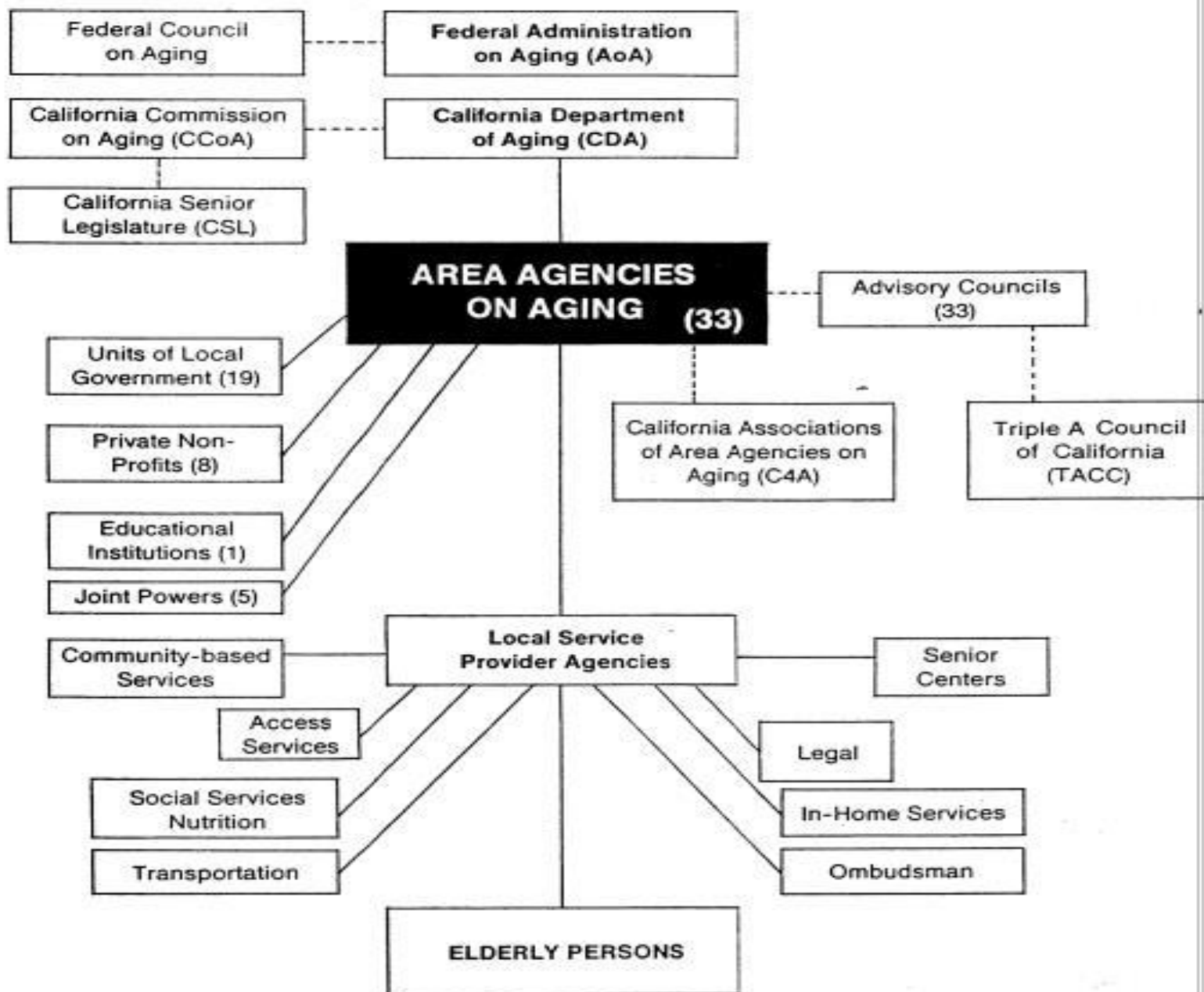


The Aging Network



Area Agencies on Aging are local focal points of the aging network, which serve the interest of the elderly, family members, friends, elected officials and other planning and service provider agencies. Because Area Agencies are located throughout the country, there exists a referral structure to respond to and follow-up on needs of individual older persons. The aging network functions at many levels with Area Agencies assuming a key position linking practice and policy at the local level.