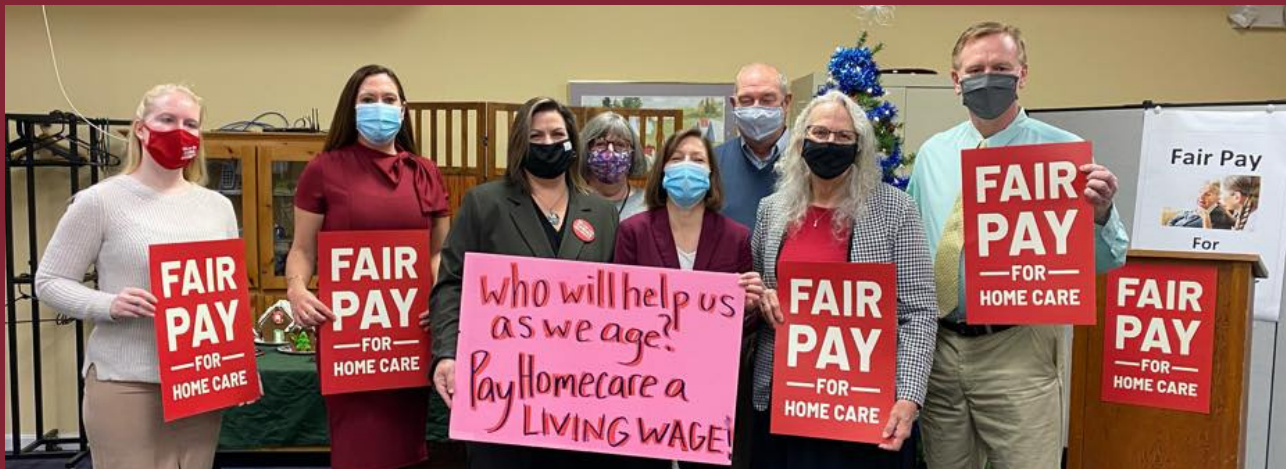


## Advocacy in Action 2021



- Ongoing press coverage regarding home care workforce shortage.
- Advocacy sign on letter for Home Care Jobs Innovation Fund.
- Advocacy sign on letter for vaccine expansion to home-delivered meal providers.
- Advocacy sign on letter in support of a Master Plan for Aging in New York.
- Reviewing NY State budget funding as it relates to the membership and presenting findings to the AAAs.
- Continued advocacy efforts on behalf of the membership to ensure needed programs are adequately funded.

- Draft and present written testimony for the NYS Senate Joint Public Hearing on Nursing Homes Assisted Living and Homecare Workforce Shortage on July 27, 2021.
- Draft testimony for the Assembly hearing, delivered to the Assembly Standing Committee on Aging on November 22, 2021 for the purpose of examining how the COVID-19 pandemic has impacted the availability, effectiveness, and efficiency of programs and services to older adults and their caregivers.
- Draft language for membership to use in advocacy efforts to keep OAA funding in the Build Back Better package
- Forming Regulatory Workgroup of AAA directors to discuss potential regulatory changes that would be beneficial to local workflow
- Ongoing meetings with both New York State Senate and Assembly members in support of aging services on behalf of the membership and direct care providers.
- Act as intermediary between AAA members and NYSOFA for clarification and guidance on state programming questions.



- Partnership with Office of Mental Health for The Reimagine NY Commission highlighting connectivity, greater access to quality healthcare, and expanding opportunity in a digital environment.
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- Provide online Boston University Case Management training and certification to the AAA members in association with New York State Office of Aging.
- Locate and share resources for pandemic related guidance: reopening congregate meals, adult day centers, etc.
- Surveys to the membership for congregate meals and home delivered meals for advocacy and funding purposes on behalf of the AAA members.

- Partnership with NYSOFA and BellAge for statewide CV-19 online tool to promote safety education during the pandemic.
- Support project funding for City University of New York (CUNY) for “The Case for Public Investment in Higher Pay for New York State Home Care Workers” report.
- Produced online Caregiver Conference in association with New York State Office for Aging.
- Provide membership with RDA shelf stable emergency meal menus that meet dietary requirements for older adults.
- Partnership with NYSOFA and GetSetUp to provide online live classes to older adults in New York State as one approach to reduce social isolation during the pandemic.
- Presented opportunity to membership from Spruce Farms
- Assisted membership with Styrofoam hardship waiver
- Ongoing mitigation efforts in protecting older adult community from scams by raising awareness
- Produce and implement Annual Aging Concerns Unite Us (ACUU) conference in association with New York State Office for Aging. In 2021 we held 55 workshops both in person and online. The conference is an opportunity for members and partners to share their best practices in an ever changing landscape. Attendees have access to program creators who can provide insight into program replication and adaptation within their own communities.
- Annual ACUU pre-intensive workshop day provided to AAA members. The full day of presentations cover areas such as finance and grantsmanship with New York State Office for Aging.
- Cooperative presentations with NYSOFA in multi-state platforms to highlight progressive program changes during COVID-19 pandemic.
- Partnership with Office of Mental Health for The Reimagine NY Commission highlighting connectivity, greater access to quality healthcare, and expanding opportunity in a digital environment.
- Presenting Power of Attorney resources and information to the membership.
- Presenting learning opportunity to membership for Special Needs Planning
- Partnership with NYSOFA and ArchAngels to launch statewide Caregiver Study.
- Locating and presenting educational opportunities to the membership for maximizing nutrition benefit programs to seniors
- Locating and presenting education opportunities to the membership to address the significant changes to Medicaid eligibility.
- Coordinate with AAA members and Kinney Drugs to increase vaccination efforts to older adults.



**LIVE with Director Greg Olsen**

	<p>Special Guests:</p> <p><b>Kathleen Otte</b> Regional Administrator, Region II Administration for Community Living</p>	
	<p><b>Becky Preve</b> Executive Director Aging-NY</p>	

Thursday, January 21, 1pm