



## **About Florida, FPL and the Florida Council on Aging (FCOA). . .**

**Florida** has just over 20 million residents. 25.7% (5,161,944) are aged 60 & older. This is a million more than the 0-18 population.

**FPL** is Florida's largest utility.

**FCOA** is a statewide membership organization founded in 1955. FCOA's mission is:  
*The Florida Council on Aging is committed to serving Florida's diverse aging interests through education, information-sharing and advocacy.*

FPL and FCOA leaders met through the 1981 White House Conference on Aging and a solid partnership was created! FPL helps FCOA achieve its mission! FCOA sponsors Florida's annual Aging Network Conference, where FPL Special Consumer Services personnel are always in attendance, networking and exchanging information with aging leaders from across the state. FPL has sponsored an impressive Quality Senior Living Awards program with FCOA at the conference since 1989, recognizing excellence in media, community service and leadership. We have exchanged valuable information through bill inserts and other means. In 2007-2008, Dave Lynn, of FPL, served as FCOA President, the only corporate representative to do so in FCOA's 62-year history. FPL is the only company to ever be inducted in to the Florida Aging Hall of Fame by FCOA.

Our most impactful joint work has been in **Advocacy** on behalf of frail older adults. FPL contributes financially each year to FCOA's advocacy work (FCOA would not have an advocacy initiative without FPL's extraordinarily generous donation our first year!). And, FPL keeps FCOA informed about opportunities to support funding for LIHEAP, EHEAP and other funding and policy issues that impact elders. We support each other at advocacy and public hearings in local communities and at the Legislature, as well as in publications. Our 35 year history has been reciprocal, filled with mutual trust and communication, and, most importantly, beneficial to Florida's elders.