The Department of Aging contracts with the network of Area Agencies on Aging (AAA), that directly manage a wide array of federal and state-funded services that help older adults find employment; support older and disabled individuals to live as independently as possible in the community; promote healthy aging and community involvement; and assist family members in their vital care giving role.

Each AAA is designated to plan for and provide services to specific service areas. California is divided into 33 distinct planning and services areas.