



WASHINGTON UPDATE

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How Do Seniors Fare in Party Platforms?

President and CEO Richard Browdie and Robert Blancato of Matz Blancato & Associates explore how older adults fare in the party platforms of the Democratic and Republican parties on Next Avenue:

The 2016 Democratic Platform and Older Voters: What's in it, what's not and what should be

Older Voters and the Republican Convention: Here's hoping the platform and speeches offer specifics in these areas

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Congressional Update

House, Senate Vote on FY 2017 Funding Levels

The House and Senate Appropriations Committees have now voted for their Labor-HHS-Education funding bills for federal Fiscal Year 2017, which begins October 1. These bills differ widely in some places from each other and from the President's proposal in their funding for some aging programs:

Program	President Proposed	Senate Voted	House Voted
OAA Title IIIB (HCBS)	\$358 million	\$347 million	\$353 million
OAA Title IIIC (nutrition)	\$848 million	\$835 million	\$848 million
OAA Title IIIE Family Caregiver Support	\$150.6 million	\$150.6 million	\$150.9 million
OAA Title V (SCSEP)	\$434.4 million	\$400 million	\$434.4 million
OAA Title VI (Native American Nutrition/HCBS)	\$31.1 million	\$26.2 million	31.1 million
Elder Justice Initiative	\$10 million	\$10 million	\$8 million
SHIPS	\$52.1 million	0	\$52.1 million
Aging & Disability Resource Centers	\$8 million	\$6 million	\$6 million
Social Services Block Grant	\$1.7 billion	\$1.7 billion	\$1.7 billion

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Upcoming Programs at Benjamin Rose

Expressive Arts for Older Adults: Promoting Quality of Life and Social Connection

August 31, 2016
8:30am-4:00pm

Ethical Dilemmas in Clinical Practice and Supervision

September 21, 2016
8:30am-4:15pm

LGBT Older Adults: Supporting their Unique Health and Social Needs

October 20, 2016
8:30am-5:15pm

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FY 2017 Funding Levels Continued

With the election season fully upon us, it is unlikely that any actual progress through Congress will be made. Therefore, it is increasingly unlikely that even a compromise of these funding levels will actually become law, at least at the beginning of the fiscal year. The House and Senate have both recessed until after Labor Day, and they would have to come to agreement on these levels prior to October 1 and receive sign-off from the President. What is more likely is that a continuing resolution, meaning a bill which funds the government at the same levels as the previous year, will go into effect. The duration of this resolution is unknown but could go as late as March 2017.