

Senior Citizens Services Act – The Pierce County Picture:

- SCSA is State-only funds that support community services for middle and lower-middle income seniors 60+ years of age. Pierce County receives approximately \$918,000, or just over 10% of the statewide allocation.
- The Governor's proposed 2010 Supplemental budget cuts SCSA funding by 65%. The proposal would cut over \$123,000 of Pierce County funding **immediately**, plus approximately \$595,000 in State Fiscal Year 2011, beginning July 1, 2010.
- During the period June 30, 2008 – July 1, 2009, SCSA funds provided supportive services to **5,407 seniors in Pierce County**.
- In Pierce County, SCSA funds support the following types of community based services, which help to prevent or delay costly nursing home placements and enable seniors to remain in their own homes now and into the future:
 - An average of **14,000** information and assistance contacts per year through the Aging & Disability Resource Center, to help identify and locate services and supports that enable seniors and adults with disabilities to remain safely at home;
 - Case Management services to assist an average of **3,500** seniors and adults with disabilities per month in accessing services and supports to remain at home;
 - Household Helper / chore assistance needed to maintain a healthy and safe living environment for **85** frail seniors per month;
 - Adult Day Health for over **40** seniors per year needing skilled nursing or rehabilitation services in order to stay in their own homes;
 - Senior Mealsite services that provide nutritious meals and companionship for **4,300** seniors per year;
 - Home Delivered meals for over **650** frail, homebound seniors per year;
 - Foot care services to maintain healthy feet and improved mobility for **675** seniors per year;
 - Falls prevention classes for approximately **110** seniors per year to maintain strength and balance and avoid serious injuries leading to hospitalization and nursing home placement;
 - Transportation to mealsite services for **46** isolated rural elders per year; and
 - Long Term Care Ombudsman advocacy and mediation services for **445** residents of licensed long term care residential facilities.

State Legislators need to hear how critical Senior Citizens Services Act (SCSA) funds are to our middle and lower-middle income seniors and families. Contact them now!