



## THERE'S STRENGTH IN NUMBERS: JOIN OR CREATE A STATE ASSOCIATION TODAY

We believe that the most effective way to tackle big challenges, harness the best talents and ideas and have the greatest impact is through collaboration at national, state and local levels. By establishing or participating in a Meals on Wheels-affiliated State Association, you can join other senior nutrition programs in state-level initiatives to increase funding, raise awareness about senior hunger and isolation, build community and corporate partnerships, and integrate with healthcare in more ways than any one program could do alone.

### BENEFITS AND VALUE

State Associations provide a wide range of benefits. Connecting on a state level can foster innovation, networking and collaboration between Members in powerful new ways that range from the exchange of ideas and best practices, to professional development and training, grant-seeking and collective federal advocacy.

One of the greatest values of a State Association is collaborative state-level advocacy. Joining forces with other programs in your state can amplify your voice and create the ability to influence state legislation and budgets that directly impact your programs. In this quickly evolving legislative and healthcare environment, building coalitions with colleagues is valuable and necessary.

### AFFILIATED STATE ASSOCIATIONS

State Associations affiliated with Meals on Wheels America work to support and complement the strategic goals and opportunities of the national Association for their members. Twelve State Associations are already delivering a wide range of valuable benefits to the programs who join them, and several more are in development.

### EXISTING STATE ASSOCIATIONS:

Meals on Wheels California	Meals on Wheels New York
Meals on Wheels Association of Florida	Meals on Wheels North Carolina
Meals on Wheels Association of Georgia	Meals on Wheels Association of Ohio
Meals on Wheels Association of Kansas	Meals on Wheels Association of Pennsylvania
Meals on Wheels New Hampshire	Meals on Wheels Texas
Meals on Wheels New Jersey	Meals on Wheels Association of West Virginia

### EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITIES AT CONFERENCE

Several Meals on Wheels State Associations are holding in-person meetings on Monday, August 26, from 5:45 p.m. – 6:45 p.m. Check your **App** or **Quick Guide** in your badge holder for meeting locations.

### GETTING STARTED IN YOUR STATE

Are you interested in forming a State Association? Visit [www.mealsonwheelsamerica.org/state-associations](http://www.mealsonwheelsamerica.org/state-associations) and/or contact Erika Kelly, Chief Membership and Advocacy Officer, at 571-339-1604 or [erika@mealsonwheelsamerica.org](mailto:erika@mealsonwheelsamerica.org) for more information.