



Senior Outreach Guide

This Senior Outreach Guide compiles localized housing stabilization, home modification, and community preservation programs tailored for older adults (ages 60+) residing across [Washington Parish](#) and **LDH Region 9**.

1. Senior Housing Stabilization & Home Repair Grants

When an aging home suffers from hazardous structural deficits, leaking roofs, or inaccessible entrances, several targeted programs offer direct relief to help seniors age in place safely.

- **USDA Section 504 Home Repair Program:** Managed regionally through the [USDA Amite Area Office](#) at 985-748-8751. Low-income homeowners **aged 62 or older** can apply for lifetime **financial grants up to \$10,000** explicitly designated to remove immediate health and safety hazards, replace failing infrastructure, or build wheelchair ramps.
- **Louisiana Fortify Homes Program (LFHP):** Under [Act 79](#), this program provides state grants **up to \$10,000** to replace compromised roofs with resilient, IBHS FORTIFIED standards to lower insurance burdens and stabilize structural longevity.
- **LHC Housing Preservation Grants:** Administered in partnership with the [Louisiana Housing Corporation](#). These funds target rural, low-income seniors to address severe weatherization needs, HVAC system failures, and plumbing emergencies.
- **Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH):** For seniors requiring comprehensive housing placement paired with continuous medical care, call **Louisiana Options in Long-Term Care** at 1-877-456-1146 to apply for the [Office of Aging and Adult Services \(OAAS\)](#) state stabilization tracks.



¶ 2. Environmental Modifications & Accessibility

- **Community Choices Waiver (CCW) Accommodations:** Seniors aged 21 or older who meet the Nursing Facility Level of Care can access extensive home modification funds through the [OAAS Community Choices Waiver](#). This covers physical alterations including walk-in shower conversions, safety grab bars, widened doorways, and specialized exterior lift ramps.
- **Homemaker Services:** Contact the local Senior Centers to request in-home stabilization workers. A certified homemaker helps seniors maintain independent households by completing light housework, grocery errands, and essential bills organization.
 - *Bogalusa Center:* Call 985-732-6869 (603 Willis Avenue)
 - *Franklinton Center:* Call 985-839-4535 (1025 Dobson Street)

¶ 3. Nutrition, Transportation & Community Programs

The [Washington Parish Council on Aging \(WPCOA\)](#) operates as the direct legal hub for community-based elderly welfare.

- **Home-Delivered Meals:** Call 985-732-6869 to establish enrollment. Frail, isolated, or homebound seniors receive five nutritionally balanced frozen meals delivered directly to their doorstep each week
- **Congregate Nutrition Sites:** Seniors can access hot daily lunches, wellness check-ins, and peer socialization by reserving a meal by 12:00 PM the prior day at the [Bogalusa](#) or Franklinton Senior Centers
- **Public Transit Infrastructure:** Call the **Washington Parish Public Transit** line via WPCOA to schedule curb-to-curb, demand-response non-



emergency transit. This offers low-cost transportation to medical complexes, grocery stores, and local social services across the parish.

- **Food For Seniors (Catholic Charities):** Distributed every **second Wednesday of the month from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM**. Eligible seniors aged 60+ receive commodity grocery boxes via a drive-through setup at local distribution points.

4. Senior Protective Care & Rights Advocacy

- **Elder Abuse & Exploitation Hotline:** Call **1-800-898-4910** immediately to report physical abuse, emotional neglect, or financial exploitation targeting seniors living in the community.
- **Long-Term Care Ombudsman:** Coordinated through the [Capital Area Agency on Aging](#). Call **1-800-833-9883** to dispatch a dedicated advocate to investigate complaints, mediate disputes, and enforce safety rights for seniors residing inside regional nursing homes or assisted living facilities.
- **Senior Medicare Patrol / SenioRx:** Access free, localized screening and legal counseling to prevent health insurance scams and lower out-of-pocket prescription drug costs.