

Vision Statement: In Alameda County, older adults are valued, respected, and engaged in a community that is committed to healthy aging, inclusion, well-being and safety. Older adults, family caregivers, and seniors with disabilities have access to a comprehensive system of services, supports and opportunities that foster aging with dignity, a high quality of life and personal fulfillment.

Goal 1: Engage older adults, community partners and cities in planning for and developing a community framework for older adults:

- 1.1: Promote and Facilitate a County-wide initiative regarding the possibility of becoming a World Health Organization (WHO) designated Age-Friendly County. WHO designated communities incorporate age-friendly design in the following domains: Outdoor Spaces & Building, Transportation, Housing, Social Participation, Respect & Social Inclusion, Civic Participation & Employment, Communication & Information, and Community Support & Health Services.
- 1.2: Allocate a Project Management or Staff resource to assist in WHO activities, which include the following activities: 1) establish a mechanism for involving older adults; 2) conduct a baseline assessment; 3) develop a three-year plan; 4) identify measures

Goal 2: Throughout Alameda County Departments, develop a coordinated approach to designing, delivering and measuring effectiveness of programs for older adults:

- 2.1: Expand the number of Departments across the County working to develop common age-friendly programs, goals and approaches
- 2.2: Establish a Leadership Team to monitor progress and results of the County-Wide Plan for Seniors
- 2.3: Develop a unified report that includes data on the number of seniors and services provided across County Departments, including services provided through community partners
- 2.4: Develop an “Embracing Aging” training curriculum for county employees and make it available for community partners

Goal 3: Working with community partners, address the growing need of services for older adults by supporting a comprehensive network of providers to provide long-term services and supports (LTSS) that engage older adults and seniors with disabilities in community settings:

- 3.1: Invest in and leverage an infrastructure of community based providers that will meet the needs of the aging and disabled population

- 3.2: Through the Area Agency on Aging, fund, deliver and monitor a wide array community and home based services for seniors
- 3.3: Support advocacy efforts on a local, state and federal level
- 3.4: Provide capacity building support for senior service providers
- 3.5: Support the Alameda County Aging and Disability Resource Connection (ADRC), which includes a core partnership between the Area Agency on Aging, Community Resources for Independent Living (CRIL), and the Center for Independent Living (CIL) as a platform by which community partners can work toward access to a seamless system of LTSS for older adults and people with disabilities.

Goal 4: Enhance the health, safety and well-being of older adults by offering coordinated services that promote health and wellness, with an emphasis on prevention and early access to behavioral health services:

- 4.1: Measure A: allocate additional resources in order to expand senior injury prevention programs and respond to elder nutrition insecurity
- 4.2: Expand home based visits through Public Health Nursing
- 4.3: Determine “hotspot” areas of County where high utilizers of services reside in order to offer targeted interventions
- 4.4: Expand the availability of Behavioral Health Services
- 4.5: Increase awareness of behavioral health and dementia issues with older adults
- 4.6: Add Objectives re Evidence Based

Goal 5: Enhance programming to create safe communities for seniors by preventing and responding to neglect and abuse of older and dependent adults.

- 5.1: Increase awareness of elder neglect and abuse through a media campaign
- 5.2: Increase the rate of response to calls to Adult Protective Services
- 5.3: Coordinate a county-wide response to elder abuse by expanding partnerships with legal and law enforcement partners.
- 5.4: Increase the capacity of Ombudsman to respond to abuse claims in long-term care facilities
- 5.5: Add objective re Elder Abuse Presentations

Goal 6: Enhance and increase support for housing and augment the sustainability of housing programs.

- 6.1: Increase the number of housing units available and affordable for older adults through all feasible approaches, including deeply affordable units to serve the needs of seniors on SSI-level incomes and homeless seniors.
- 6.2: Improve the habitability and preservation of existing units to allow for safe and healthy aging in place
- 6.3: Work with cities and community groups to support regulations that protect older occupants from displacement
- 6.4: Explore alternative housing options including shared housing programs