

Transforming services for our aging population

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Major Forces Affecting Aging Services

- Demographic and social transformations
- Consumerism
- Technology
- Fiscal constraints
- Devolution of responsibility
- Health Care Reform

Goals of Health Care Reform

- Better services
- Better consumer outcomes
- More efficient use of resources



Affordable Care Act Innovations

- Community care incentives
- Care transitions
- Integrated financing/care systems
- Dual eligibles
- Prevention
- Technology

Concepts for Healthy Aging

- Continuity
- Compensation
- Connection
- Contribution
- Challenge
- Community

Lehning, A., Chun, Y., & Scharlach, A. (2007). Structural barriers to developing 'aging-friendly' communities. Public Policy & Aging Report, 17, 15-20.

| | Aging in Place | Aging in Community |
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| Underlying motivation: | Reactive | Proactive |
| Goals: | Avoid institutionalization | Foster interdependence |
| Responsibility: | Individual | Communal |
| View of Aging: | Avoidance | Opportunity |
| Service delivery: | Unidirectional | Reciprocal |
| Elder Role: | Care recipient | Participant |

(Based on work by Janice Blanchard, Janet Stambolian and William Thomas, MD)

Building Healthy Communities for Active Aging (EPA Aging Initiative)

- Staying Active, Connected, and Engaged
- Development and Housing
- Transportation and Mobility
- Staying Healthy

Collaborative Models

- County-wide initiatives
- Community partnerships
- Locality development
- Provider collaborations
- Grassroots initiatives
- Individual capacity building
- Technology dissemination

County-wide Initiatives

Atlanta Regional Commission (Fulton County)



Westchester County



Community Partnerships



**Tri-City
Elder Coalition**
Pathways to Positive Aging
www.tceonline.org

Fremont, Newark, Union City
California

Seniors understand, choose and access culturally enriched, affordable services and opportunities that enhance their quality of life.



- Community Ambassadors Program
- Capacity building in immigrant communities

Locality Development



- Aging Improvement Districts
- Age-friendly Business, Schools, Technology

Provider Collaborations



- On-site health care and social services
- Collaborative administration and funding

Grassroots Initiatives



Beacon Hill Village
Boston, MA



Characteristics of a “Village”

- Membership organization
- Self-governing
- Geographically-defined
- Provides or arranges services
- Goal = aging in place

Individual Capacity-Building



NCOA: Online workshops for people with chronic conditions



Center for Civic Partnerships:
Toolkit for Planning, Engagement & Action

Technology



Network of Care



TYZE.com

- Information dissemination
- Virtual support networks

California Counties and Aging: Directions For The Future

- Prevention
- Information
- Partnerships
- Capacity-Building
- Quality Assurance
- Protect Vulnerable Individuals and Populations

THANK YOU!

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