



Agency on Aging

○ Overview:

- 1 of over 670 Area Agencies on Aging established under the Federal Older Americans Act
- Mission: to: "foster the development and implementation of comprehensive and coordinated systems to serve older individuals (over 59 years of age)."

Programs/Benefits:

- Provides Information, access, and referral services to resources available for the older adult
- Provides direct services to older persons;
- Advocates for the needs of older persons;
- Advocates for and develops new and needed services
- Manages Federally allocated funds

PT Referral Parameters

- Currently obtains more referrals from nurses
- Look out for older individuals who:
 - May be in need of in-home services
 - Counseling/Guidance
 - Health Related support groups
 - Motivation for exercise/recreation
 - Administrative Assistance
 - Transportation
 - Transitional Care Information

When & How to Advocate/Refer

- When:
 - person >59 years of age
 - Expresses an interest in getting involved, wants to initiate a proactive health management program, expresses any kind of need for assistance
 - S/S of elderly abuse/neglect
- How:
 - Approach the patient from a position of helpfulness. Ascertain patient goals and let the patient know that this organization may be able to help them. May reference other individuals that have had success with this organization (<http://www.arlingtonva.us/Departments/HumanServices/services/aging/aaa/HumanServicesServicesAgingAaaAgencyonAging.aspx>).

Engagement Process

- Local
- <http://www.arlingtonva.us/Departments/HumanServices/services/aging/aaa/HumanServicesServicesAgingAaaAgencyonAging.aspx> for contact
OR: walk to/escort patient to local office

