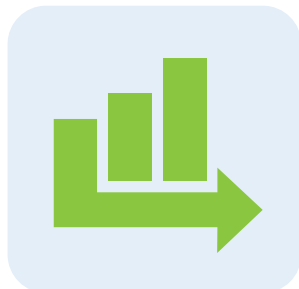




O4AD advocates for the independence, dignity, choice and safety of Oregon's older adults and people with disabilities. As we approach the 2023 Legislative session, we are prioritizing services and supports for those we serve that meet the emerging needs of consumers. The pandemic, economic chaos and instability experienced by older adults and people with disabilities demands lawmakers' attention and action during the 2023 Legislative session.



Budget stability for services and supports on behalf of older adults and people with disabilities must be a key priority for Oregon legislators.

During this biennium, we have witnessed:

- Increase in need
- Increase in caseload
- Complexity of cases
- Impact of pandemic



We are prioritizing:

- **Oregon Department of Human Services** agency budget with impacts to older adults, people with disabilities and the administration of those services.
- **Policy Option Packages** with impacts to seniors and people with disabilities and the Area Agencies on Aging service network.
- **Oregon Health Authority** budget and policy proposals related to services for older adults and people with disabilities.
- **Implications from the Medicaid 1115 Waiver renewal** for the Oregon Health Plan.
- **Workload and staff impacts** from ONE implementation. O4AD secured a budget note on these impacts which will be reported on during the 2023 Legislative session.





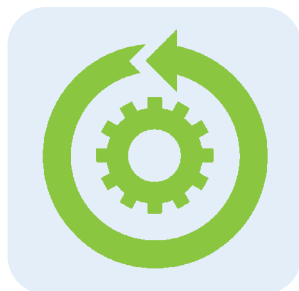
- **Mental health services gap** for entitled Medicaid long term services and supports consumers. O4AD secured a budget note on this issue and will be working to have these services reinstated for consumers.



- **LGBTQIA2+ legislative concept** from ODHS — O4AD supports the LGBTQIA2+ Bill of Rights



- **Medicaid Redetermination** — The most recent budget package passed in Congress gives a date of April 1, 2023 for redeterminations to begin. Redeterminations will have the potential to move individuals off of current services and will be a tremendous workload impact to those within the aging and disability services network including eligibility workers and case managers.



- **Roll out of OPI-M** — Medicaid matching funds for the Oregon Project Independence program serving older adults and people with disabilities will continue to be planned for implementation. O4AD is working closely with this program to ensure the independence, dignity, choice and safety of those consumers.

- **NEMT** — continuing to monitor the improvement plan underway by the Oregon Health Authority to improve the quality and safety of these services for those within the Medicaid system.

O4AD will respond to other legislative proposals as they arise during the session.

