term services and supports individuals with disabilities, older adults, family members and caregivers, friends and neighbors, veterans and aides. NY Connects can help you find care and support, remain independent, better understand care options, find transportation, access supported employment programs, get answers about Medicare and apply for other state benefits. To learn more, visit **nyconnects.ny.gov** or call **800-342-9871**.

### Consumer Directed Personal Assistance Program (CDPAP)

CDPAP is a Medicare program that provides services to chronically ill or physically disabled individuals who have a medical need for help with activities of daily living or skilled nursing services. Services may include assistance provided by a personal care aide, home health aide or nurse. The program allows recipients to have flexibility and freedom in choosing their caregivers. Visit **health. ny.gov/health\_care/medicaid/program/longterm/ cdpap** to learn more.

# Expanded In-Home Services for the Elderly (EISEP)

EISEP provides individuals living at home with nonmedical services such as personal care, adult day care, transportation assistance and support services such as case management and non-institutional respite. Individuals aged 60 or older who require living assistance and are ineligible for these services under Medicaid may qualify for EISEP. To learn more, visit **health.ny.gov/health\_care/medicaid/ program/longterm/expand** or call **800-342-9871**.

## Monroe County Library System (MCLS) Outreach Program

MCLS Outreach Department brings library resources to underserved members of our community. Whether individuals are in their homes, skilled nursing facilities, rehab centers or institutionalized settings, the program helps deliver the library experience. To learn more, visit **libraryweb.org/services/outreach-services** or call **585-428-8312**.



#### Need help getting connected to services?

NY Connects	nyconnects.ny.gov or 800-342-9871
Lifespan	lifespan-roch.org or 585-244-8400
United Way	
-	TheElderPages.com

#### **Monroe County Assistance**

Monroe Community Hospital	
435 E. Henrietta Rd., 3rd Floor, East (Faith Wing	g)
Rochester, NY 14620	
Meals on Wheels	
or urmc.rochester.edu/home-car	e/meals-on-wheels
Monroe County Office for the Aging	
Town of Perinton 55+ Program	5-223-5050 ext. 1130
or perinton.org/departments/randp/recreation	on/55-plus-program
Fairport Library's FROST: Friends Readers Outr fairportlibrary.org/adults/frost-outreach-progr	

#### **Federal Assistance:**

Federal Information Center	800-333-4636
Internal Revenue Service (Information line)	800-829-1040
Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection518-434-1935	or 800-442-3863
Social Security Administration Hotline	800-772-1213
Department of Veterans' Affairs	800-827-1000

#### **New York State Assistance**

NYS Office for the Aging	
NYS Department of Health	
NYS Department for Veterans' Services	

#### **Toll-Free Helplines**

AARP Alliance for Aging Research	202-293-2856
Alzheimer's Association	
Leading Age	.202-783-2242
American Cancer Society Response Hotline	
American Diabetes Association	.800-342-2383
American Lung Association	.800-586-4872
Arthritis Foundation Information Line	.800-283-7800
Medicare and Medicaid Services Hotline	.800-633-4227
National Cancer Institute	.800-422-6237
National Consumer Voice for Quality Long-Term Care	.202-332-2275
National Hospice Organization	. 800-658-8898
National Institute on Aging	. 800-222-2225
Parkinson's Disease Foundation	

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