

New Jersey Age-Friendly Advisory Council: April 5, 2022

Topic: Report-out from work groups

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We broke into work groups based generally on the Eight Domains of Livability. Each work group then reported back. Here are key points:

Housing

- More diversity is needed in housing – affordable, supportive, sustainable

Transportation

- Lack of transportation options for those who no longer drive

Socialization

- Accessibility – online access is important

Health & Well Being

- Food insecurity – more and better delivery, and in-home services

Communications & Outreach

- Build on the concept of “no wrong door” – a call to anywhere in the aging services system will lead to a real person who can provide accurate information.

Important take-aways across all work groups:

- Services exist but are marketed poorly, resulting in under-utilization and misunderstanding
- In-home services are needed to help people actually age-in-place
- Older adults must have access to the Internet, access to a device, & be trained in the skills to use Internet and device(s)
- Work groups need to identify/investigate best practices to recommend to the Governor (and the Legislature), with funding for implementation across the state

As a reminder, according to the resolution signed by the Governor in March 2021, **the purpose of the NJ Age-Friendly Advisory Council is to:**

- Identify opportunities for, and barriers to, the creation of livable communities for people of all ages in NJ
- Recommend best practices for age-friendly employment and civic participation among partners in government and civil society
- Promote age-friendly community inclusion and equitable outcomes
- Ensure programs and practices address disparities experienced by older adults of every race, color, religion, gender, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, national origin, or ethnicity