

Division of Community Resources Monthly Report

April 2026

Office for the Aging (OFA)

Director's Report for February 2026

Office for the Aging (OFA) – Director's Report

- 14 home visits for assessments, reassessments, and application assistance.
- 24 applications for SNAP, Medicaid, Medicare Savings, and Temporary Assistance.
- Participated in several New York State Office for the Aging (NYSOFA) training webinars and program update calls.
- Received confirmation that EISEP Case Management Specialist will be vacant and submitted a Request to Fill.
- Met with stakeholders and implemented change to home delivered meal routes to facilitate Sullivan County Transportation drivers to be able to accommodate additional medical transports. All home delivered meals now being delivered by P/T Nutrition Staff.
- Preparing for Nutrition Program visit from NY State Office for the Aging (NYSOFA).



Sullivan Volunteers

- One new volunteer and three previous volunteers reinstated.
- Outreach to the community to enroll new volunteers and to establish additional partner sites.
- Leadership training
- Volunteers provided 45 rides for medical appointments
- 1,194 hours volunteered in February with a value of \$ 45,945.12 according to IndependentSector.org



Nutrition Program

- Snow delays/closures- 4 snow closures and 1 snow delay.
- Two new Nutrition Site Operators have been hired to fill vacant positions. These staff will cover routes previously done by Transportation Drivers.
- Bethel Lions Club presented the Bethel Congregate seniors with roses for Valentine's Day at their luncheon
- Valentine's Day Gifts were given to HDM clients from Monticello Aktion Club, Liberty Rotarians, and Catherine Scott, District 5 Legislator.

<u>Service Type</u>	<u>Meals Served</u>	<u>Clients Served</u>	<u>Contributions</u>
Home-Delivered	2,287	119	\$997.00
Congregate Site	397	71	\$425.00
Total	2,666	190	\$1,422.00

Transportation Services

- 102 medical trips by Sullivan County Transportation (SCT)
- 119 shopping trips by SCT
- 45 volunteer medical transports
- 43 rides to congregate meal sites

Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP)

18 apps received, 12 applications processed

Legal Assistance

5 households assisted through Rural Law Center of New York.



Caregiver Resource Center (CRC)

Evidence-based Health Promotion:

The Wellness Initiative for Senior Education (WISE):

A 6-week WISE series is underway at Golden Park Apts. in Liberty. The series began in February and runs through March 30.

If you belong to a senior group that is interested in hosting a future weekly series in your community please call Nancy or Martin at 292-6180 x 122.

Tai Chi for Arthritis & Fall Prevention -Both class series are full

The Tai Chi Stage 2 series started on Feb. 24 and is full with 18 seniors registered. A weekly beginners Tai Chi scheduled for April 27 – June 18 is also full with 17 seniors registered.

Please call if you are interested in being put on a cancellation list or a waiting list for the next series which will be late summer/early fall.

Bone Builders Fall Series -(two options to choose from)

Some openings left! Bone Builders March 19 to May 21, weekly on Thursdays 11-12 at the Western Sullivan Public Library, Jeffersonville Community room.

Bone Builders March 26 through May 7, weekly on Thursdays 11-12 at CCE Sullivan in Liberty.

This class is full but we can add you to a cancellation list in the event more space becomes available.

Registration is required and space is limited.

Caregiver Support Groups

Caregiver Café: 1st Monday each month

March 2, April 6, May 4 and June 1st from 10-11am at Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE) Sullivan.

Virtual support group: 3rd Wednesday each month:

March 18, April 15, May 13 (tentative), June 17, from 6-7pm

Parkinson's Support Group will resume in April 2026

Dates are the 1st Wednesday of each month from 4-5:30 pm at CCE Sullivan.
April 1, May 6, June 3.

Number of Information & Assistance calls:

February – 38

January - 25

Upcoming workshops:

March 24: Building Brain Healthy Habits (Alzheimer's Association workshop)

Location: CCE Sullivan, Tuesday from 1-2pm.

Three ways to Register:

- **Call (845) 292-6180 ext. 122**
- **Email: sullivancrc@cornell.edu**
- **Go to <https://tinyurl.com/5n6mtpy4>**



NY Connects

- 162 individuals served in February.
- Outreach being scheduled for upcoming months.



HIICAP (HEALTH INSURANCE & INFORMATION COUNSELING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM)

136 Individuals received counseling



PERS (PERSONAL EMERGENCY RESPONSE SYSTEM)

19 clients currently enrolled through Community Services for the Elderly (CSE), EISEP, and Title IIIIE funding.



EISEP – Expanded In-Home Services for the Elderly

Program

<u>Status</u>	<u>Number</u>
Active Cases (as of 2/28/26)	29
Closed Cases	0
Waitlist	17
Hours Authorized (January)	982.00
Hours Provided (January)	703.75



Sullivan County Youth Bureau (YB)

- Attended United Sullivan partner check-ins.
- Youth Bureau Facebook posts: 5,210 views; 37 interactions.
- No site visits conducted this month.
- Met multiple times with Human Rights Executive Director to plan potential 3-day youth technology training; developed draft resolution and contract for vendor.
- Facilitated Office of Children & Family Services (OCFS) training (Orange County); 15 caseworkers/supervisors and Deputy Commissioner attended.
- Met with Legislators Amanda Ward and Nadia Rajsiz regarding potential May 2026 Youth Awards; follow-up scheduled for Feb. 26; drafted application and press release for review.
- Met with Dan Hust to plan vendor training videos; script in development.
- Met with YB Advisory Board Chair (monthly meeting).
- Attended NYS Youth Bureau monthly meeting.
- Attended Hudson Valley Youth Bureau quarterly meeting.
- Facilitated OFA staff meeting.
- Participated in Hudson Valley Youth Bureau Association (HVYBA) Training Subcommittee brainstorming.
- Attended Legislature Black History Month Celebration.

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Sullivan County Transportation

NYS Department of Transportation Annual Report due March 31, 2026. This report covers State Transportation and Operating Assistance (STOA) and Federal 5311 Rural Transit funding received by the County.

Sullivan County Transportation Department Ridership:

Month 2026	Veterans Medical Centers	Veterans In-County Medical	Senior Medicals	Shopping Buses	Seniors to Congregate Sites	Meals Delivered
January	33	26	95	144	28	561
February	32	17	102	119	34	392
March						
April						
May						
June						
July						
August						
September						
October						
November						
December						
Totals						

Move Sullivan Public Transit Ridership:

Move Sullivan 2026	Average Daily Ridership	Monthly Ridership	Monthly Paratransit
January	488 (19 days)	9,266	284
February	469 (19 days)	8,917	298
March			
1st Quarter Totals			
April			
May			
June			
2nd Quarter Totals			
July			
August			
September			
3rd Quarter Totals			
October			
November			
December			

4th Quarter Totals			
Annual Totals			

Community Assistance Center (CAC)

- ✓ Through our partnership with the Hudson Valley Food Bank, we average 20 food pantries who attend our monthly food distributions at the Transportation building.
- ✓ There are three (3) food distribution days per month.
- ✓ Support HV Food Bank monthly mobile pantry efforts in town of Freemont.
- ✓ Outreach is ongoing to determine needs of pantries.
- ✓ The team continues to provide referral and assistance to callers looking information and/or resources.
- ✓ The CAC has seen an increase in requests for food assistance deliveries as well as connections to community resources.