

Christopher Hansen



Christopher Hansen is AARP's Group Executive Officer for State and National Initiatives. His responsibilities include government relations, advocacy, management of AARP offices in every state, public outreach on key programs, and volunteer management and support. He assumed that position in mid-January 2003, after serving as the organization's Senior Managing Director of Government Relations and Advocacy since March 2002.

Before coming to AARP, Mr. Hansen worked for 16 years for The Boeing Company. Hansen was known as a political strategist with a broad view and strong interpersonal relations with both Republicans and Democrats. As Boeing's Senior Vice President, Government Relations, he directed the company's congressional and executive branch work and its state affairs. Previously, he served as Boeing's Vice President, Government Relations and Vice President of Congressional Affairs. Prior to his work with Boeing, Hansen spent 11 years with General Dynamics, where he was Director of Government Relations Operations.

He has held a number of leadership roles in professional organizations, including the U.S. Council for International Business, the National Aeronautics Association, the National Bureau of Asian Research, and the Individual Investors Committee of the New York Stock Exchange. He is also active in philanthropic organizations such as the Wolf Trap Foundation. Mr. Hansen holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from the University of Denver and a Master's degree from the American Graduate School of International Management.