

Healthcare and Regulatory Subcommittee

Tuesday, June 6, 2023

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AGENDA



South Carolina House of Representatives Legislative Oversight Committee

HEALTHCARE AND REGULATORY SUBCOMMITTEE

Chairman Joseph H. "Joe" Jefferson, Jr.

The Honorable April Cromer
The Honorable Roger K. Kirby
The Honorable Thomas Duval "Val" Guest, Jr.
The Honorable Marvin "Mark" Smith

AGENDA

Tuesday, June 6, 2023

10:30 a.m.

Room 516 - Blatt Building

Pursuant to Committee Rule 4.7, S.C. ETV shall be allowed access for internet streaming whenever technologically feasible.

AGENDA

- I. Approval of Minutes
- II. Discussion of the study of the Department on Aging
- III. Adjournment



MINUTES



South Carolina House of Representatives Legislative Oversight Committee

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Legislative Oversight Committee

Tuesday, April 18, 2023

9:00 a.m. Blatt Room 110

Archived Video Available

- I. Pursuant to House Legislative Oversight Committee Rule 6.7, South Carolina ETV was allowed access for streaming the meeting. You may access an archived video of this meeting by visiting the South Carolina General Assembly’s website (<http://www.scstatehouse.gov>) and clicking on *Committee Postings and Reports*, then under *House Standing Committees* click on *Legislative Oversight*. Then, click on *Video Archives* for a listing of archived videos for the Committee.

Attendance

- I. The Healthcare and Regulatory Subcommittee meeting was called to order by Chair Joseph H. Jefferson, Jr. on Tuesday, April 18, 2023, in Room 110 of the Blatt Building. Representative April Cromer, Representative Thomas “Val” Guest, Representative Roger Kirby, and Rep. Marvin “Mark” Smith were present for the meeting.

Minutes

- I. House Rule 4.5 requires standing committees to prepare and make available to the public the minutes of committee meetings, but the minutes do not have to be verbatim accounts of meetings.

Approval of Minutes

- I. Representative Smith makes a motion to approve the meeting minutes from prior meeting. A roll call vote was held, and the motion passed.

| Rep. Smith motion to approve meeting minutes. | Yea | Nay | Not Voting |
|------------------------------------------------------|------------|------------|-------------------|
| Rep. Cromer | | | ✓ |
| Rep. Guest | ✓ | | |
| Rep. Kirby | | | ✓ |
| Rep. Smith | ✓ | | |
| Rep. Jefferson | ✓ | | |

Discussion of Department on Aging

- I. Chair Jefferson explains this is the Subcommittee's third meeting with the Department on Aging and the purpose is to discuss the agency's legal services and assistance program, vulnerable adult guardian ad litem program, and the ombudsman organizational unit. Chair Jefferson reminds agency representatives, who have been previously sworn in, that they remain under oath.

- II. Agency representatives testified before the subcommittee regarding the following items:
 - a. Legal Services and Assistance Program
 - i. FOIA requests
 - ii. Legal assistance services
 - iii. Means Testing
 - b. SC Vulnerable Adult Guardian ad Litem Program
 - i. Program constituency
 - ii. Program volunteers
 - iii. Program statistics
 - c. Ombudsman Program
 - i. Long-term care facility types
 - ii. Investigations
 - iii. Program statistics
 - iv. Advocacy efforts
 - v. Healthy Connections Prime
 - vi. Adult Protection Coordinating Council
 - d. Older Americans Act Funding

- I. There being no further business, the meeting is adjourned.



AGENCY PRESENTATION



South Carolina **DEPARTMENT ON AGING**

House Oversight Committee
Presentation

Community Resources Organizational Unit

Community Resources Organizational Unit

Under the supervision of:

Community Resources Divisional Manager

Consists of:

11 full-time state employees

Programs and Services include:


- Information and Referral / Assistance
- GetCareSC.com
- Title III B Supportive Services
- Title III C Nutrition
- Title III D Evidence Based Disease Prevention and Health Promotion
- Title V Senior Community Service Employment Program
- Eldercare Trust Fund
- State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP)
- Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP)
- Geriatric Loan Forgiveness Program
- Faith-Based Senior Outreach Initiatives

Website Resources

GetCareSC.com – A Website of Resources

SENIORS - CAREGIVERS - ADULTS WITH DISABILITIES


Find Help. Get Care.



GetCareSC.com

Find service providers for seniors,
caregivers, and adults with disabilities.

If you would rather talk to a person...
CALL: 1-800-868-9095



What is GetCareSC?

- GetCareSC is a website that is FREE for anyone to visit and search for services and programs that serve older adults, adults with disabilities, and caregivers in South Carolina
- You can search the database of service providers or look through helpful articles and guides to find educational information regarding topics often faced by the populations we serve

www.GetCareSC.com

What type of help can I find on GetCareSC? Is everything listed free?



- There are 146 different types of services that can be searched for on GetCareSC that range from Adult Day Care and Senior Centers to Medical Equipment and Meal Delivery.
- All services listed are NOT free. The directory includes government programs, charitable organizations, and private companies where a payment may be required. We include providers that serve all income levels, because cost should not be a barrier to finding care.

Is every company in South Carolina that services older adults, caregivers, and adults with disabilities on the website?

- There are currently 382 companies/organizations listed in GetCareSC that serve the citizens of South Carolina.
- More programs and services are added all the time as people and companies learn about our website.

Components of GetCareSC.com

Resource Database

- Search for service providers across the state that serve older adults, caregivers, and those who care for them
- By entering your zip code, search for services in your area and that serve your area to help you or a loved one age in place
- “Guided Searches” if you don’t know where to start
- Browse by category if you need more help searching
- Currently 382 providers listed in the database
- Currently 146 different types of services that can be found/searched for in the GetCareSC website

Articles

- Find articles that relate to aging and caregiving topics
- Partner with other organizations for valuable information. AARP Caregiver Videos are linked in two of these articles
- Current article titles
 - What kind of help do I need? – Get “unstuck” and find the help you need
- How can I start a conversation?
 - How to talk to your loved ones about their care
- What questions should I ask? – How to prepare for your new role as a caregiver
- Alzheimer’s disease vs. Dementia – What is the difference? – Understanding the difference in terminology

Guide to Services

- Informational articles on services that are directly linked to the Aging Network
 - Adult Advocacy
 - Assisted Living and Nursing Homes
 - Caregiver Support
 - Food and Nutrition
 - In Home Care
 - Insurance Counseling (Medicare/Medicaid)
 - Transportation

Nursing Facility Bed Locator

- Partnership with DHEC to provide information on GetCareSC
- Search for bed availability across the state
- Filter by facility type, insurance coverage, and county
- Facilities across the state have the ability to provide current available bed information
- Approximately 690 facilities input data into this feature for FYs ‘20, ‘21, and ‘22

Administering Federal Funds for Title III Services

Administer Funding for Title III-B Senior Supportive Services

SCDOA provides:

- federal and state funds for senior supportive services to the ten AAAs in the state
- technical assistance to the AAAs
- monitors implementation by the AAAs
- communicates directives from the federal level to the AAAs

AAAs are responsible for:

- implementing the supportive services in each region
 - The Area Agencies on Aging assess and prioritize the needs of older adults within their planning and service areas and allocate federal and state funding to provide services that meet those needs.
 - Each Area Agency on Aging contracts with providers of aging services.
 - Service providers receive federal, local (city and county), and state funding through performance-based contracts, i.e., the provider agrees to provide a specified amount of a specific service at an agreed-upon unit rate.

Title III-B Senior Supportive Services

- Assessments
- Transportation
 - Group
 - Medical
 - Essential shopping
 - Assisted Transportation
- Home Care
 - Chore (heavy duty chore/lawn care)
 - Homemaker (light housekeeping)
 - Personal Care (bathing, dressing, etc.)
 - Minor Home Repair (HCBS funds only)
- Legal Services

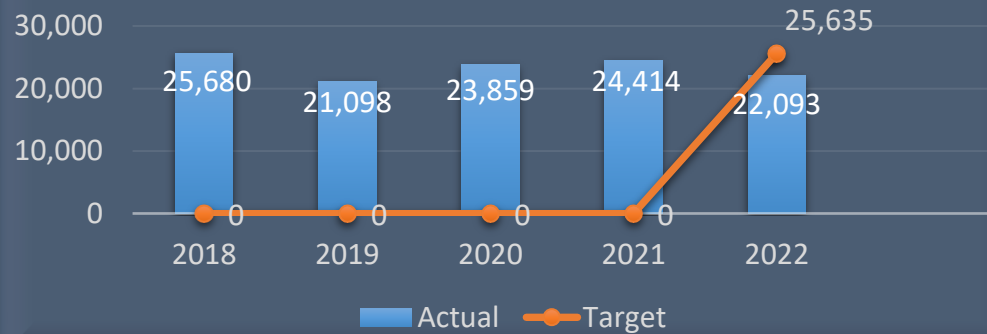
Those who chose to live in the least restrictive environment tend to live a better quality of life.

The outcomes to remain at home reduce emotional and financial costs of institutionalization.

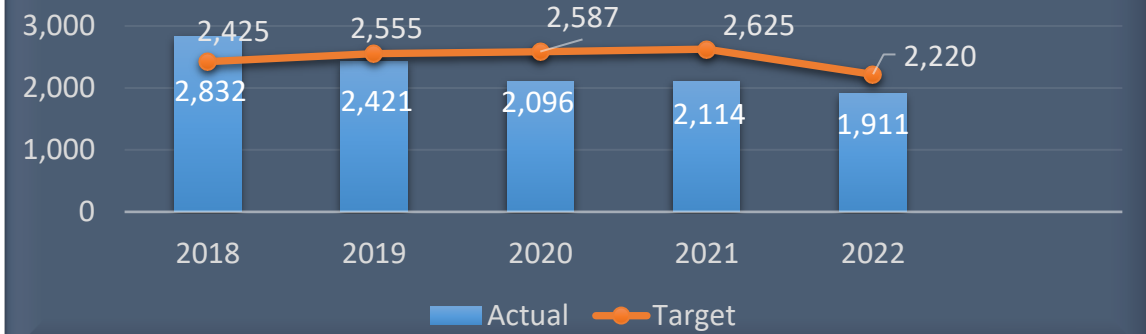
Results Tracked for Support Services

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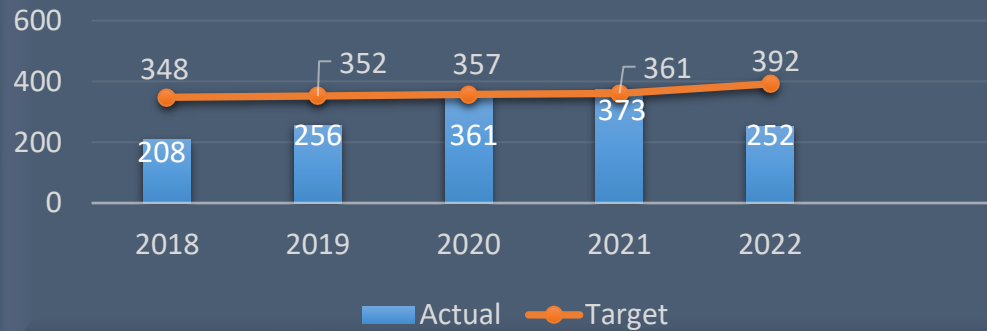
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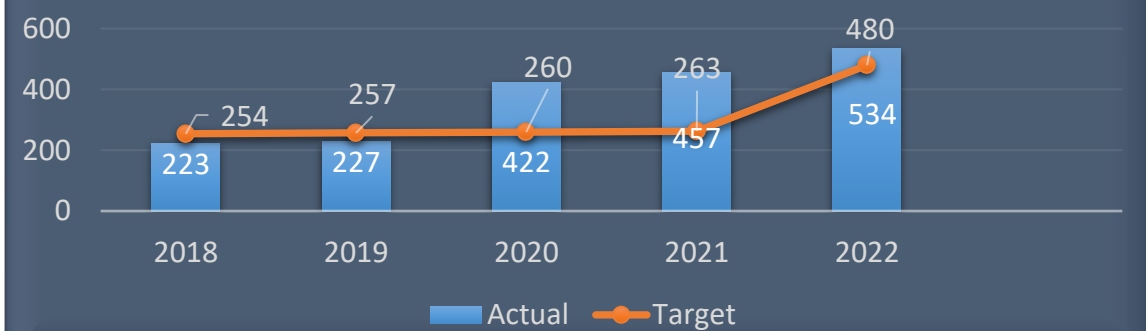
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Clients of Minor Home Repair: Number of



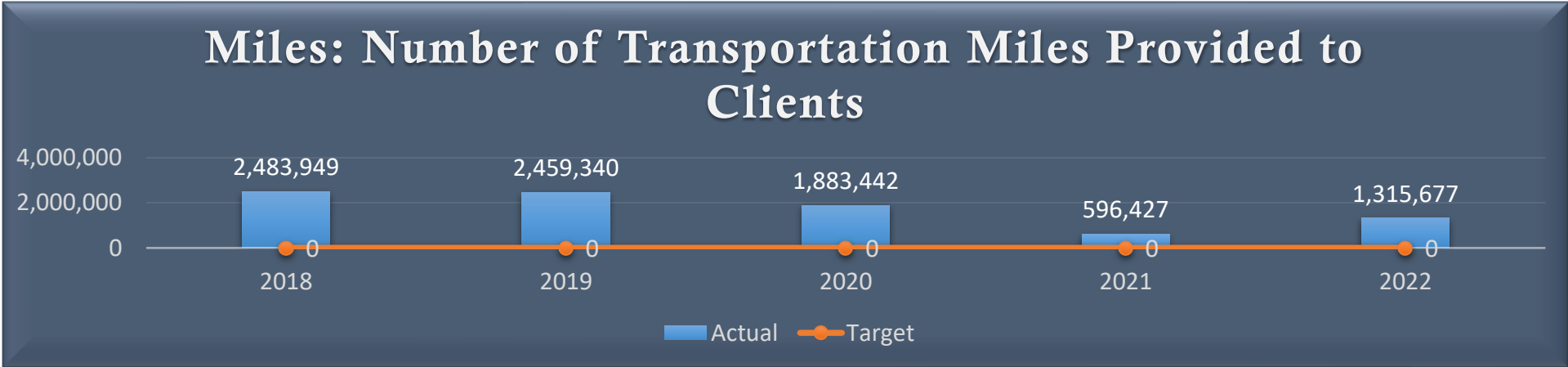
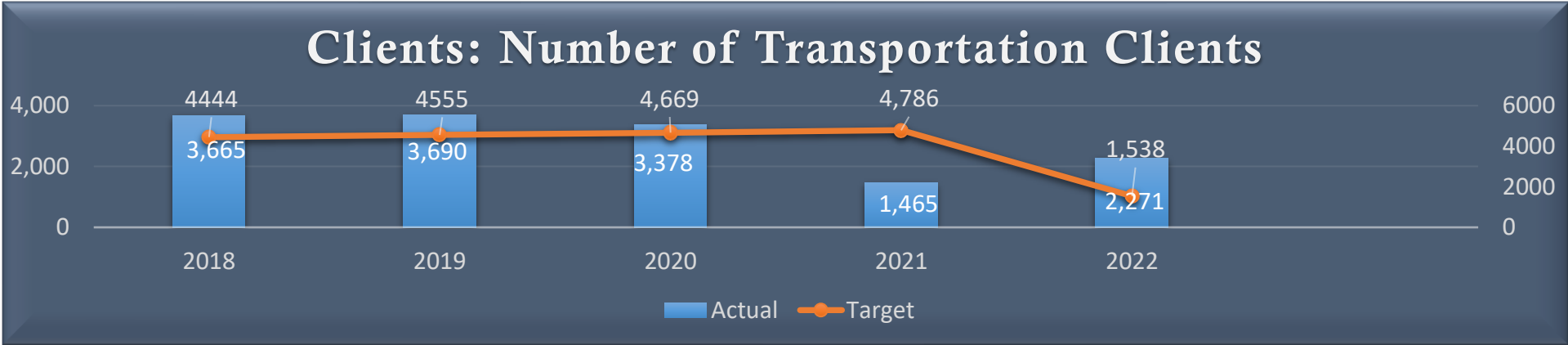
Clients of Personal Care: Number of



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Results Tracked for Support Services

Goal: Meet the target

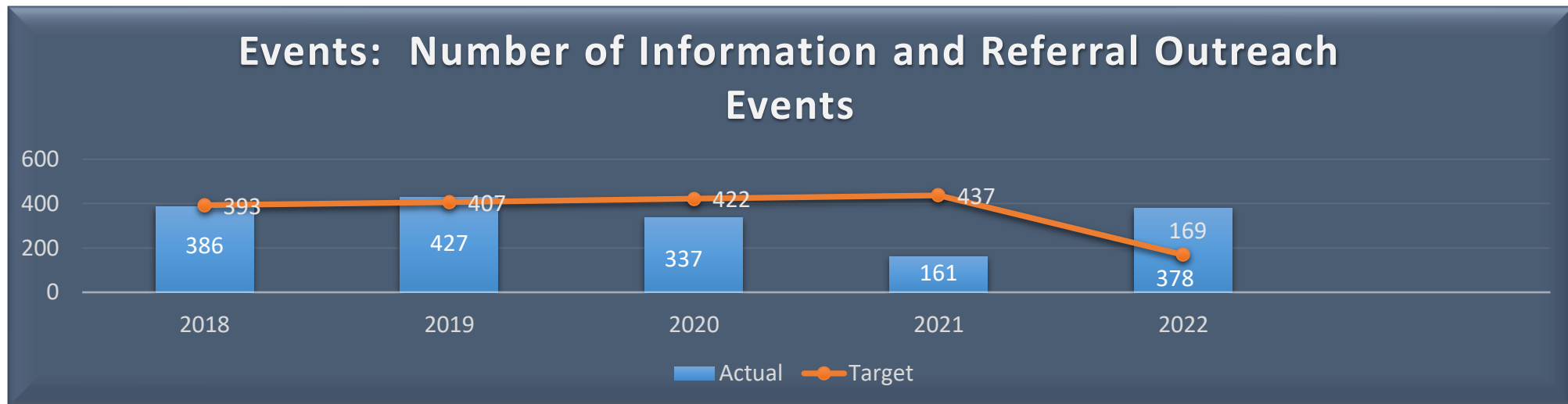
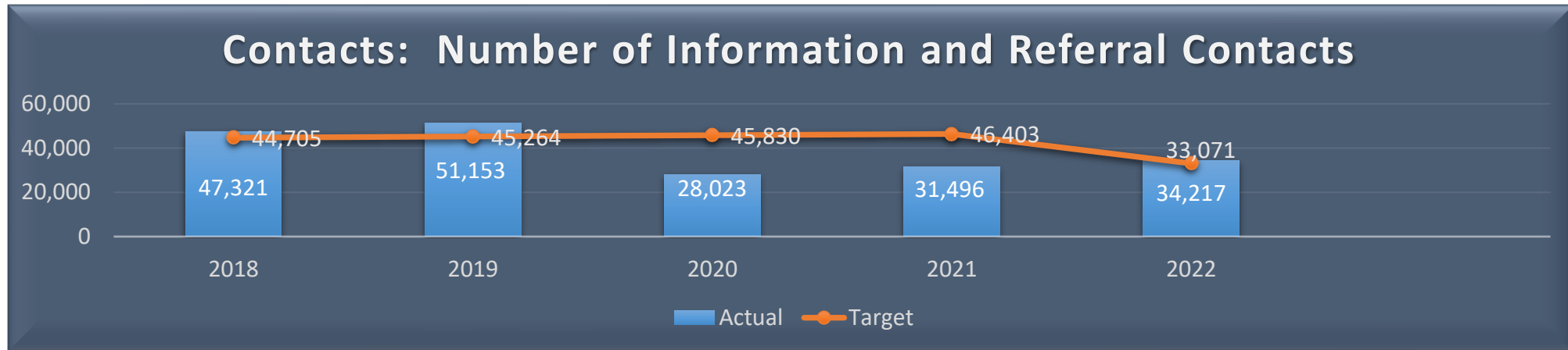


Title III-B Services: Information and Referral / Assistance (I&R/A)

- Links people in need of assistance to appropriate aging and disability resources provided regionally throughout the State of South Carolina
 - Certified I&R/A specialists answer calls daily to help individuals, families, and communities identify, understand, and utilize the programs, services, and resources that are part of the human service network.
- Tracks presenting needs (met and unmet) for the aging and disabilities population that live in South Carolina

Results Tracked for Information and Referral Services

Goal: Meet the target



Title V - Senior Community Service Employment (SCSEP)

Administer Funding for Title V Senior Community Service Employment (SCSEP)

Created in 1965 as a part of the Older Americans Act

Does what?

- Helps people with limited skills earn an income and gain self-sufficiency by providing them with the training and job experience necessary to become employable.
- Assists participants by offering them the opportunity to gain experience by working at partner businesses and organizations.

For whom?

- Low-income (family income at or below 125% of the federal poverty level),
- Adults age 55 and older who qualify for the work program in their local communities.

Enrollment priority is given to veterans and qualified spouses, then to individuals who are over 65, have a disability, have low literacy skills or limited English proficiency, reside in a rural area, are homeless or at risk of homelessness, have low employment prospects, or have failed to find employment after using the SC Works Center.

2021-2022 Highlights

- Implemented a new client assessment for the core Older Americans Act Programs which incorporated several new components:
 - Person-Centered, Holistic Assessment
 - Validated Tools
 - Individual Program Priority Scores
- Developed a training program for the new client assessment for the Area Agencies on Aging and the new program waiting list to ensure quality data is being received
- Developed a mechanism to collect and track statewide waiting list for each service in each county

Title III-C Services

Administer Funding for Title III-C1 and C2 Senior Nutrition Services

SCDOA provides:

- federal and state funds for nutrition program services to the ten AAAs in the state
- technical assistance to the AAAs
- monitors implementation by the AAAs
- communicates directives from the federal level to the AAAs

AAAs are responsible for:

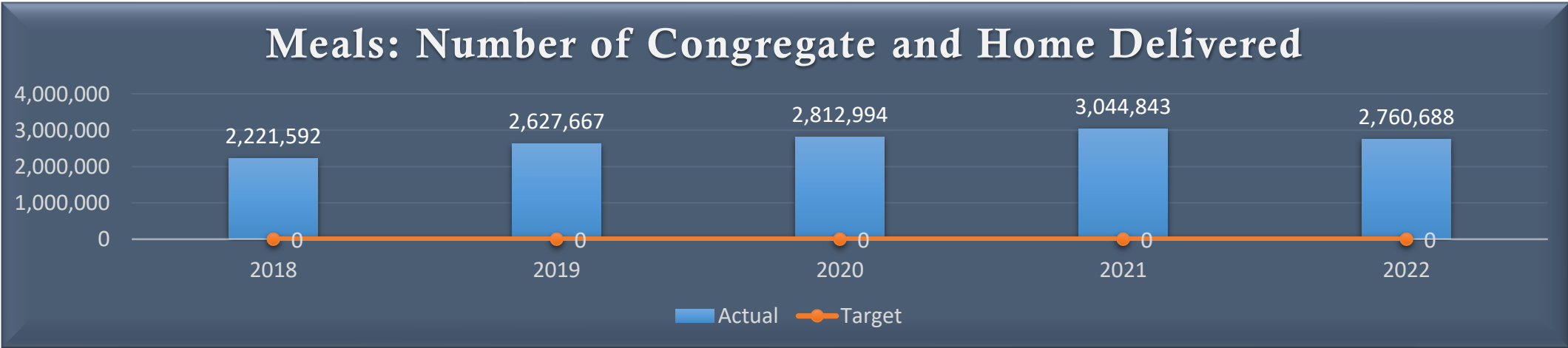
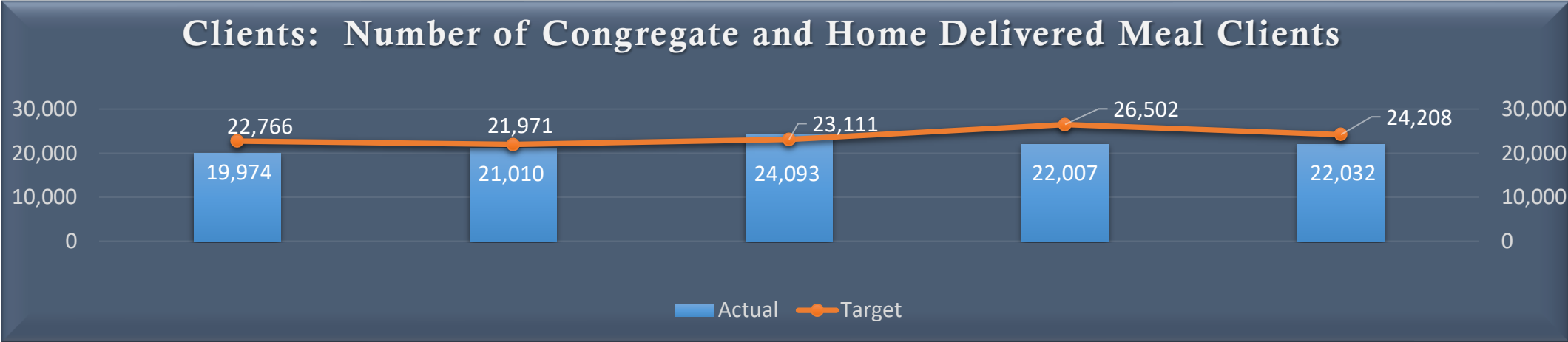
- implementing nutrition program services in each region
 - The Area Agencies on Aging assess and prioritize the needs of older adults within their planning and service areas and allocate federal and state funding to provide services that meet those needs.
 - Each Area Agency on Aging contracts with providers of aging services
 - Each Area Agency on Aging issues their own Request for Proposal for procuring nutritional services in their region.

Title III-C1 and C2 Senior Nutrition Services

- **Meals:** At least five per week, built around client satisfaction and analyzed and approved by a Registered Dietitian Nutritionist (RDN)
 - *Congregate Meals* – Meals provided in a congregate setting (group dining at a meal site, senior center, etc.). Provides an opportunity for older adults to socialize with others and to partake in activities while enjoying a meal.
 - *Home Delivered Meal (HDM)* – Meals delivered to those who are homebound due to illness, incapacitating disability, etc. Provides an opportunity for human connection and a well-check visit.
- **Nutrition Education:** Provided through RDN-approved lessons/materials, and may be presented to Group Dining participants via verbal instruction, handouts/pamphlets or in virtual format such as to HDM participants.
- **Emergencies:** Services to existing clients continues during an emergency situation, such as the provision of shelf-stable meals during inclement weather or seeking out alternate sources during times of weakened food supply chain.

Results Tracked for Senior Nutrition Services

Goal: Meet the target



Title III-D Services

Administer Funding for Title III-D Evidence-Based Disease Prevention and Health Promotion

SCDOA provides:

- federal funds for evidenced-based health and wellness services to the ten AAAs in the state.
- technical assistance to the AAAs
- monitors implementation by the AAAs
- communicates directives from the federal level to the AAAs

AAAs are responsible for:

- implementing the evidenced-based programs in each region
 - The Area Agencies on Aging assess and prioritize the needs of older adults within their planning and service areas and allocate federal funding to provide services that meet those needs.
 - Each Area Agency on Aging contracts with providers of aging services
 - Each Area Agency on Aging issues their own Request for Proposal for procuring evidence-based services in their region.

Title III-D Evidence-Based Disease Prevention and Health Promotion Services

Description:

- Structured programs (provided by trained/certified instructors)
- Typically incorporate physical activity and nutrition education.

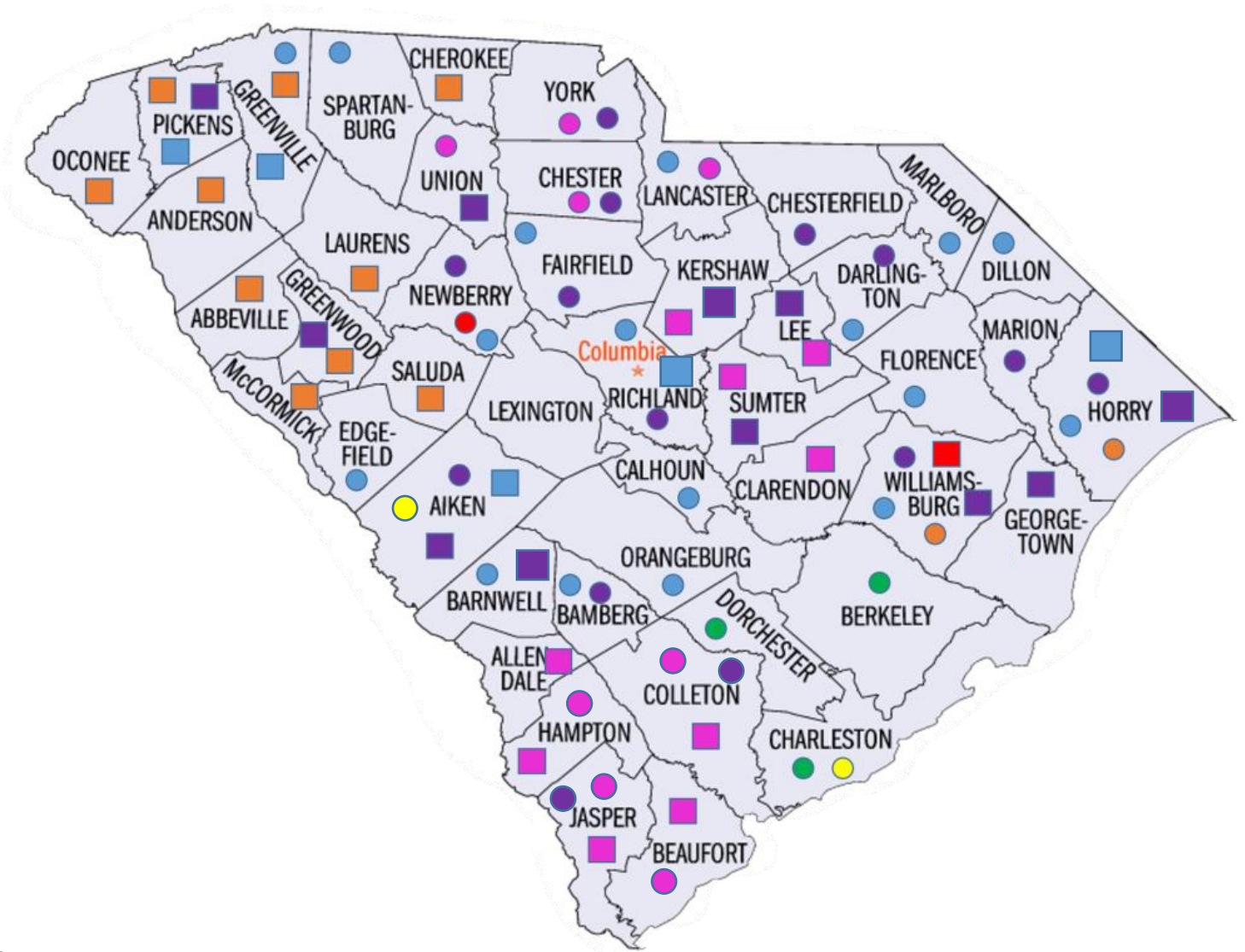
Activities implemented are research based and have been proven to be effective in supporting healthy lifestyles and promoting healthy behaviors.

Program Purpose:

- ✓ maintain improved health
- ✓ increase years of healthy life
- ✓ reduce risk factors associated with illness, disability, or disease
- ✓ delay onset of disease
- ✓ minimize periods of disability
- ✓ preserve functional capacity
- ✓ manage chronic diseases
- ✓ prevent premature institutionalization

Evidenced Based Programs

- A Matter of Balance
- Active Living Everyday
- Arthritis Foundation Exercise Program
- Bingocize
- Eat Smart, Move More, Weigh Less
- Enhance Fitness
- Fit & Strong!
- Hypertension Management Program
- Powerful Tools for Caregivers
- Silver Sneakers
- Tai Chi for Arthritis
- Walk With Ease



Information for FY22 through present day

2021-2022 Title III Highlights

- Standardized III-C and III-D SCDOA and AAA Monitoring Tools
- Client Assessment screening tools: Malnutrition Screening Tool, Expanded Food Security Screener, CDC STEADI Fall Risk, UCLA 3-Item Loneliness Scale
- Restaurant partnerships: “Pop-up” Senior Dining pilot project
- SC Assistive Technology: iPad loan/management program
- SCDOA Nutrition Education Guide
 - Collaboration with SC SNAP-Ed partners: SCDHEC, Lowcountry Food Bank, Clemson University
 - Partnership with Iowa SNAP-Ed: Fresh Conversations Newsletter

State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP)
&
Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP)

Administer Funding for the State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP)

Required in every state by OAA

SCDOA provides:

- federal funds for State Health Insurance Assistance Program services to the ten AAAs in the state
- technical assistance to the AAAs
- monitors implementation by the AAAs
- communicates directives from the federal level to the AAAs

AAAs are responsible for:

- implementing the State Health Insurance Programs in each region
- acquiring volunteers

State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) Services

| Service | Single Unit |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| Free, in-depth, unbiased, one-on-one health insurance counseling and assistance to Medicare beneficiaries, their families, and caregivers | 1 contact |
| Outreach | 1 event |

- SHIP assists people in obtaining coverage through options such as:
 - Original Medicare (Parts A & B)
 - Medicare Advantage (Part C)
 - Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage (Part D)
 - Medicare Supplement (Medigap)
- SHIP conducts outreach through the following:
 - Providing presentations,
 - Conducting enrollment events
 - Distributing information,
 - Participating in health fairs, senior fairs, and other community events
- In 2022 the S.C. SHIP Program served 13,246 persons through one-on-one contacts and 26,409 persons through 366 outreach events.

Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP)

- Empower and assist Medicare beneficiaries, their families, and caregivers to prevent, detect, and report health care fraud, errors, and abuse
- Federal grant-funded projects
- Their work is in three main areas:



- ✓ Conduct Outreach and Education

- Give presentations to groups, exhibit at events, and work one-on-one with Medicare beneficiaries

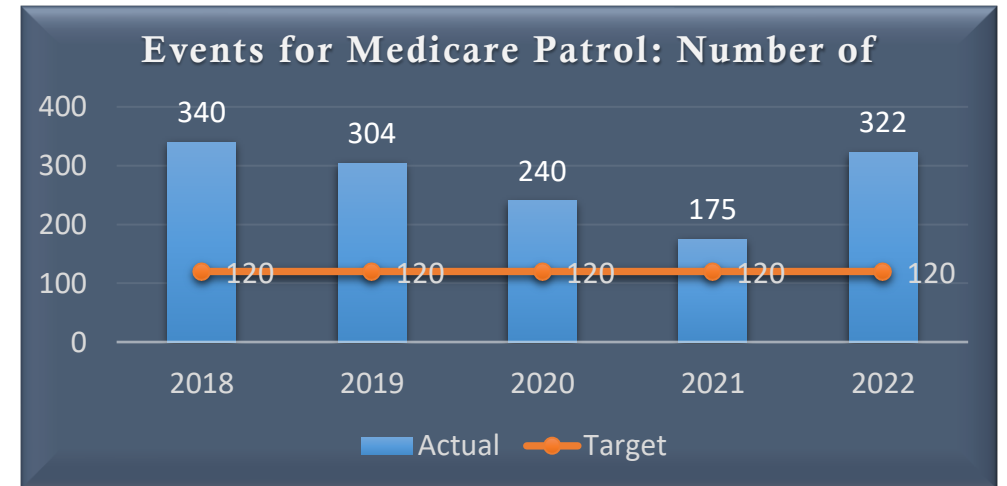
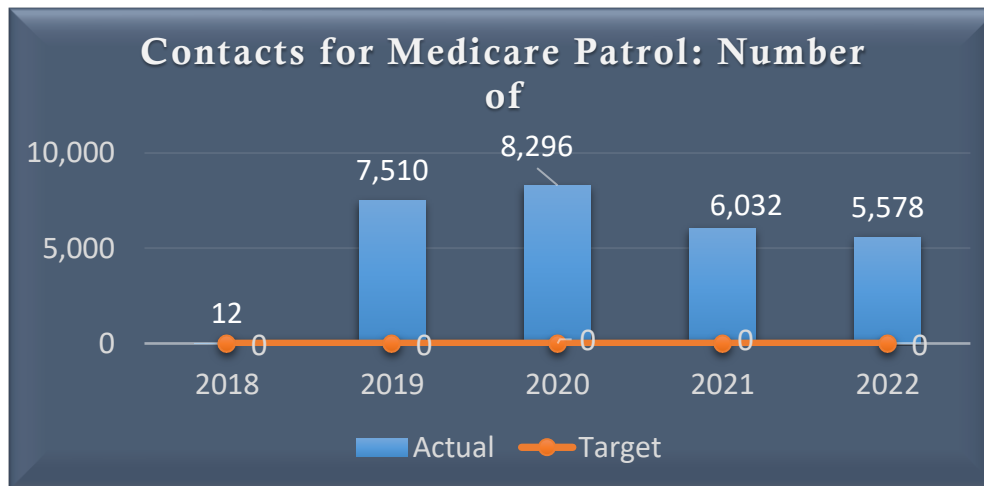
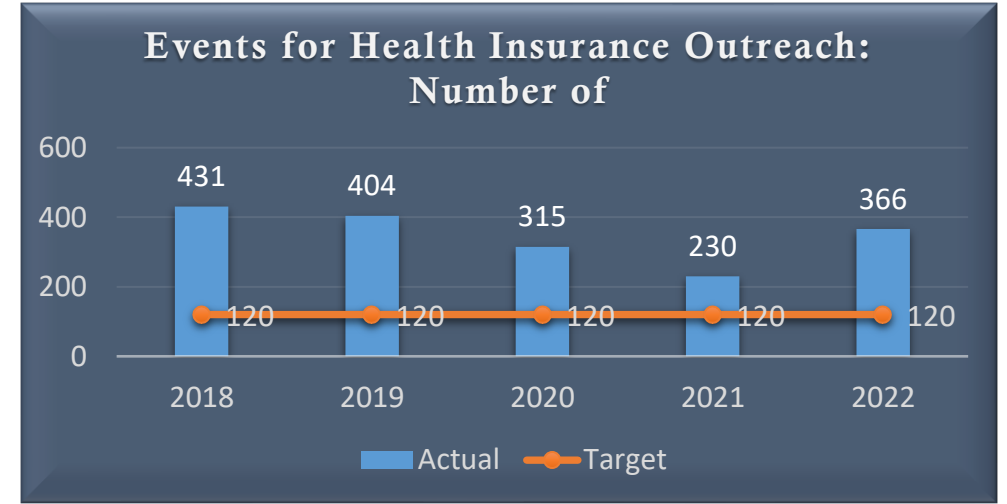
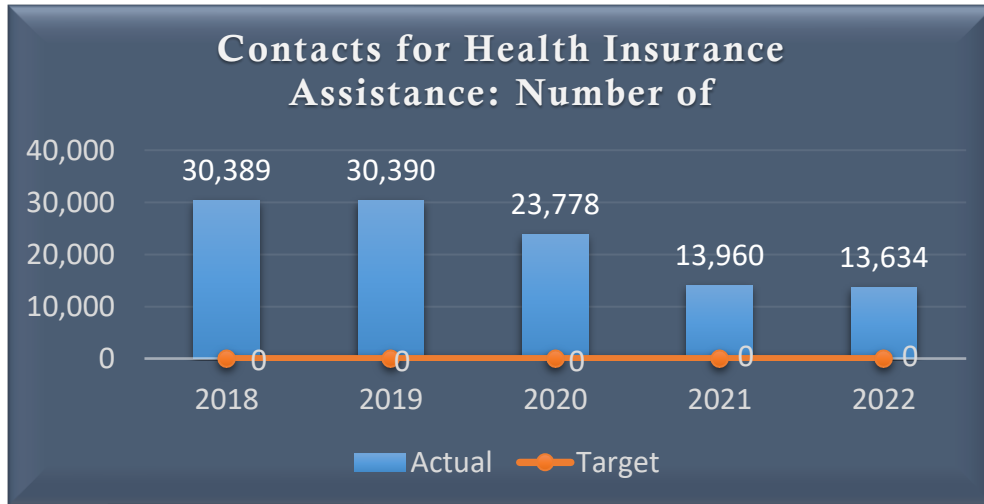
- ✓ Engage Volunteers

- ✓ Receive Beneficiary Complaints

- When Medicare beneficiaries, caregivers, and family members bring their complaints to the SMP, the SMP makes a determination about whether or not fraud, errors, or abuse is suspected.
 - When fraud or abuse is suspected, they make referrals to the appropriate state and federal agencies for further investigation.

Results Tracked for State Health Insurance Assistance Program Services

Goal: Meet the target



2021-2022 Highlights

- Several regions conducted various activities related to Medicare fraud (billboards, PSA announcements and a cartoon ad placed on YouTube)
- Several regions advertised their SHIP Program by:
 - offering tech classes (taught older adults how to use technology)
 - placed ads on TV in doctor's offices
 - assisting beneficiaries getting services through the Senior Farmer's Market
 - assisting beneficiaries by providing reimbursement of prescription co-pays

Eldercare Trust Fund

Geriatric Physician Loan Forgiveness Program

Faith-Based Senior Outreach Initiatives

Administer Funding for the Eldercare Trust

Created by statute in 1992, the Trust is:



Designed to incentivize non-profit organizations to establish and administer innovative programs and services that assist older persons to remain in their homes and communities with maximum independence and dignity.



Supplemental in nature to other programs and services provided by or through state agencies, and does not take the place of other programs and services.



Funded solely through taxpayer's contributions by checking the box on state tax form.

ELDERCARE TRUST FUND

*Since inception, the fund has awarded over \$400,000 to more than 30 non-profit organizations from all over S.C.

A Public Service Announcement was created and aired statewide with the help of the South Carolina Broadcaster's Association.

**IT'S NOT TOO LATE
TO CHECK LINE 28**

Results Tracked for Eldercare Trust Fund

Goal: Meet the target

ElderCare Trust Fund Grantees

The Ark of SC (Dorchester County)

- Specialized training on dementia for caregivers and members of the law enforcement community

Anderson Interfaith Ministries (Anderson County)

- Home repairs

Association for the Blind of SC (Charleston County)

- Assistance for seniors with newly diagnosed vision impairments

Fairfield Council on Aging (Fairfield County)

- Special software to assist volunteers who devote their time to seniors

Under One Roof (Beaufort County)

- House and mobile home repairs

Feonix Mobility (Lexington and Richland Counties)

- Fund medical, essential shopping and other types of transportation for seniors

Sumter United Ministries (Sumter County)

- Fund the fresh food program for seniors described in Sumter United Ministries



Administer Funding for the Geriatric Physician Loan Forgiveness Program

Program was created to encourage physicians who have completed geriatric or geriatric psychiatry fellowships to practice in S.C. by helping them repay their medical school loans.

SCDOA executes contracts with physicians who agree to:

- practice in S.C. for no less than 5 years immediately following completion of his/her fellowship;
- accept Medicare and Medicaid patients;
- accept reimbursement or contractually binding rates and not discriminate against patients based on ability to pay.

Program has awarded over \$840,000 to more than 27 geriatric physicians and psychiatrists serving over 10,000 South Carolina seniors.

Commit to practice geriatric
medicine in S.C.
for at least five years

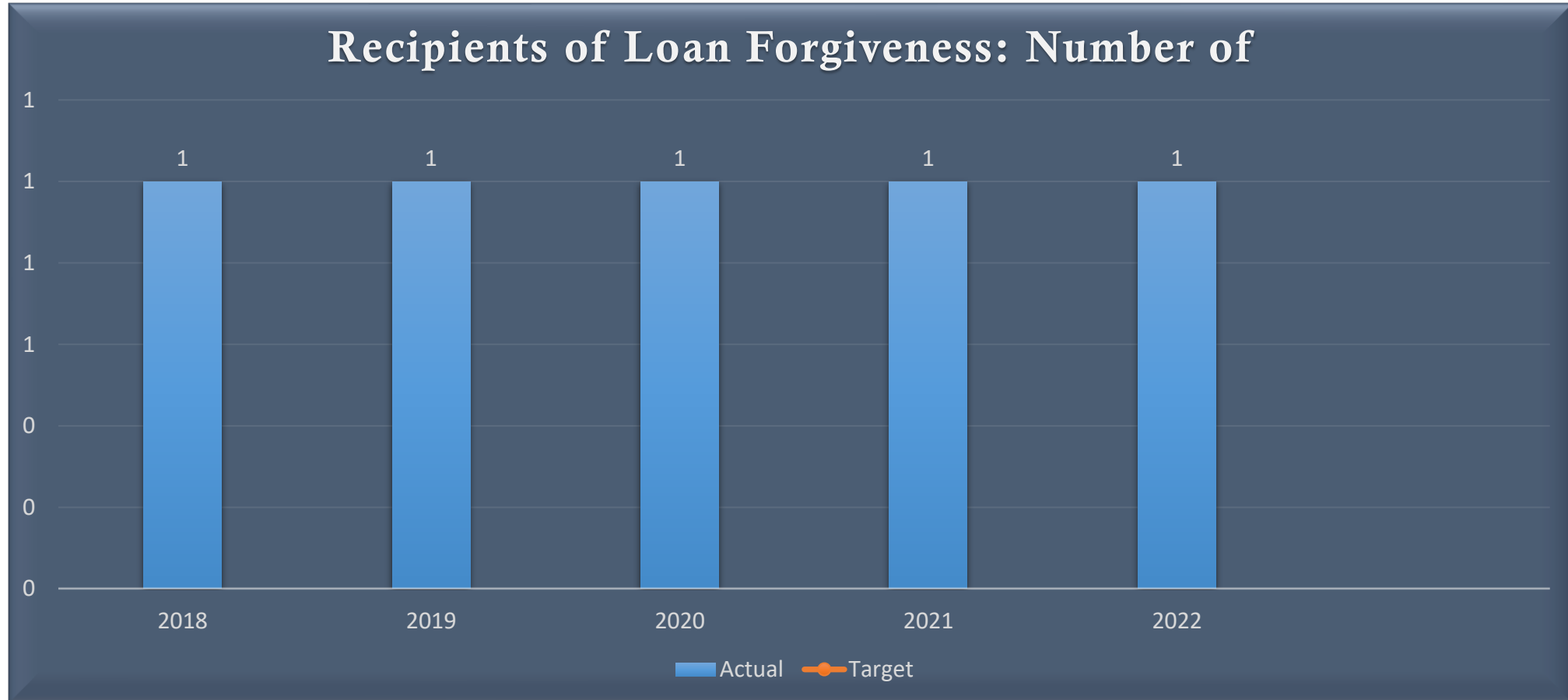


Receive as much as
\$35,000 to repay
medical school debt



Results Tracked for Geriatric Physicians Loan Forgiveness Program

Goal: Meet the target



Faith-Based Senior Outreach Initiatives

- Created in 2017
- Developed partnerships with hundreds of churches, synagogues, mosques and other places of worship from all over S.C.
- Hosts an annual Symposium for faith leaders from all over the state to educate the faith community about the needs of seniors and encourage them to create programs to help this vulnerable population
- Hosted free grant writing workshops to assist faith leaders on how to fund their own programs to help seniors through grants from foundations, non-profit organizations and other entities

2021-2022 Highlights

Social Isolation Pilot

- One-hundred seniors in five rural counties received a tablet plus 12 months of free broadband service furnished by Verizon
- All program participants were given digital literacy training and taught:
 - How to use the devices to stimulate their brains through games like Solitaire and Sudoku
 - How to connect with their physicians through telehealth
 - How to connect with family and friends on platforms like Facebook and Zoom
- Success of pilot was recognized on ETV and an article about the pilot was published in a nationally distributed magazine

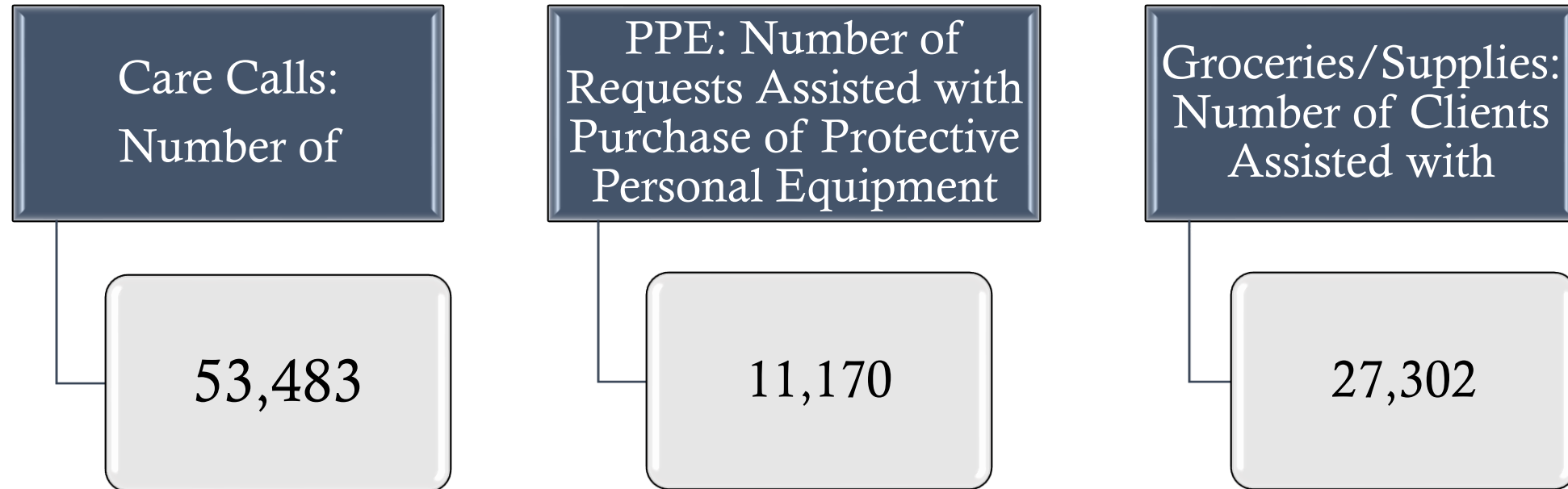
Aging & Disabilities Resource Center (ADRC)

COVID-19 Grant

- In April of 2020, ACL and No Wrong Door put out a call for applicants for innovative programs for COVID-19 relief through the Aging and Disabilities Resource Centers (ADRC). SCDOA was awarded funds intended to help seniors across the state that were significantly effected by COVID-19 and reduce the impact of the pandemic for South Carolina seniors.
- Assistance includes strategies to reduce social isolation among seniors caused by the pandemic. The grant also includes funds for assistive technology and wellness checks.

Results Tracked for Other Support Services

COVID Response Services



2021-2022 Highlights

HUD Older Adults Home Modification Program

- Low income seniors over 62 residing in the 29 rural counties selected are eligible to participate in the program.
- The Area Agencies on Aging will utilize their assessors to determine eligibility and needs.
- SCDOA has hired a Licensed Occupational Therapist (OT) who will assess the home during an in-person home visit.
- The OT will work with the senior in determining what low-cost, high impact modifications would best allow the senior to age in place, avoiding costly institutionalization.



Title III-E Services

Caregiver and Alzheimer's Resource Organizational Unit

Under the supervision of:

Caregiver and Alzheimer's Resource
Division Manager

Consists of:

3 full-time state employees

Programs and Services include:

- Alzheimer's Disease Program Initiative (ADPI)*
- Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Resource Coordination Center (ARCC)*
- Title III E Family Caregiver*
- Dementia Care Specialist*
- Federal Lifespan Respite grant programs*
- Break Room (Respite) Pilot Initiative*

***New division**

Caregiver and Alzheimer's Resource Division

Formed in July 2021 in response to the state's growing need for a dedicated team working toward continuity of care and resources for people living with Alzheimer's and related dementias, their family caregivers, as well as family caregivers coping with other care needs. It is operated under the supervision of the Caregiver and Alzheimer's Resource Divisional Manager and consist of the following programs:

- Family Caregiver Support Program
- Lifespan Respite; Breakrooms Project
- Alzheimer's Resource Coordination Center (ARCC)
- Alzheimer's Disease Program Initiative (ADPI)
- Dementia Care Specialist

Administer Funding for Title III-E Family Caregiver Support

Federal provides:

- Family Caregiver Support Program established in 2000
- Grants to states and territories to fund various supports that help family and informal caregivers care for older adults in their homes for as long as possible

SCDOA provides:

- federal and state funds to the ten AAAs in the state
- state funds, as well as funds through the Respite Assistance Program for Alzheimer's and related dementia-specific respite vouchers, assist to provide a more robust support to Family Caregivers
- technical assistance to the AAAs
- monitors implementation by the AAAs
- communicates directives from the federal level to the AAAs

AAAs are responsible for:

- implementing the services in each region
- assessing and prioritizing needs within their areas and allocate federal and state funding to provide services that meet those needs
- ensuring FCSP Services are client-choice; AAA does not contract for FCSP services

Administer Funding for Title III-E Family Caregiver Support

Family Caregiver Support Program serves:

Adult caring for someone who is frail (needing assistance with 2+ Activities of Daily Living) aged 60 or older.

Adult caring for someone with Alzheimer's disease or related dementia.

Grandparents or relative caregivers (55 or older) raising a child under 18. (Seniors Raising Children Program)

Persons (55 or older) caring for a disabled adult (18-59 years) known as "Older Adult Caregivers"

FCSP does not means test for services; financial information may be asked to assess clients for additional services.

Title III-E Family Caregiver Support Services

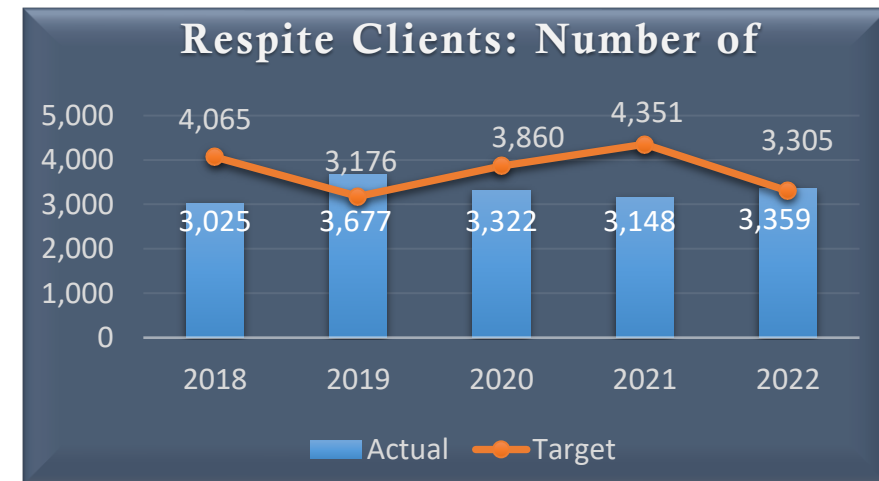
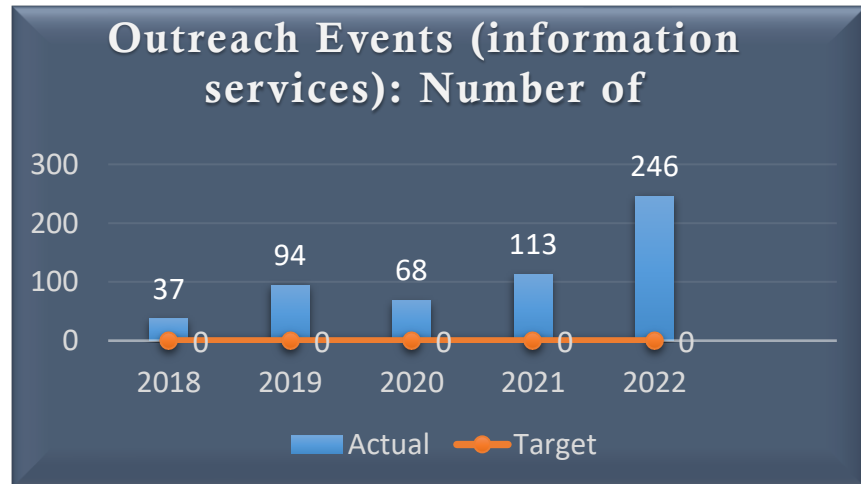
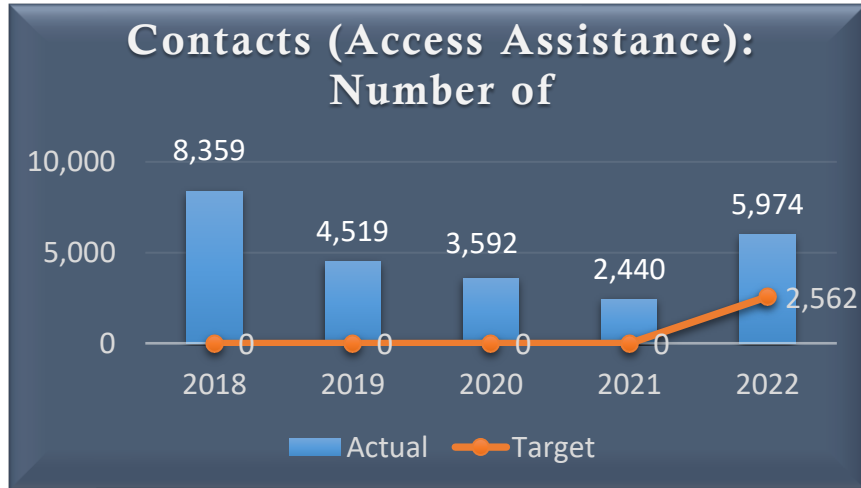
Provides family caregivers with respite care and other supportive services (such as support groups, counseling, and assistance with supplies needed to care for an individual), which has shown to delay costly placement in long term care facilities

| Service | Unit |
|----------------------------|------------|
| Respite | Hours |
| Caregiver Training | Hours |
| Counseling | Hours |
| Supplemental Services | Dollars |
| Support Groups | Sessions |
| Information and Assistance | Contacts |
| Information Services | Activities |

*NOTE: Respite care is defined as planned or emergency temporary care provided to caregivers of a child or adult.
Required in every state by OAA – 42 U.S.C. Section 3030s*

Results Tracked for Family Caregiver Support Program

Goal: Meet the target



Other state and federally funded programs

Administer funding for Lifespan Respite

SCDOA provides Lifespan Respite Services by contracting with SC Respite Coalition

SCDOA provides:

- federal and state funds for Lifespan Respite to SC Respite Coalition
- technical assistance to SC Respite Coalition
- monitors implementation by SC Respite Coalition
- communicates directives from the federal level to SC Respite Coalition

SC Respite Coalition is responsible for:

- implementing the Lifespan Respite services in the state

Lifespan Respite Services



to expand and enhance respite care services to family caregivers;

to improve the statewide dissemination and coordination of respite care; and

to provide, supplement, or improve access and quality of respite care services to family caregivers, thereby reducing family caregiver strain.

- As part of the federal grant, data is tracked and monitored to review the total number of caregivers, respite hours, demographic information, trainings, and outreach events.
- Outcomes reported assist SCDOA in forecasting gaps in services, unmet needs, and education.

| Service | Single Unit |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Respite vouchers | 1 hour |
| Training and Education for caregivers | 1 hour |
| Breakrooms | 1 breakroom location/grant awarded |

Break Room (Respite) Pilot Initiative

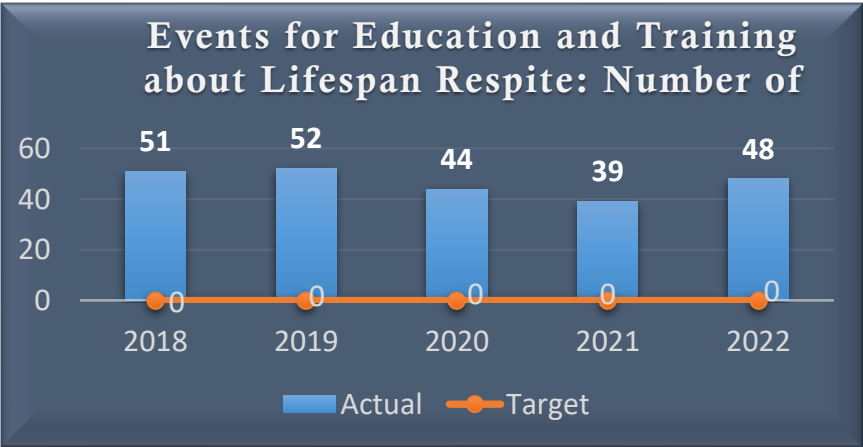
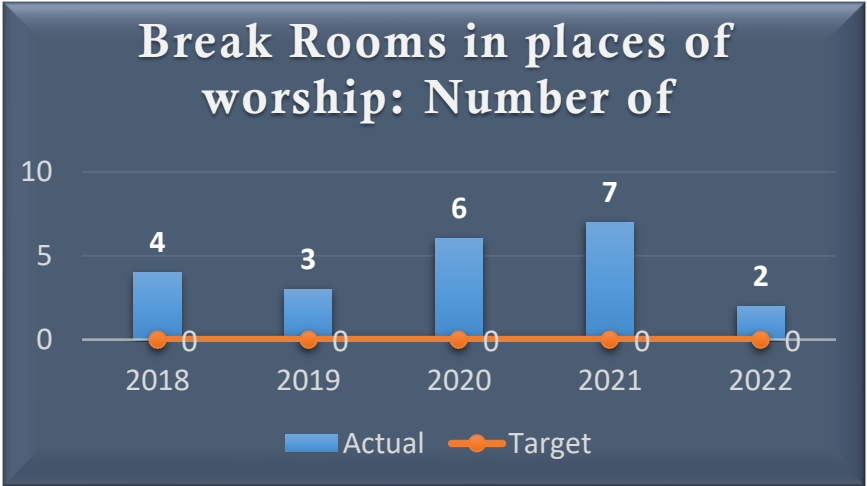
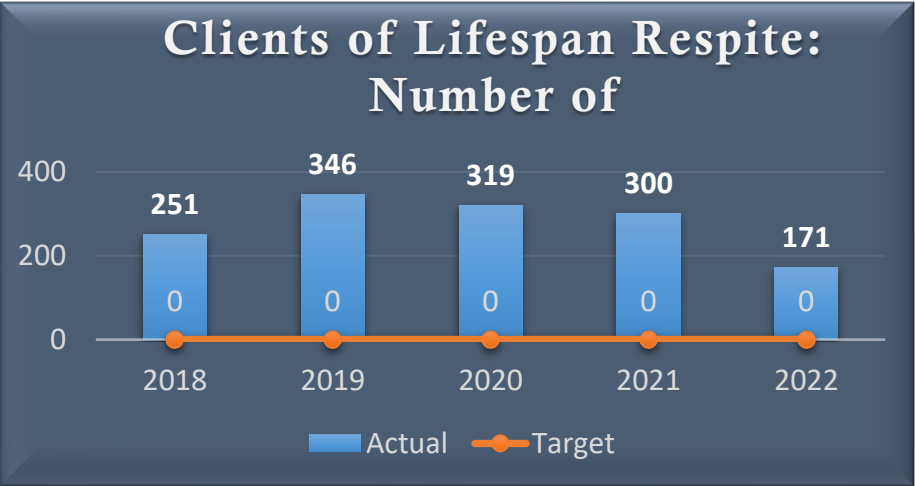
- Created in the fall of 2018 as a pilot program jointly operated by the SCDOA and the SC Respite Coalition
- Gives caregivers the ability to meet their own spiritual needs by providing a safe place for their loved one to be cared for while they participate in worship.
- A break room is located inside of a church or other place of worship. It is designed for persons living with dementia and adults with disabilities. All adults who attend are supervised by trained staff allowing caregivers peace-of-mind while worshipping.

Churches that participated:

- Brown Chapel AME Church (Arthurtown section of Columbia)
- Hebron Zion Presbyterian Church (Johns Island)
- Mt. Nebo AME Church (Awendaw)
- St. Luke Presbyterian Church (Orangeburg)
- St. Paul United Methodist Church (Kingstree)
- Turner Memorial AME Church (West Columbia)

Results Tracked for Lifespan Respite Services

Goal: Meet the target



Alzheimer's Resource Coordination Center

- Established by state legislation in 1994
- Center's goal is to serve as a statewide focal point for coordination, service development, information, and education with other statewide entities to better serve those living with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias (ADRD) and their families and caregivers.
- SCDOA provides:
 - Coordination and management of the ARCC Council
 - Grant management for the ARCC Grants to local service providers

Administer Funding for the Alzheimer's Resource Coordination Center

Alzheimer's Resource Coordination Center (ARCC) receives \$150,000 of state appropriations each year to award Dementia-specific grants for Respite or Education programs for caregivers.

Through an application process, Grants are awarded annually to agencies that show an innovative approach to working with persons with Alzheimer's Disease and their caregivers. When an agency receives an award it is for a two year cycle: 1st cycle is a \$20,000 competitive award; 2nd year is \$10,000 non-competitive award.

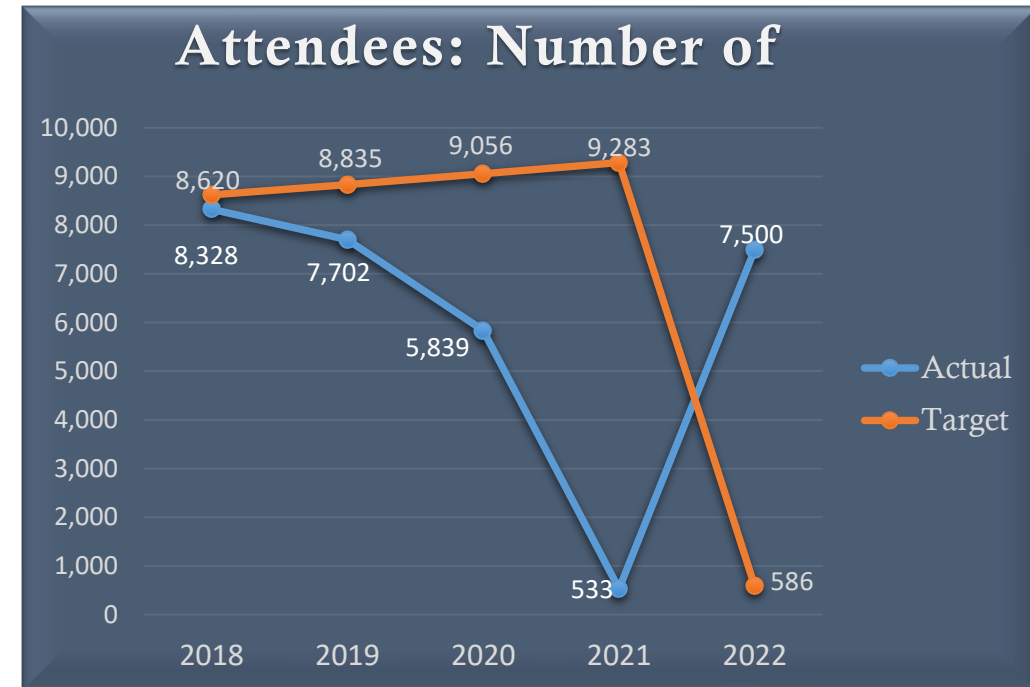
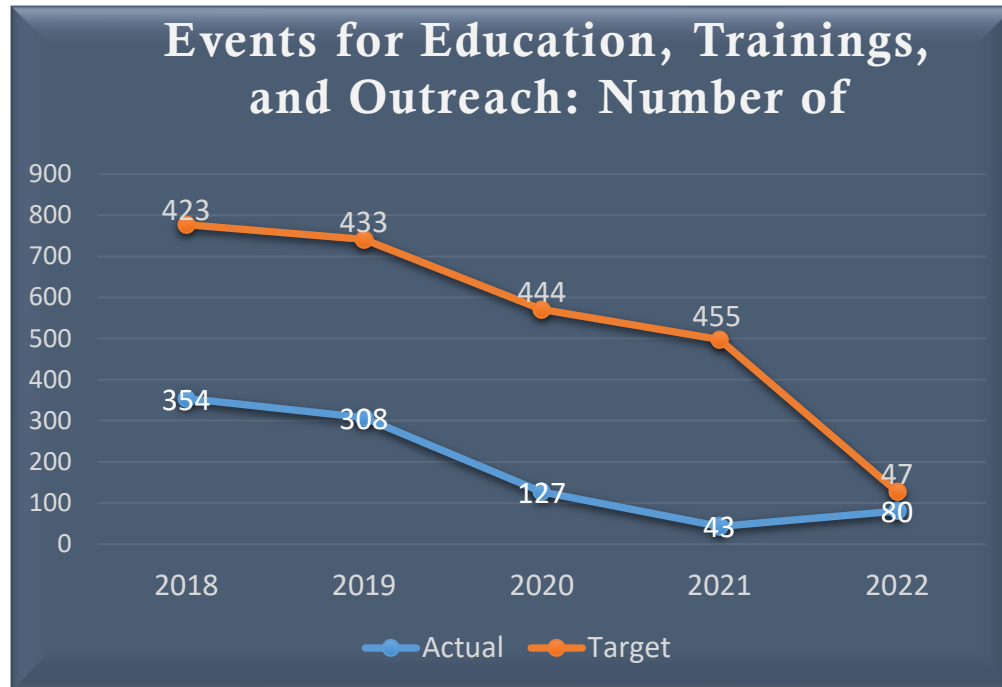
The services include respite care programs and education programs. Respite programs must be dementia-specific and support caregivers and families to promote a higher quality of life for the person living with Alzheimer's or related dementia. Education programs must also be dementia-specific and aimed toward families and caregivers of persons with dementia and/or community service providers.

Alzheimer's Resource Coordination Council (ARCC)

- Consist of 27 Governor-appointed council members from agencies and organizations as well as Alzheimer's caregivers with a vested interest in Alzheimer's disease and related disorders
- Entire council meets quarterly, sub-committees meet quarterly or more
- Sub-committees include: Public Health; Community Programs and Caregiver Support; Professional Care: In-home and Facilities; Research and Evaluation

Results Tracked for Alzheimer's Resource Coordination Center

Goal: Meet the target



Note: The SCDOA has been able to increase the overall number of the grantees with the implementation of targeted outreach.

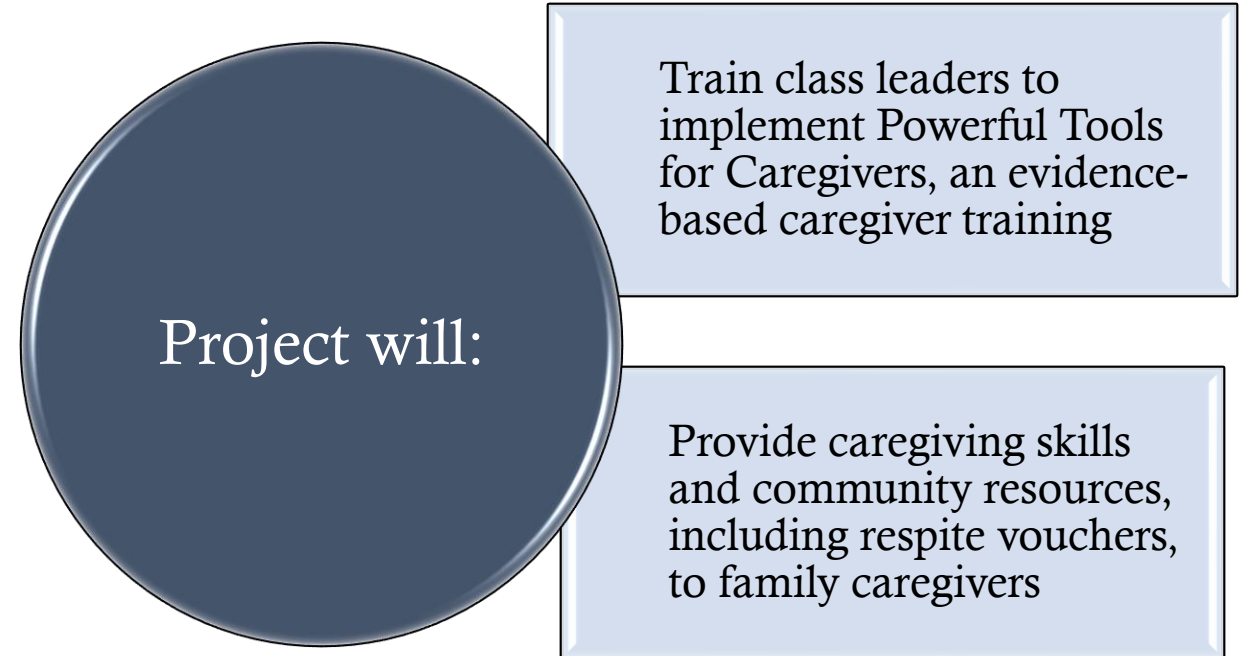
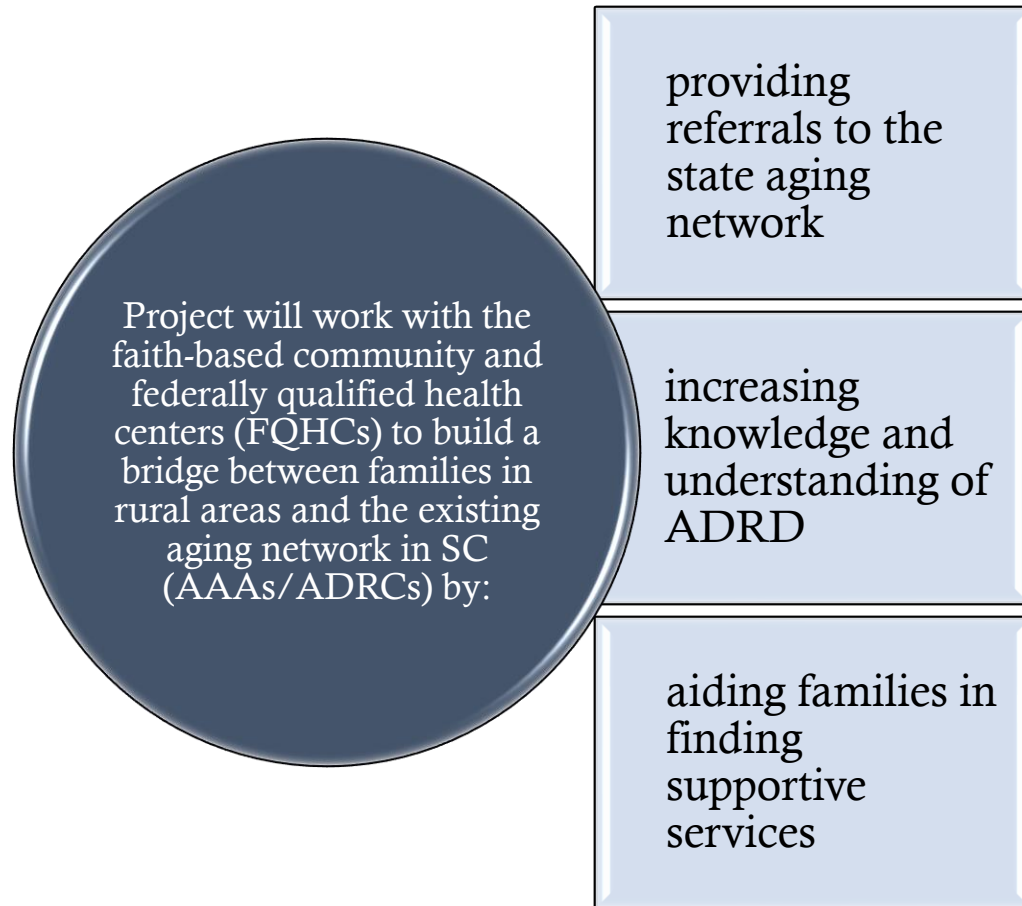
Administer Alzheimer's Disease Programs Initiative

Competitive 3-year federal grant awarded from ACL (Administration for Community Living) in 2019

Supports the development and expansion of dementia-capable home and community-based service (HCBS) systems in states and communities.

In S.C., the grant is targeted at 16 counties with a high number of rural and minority populations. It is intended to increase access to aging services for individuals living with Alzheimer's disease and related disorders (ADRD) and their family caregivers in an historically underserved population.

Administer Alzheimer's Disease Programs Initiative



2021-2022 Highlights

- Caregiver and Alzheimer's Resource Division was created to serve unique needs of family caregivers and those living with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias
- In partnership with the South Carolina Institute of Medicine and Public Health, the South Carolina Department on Aging has convened South Carolina experts and those with lived experiences, and has worked collaboratively to create state-specific recommendations to reduce social isolation in older adults through a social isolation task force
- Position funded to fully support Alzheimer's Resource Coordination Center
- Alzheimer's Resource Coordination Center has a fully appointed council
- Active implementation of ADPI grant began
- Family Caregiver Assessment was updated to provide a person-centered, holistic assessment of family caregiver needs
- A Dementia Care Specialist was hired with Public Health Workforce Grant



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