

## Aging Leadership

Formal Nebraska state government involvement in aging issues dates to 1960 when a Governor's Commission on Aging was formed. That Commission sponsored a state conference on aging in preparation for the first White House Conference on Aging held in 1961. Since that time, the state structure has evolved so that now the authority for state-wide aging programs centers in the Nebraska Department on Aging.

All Nebraskans have a stake in the mission and work of the Nebraska Department on Aging. The mission of the Department is to assure that:

“Older Nebraskans may live with dignity and may enjoy full access to varied opportunities for growth and fulfillment during their mature years.”

The Department is responsible for all matters concerning the state's older adults and is charged with actively carrying out functions related to advocacy, planning, coordination, interagency linkages, information sharing, brokering, monitoring and evaluation designed to develop or enhance community-based services. In meeting this responsibility, the Department often impacts the lives of the families, neighbors, and friends who may provide care and other services to older citizens.

