

# OLDER ADULTS NEED MORE THAN HEALTHCARE TO STAY HEALTHY

## Sequestration is still with us!

Let's compare the total federal funding for the following key aging services in 2010, 2013 and 2016.<sup>1</sup> Seniors are facing a dangerous trend, as described in the chart below. Congress has been cutting deeply into services that seniors depend on, at the same time that the population of older adults is growing rapidly.

Sequestration cut deeply into all non-defense discretionary spending (NDD) in federal fiscal year 2013. \$85 billion "across the board" reductions were split evenly between defense and NDD in 2013, with similar reductions scheduled in following years. Before the Trump Administration took office, Congress each year agreed to ease those cuts by substituting alternative deficit-reduction measures.

**But few programs have recovered fully, and no program funding levels are adequate to meet today's needs!**

| Federal Program  | In FY 2010      | In FY 2013    | In FY 2016    |
|--|-----------------|---------------|---------------|
| Aging Network (ACL)                                    | \$44.2 million  | \$7.4 million | \$10 million  |
| Congregate Meals (ACL)                                 | \$440.7 mil     | \$416.1 mil   | \$448 mil     |
| Meals On Wheels (ACL)                                  | \$217.6 mil     | \$205.4 mil   | \$226.3 mil   |
| Preventive Health (ACL)                                | \$21 mil        | \$19.8 mil    | \$19.8 mil    |
| Aging Service Innovations (ACL)                        | \$19 mil        | 0             | 0             |
| Family Caregiver Support Program (ACL)                 | \$154.2 mil     | \$145.5 mil   | \$150.6 mil   |
| Supportive Services & Senior Centers (ACL)             | \$368.3 mil     | \$347.7 mil   | \$347.7 mil   |
| Respite Care (ACL)                                     | \$2.5 mil       | \$2.3 mil     | \$3.4 mil     |
| Chronic Disease Self-Management (ACL)                  | \$10 mil (2012) | \$8 mil       | \$8 mil       |
| Senior Employment Program <sup>2</sup>                 | \$825.4 mil     | \$424.8 mil   | \$434.4 mil   |
| Social Services Block Grants <sup>3</sup>              | \$1.7 billion   | \$1.6 billion | \$1.7 billion |
| HUD Section 202 Senior Housing                         | \$765 mil       | \$352.8 mil   | \$432.7 mil   |
| Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program <sup>4</sup> | \$5.1 billion   | \$3.4 billion | \$3.3 billion |

<sup>1</sup> Data from N4A (July 2013) and NCOA (July 2016) Summary Tables

<sup>2</sup> Under Department of Labor

<sup>3</sup> Under Department of Health and Human Services

<sup>4</sup> Under Department of Health and Human Services