

State Plan on Aging 2019 - 2022



Aging in place

GOAL: Enable older Ohioans, persons with disabilities and their caregivers to be active and supported in their homes and communities.

Most Ohioans want to remain in their own homes and communities as they grow older. Many factors must come together to make this a reality for older Ohioans, including some of the areas previously addressed in this state plan, including population health, community engagement, caregiving and access to services.

Access to affordable housing also is key, but so is the need for that housing to be designed for and responsive to the unique needs of aging occupants. Similarly, transportation options that are convenient for and attractive to older adults is another top criteria in helping older Ohioans age in place in the settings they choose.

The aging network must have a rich infrastructure and workforce capacity to support older adults and respond when urgent needs arise. This state plan goal supports these areas and raises awareness among older adults about the importance of emergency, financial, long-term care and other planning. Strategies evaluate interventions that address advance care needs, including the use of technology to support older adults' continued independence.

OBJECTIVES:

CARE MANAGEMENT: Provide comprehensive person-centered assessment and care services and supports that anticipate and address current and emerging needs as they arise.

WORKFORCE CAPACITY: Increase and sustain the capacity of the direct care workforce and increase interest in professional and non-professional careers that serve older adults.

LONG-TERM CARE PLANNING: Advocate for the importance of long-term care planning for older Ohioans to support their choice to age-in-place.

LIVABLE COMMUNITIES: Heighten awareness and adoption of livable community models in Ohio.

TRANSPORTATION: Participate in alignment efforts to achieve sufficient community transportation options (multi-modal) and a supportive infrastructure for older Ohioans.

HOUSING: Advocate for programs and interventions that support safe and affordable housing and enable older adults and people with disabilities to age in place.

HOMELESSNESS: Create better understanding of older adult homelessness and advocate for interventions.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS: Strengthen planning efforts and response protocols that address the needs of vulnerable older adults during emergencies.