



Beyond the Pandemic - Models for Aging in Community June 16, 2021, 1:00 PM EST

BALTIMORE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF AGING – LOCAL INITIATIVES FOR AGING IN PLACE

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Objectives

- Review Mission and Vision of BCDA
- Discuss Innovative Programs and Projects
 - Age Friendly Baltimore County
 - BCAUSE Home Improvement and Modification Program (video)
 - Dementia Friendly Baltimore County
 - No Senior Eats Alone Day – Social Isolation Campaign (video)
- Introduce new programs and operations as a result of COVID-19
 - Tablet Gifting Program
 - Rooted In Resilience Year Long Initiative

Why do we exist?

- ▶ The **Older Americans Act (OAA)**, originally enacted in **1965**, **supports** a range of home and community-based **services**, such as meals-on-wheels and other nutrition programs, **in-home services**, transportation, legal **services**, **elder** abuse prevention and caregivers **support**.
- ▶ **Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs)** were added to the **Act** in 1973 to be the “on-the-ground” organizations charged with helping vulnerable **older** adults live with independence and dignity in their homes and communities.



The Baltimore County Department of Aging strives to provide services, programs and connections to resources so that older adults may live longer and live well *in the setting of their choice*.

60+ Population in Baltimore County

2010

20.4%
160,415

2020

24.7%
204,907

2030

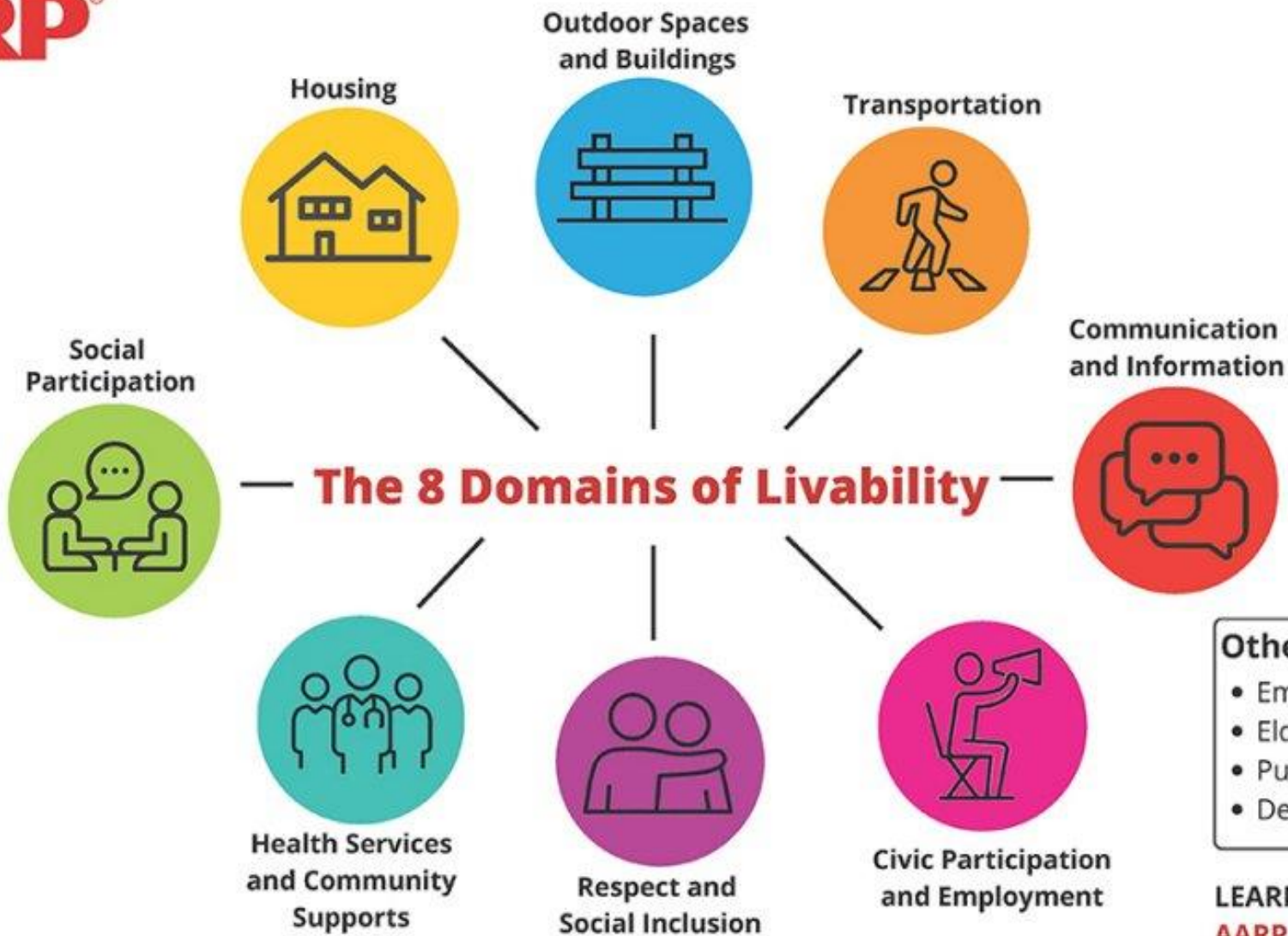
27.4%
232,169



Maryland Access Point of
Baltimore County

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Other Areas

- Emergency Preparedness
- Elder abuse
- Public safety
- Dementia-friendly

LEARN MORE
[AARP.org/Livable](https://www.aarp.org/Livable)

Developing an age-friendly community: the process

Year 5: Progress / status update

Years 3-5: Implementation

Year 2: Create an action plan

Year 1: Conduct a survey
and listening sessions

Enrollment



Time Line

February 2019 - County Executive Johnny Olszewski applied to AARP to be accepted as an Age Friendly Community

May 2019 - Hired Donna Neuworth as Age Friendly Coordinator

August 2019 – Launch Event to engage partners

October 2019 – Began community events like Power of Age Expo and Town Halls

October 2019 – Launched survey

February 2020 –Faith Community Round Tables...and then...



Age Friendly Baltimore County Kick Off Event – Towson University – August 2019





Vision Statement

“Baltimore County is a community that is livable for all ages, cultures and backgrounds where all people can thrive”

Mission Statement

“To support collaboration among all stakeholders to create an accessible, healthy and equitable environment where people of all ages can participate fully in society”

BUILDING AN AGE-FRIENDLY COMMUNITY IN BALTIMORE COUNTY



**OUTDOOR SPACES
AND BUILDINGS**



TRANSPORTATION



HOUSING



**SOCIAL
PARTICIPATION**



**RESPECT AND
SOCIAL INCLUSION**



**COMMUNICATION
AND INFORMATION**



**EMPLOYMENT AND
CIVIC PARTICIPATION**



**COMMUNITY AND
HEALTH SERVICES**



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Do You Live In Baltimore County?

If You Are Interested In...

- Quality healthcare and home care services
- More low-cost, accessible transit options
- Plenty of green spaces and accessible playgrounds
- Safe, walkable neighborhoods
- Affordable housing options in well-planned developments

We Need Your Input!

All County residents over 18 years of age are asked to fill out the survey on how to make Baltimore County Age-Friendly, for all ages and abilities.

[Http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/JWZVPCH](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/JWZVPCH)

(The survey closes on April 17, 2020)

Want More Information or To Get Involved?

Email: afbc@baltimorecountymd.gov



Baltimore County Executive John A. Chavetz, Jr.
and the County Council



- Display board and surveys at Power of Age Expo
- On line and paper surveys at CE Town Halls
- Faith Based Community Listening Sessions and then.... COVID HIT
- Virtual Listening Sessions with special interest groups

Domain Work Groups

Health And Community Services

Dr. Gregory Branch
Director of Health and
Human Services for
Baltimore County

Laura Culbertson, MSN, RN

And

Elizabeth Crusse, DNP
Towson University Nursing
Program

Transportation

Samuel Snead,
Transportation Planner for
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and

Sachin Hebbar, PhD,
Community Transportation
Advocate

Housing

Peter Gutwald, Director
Office of Planning,
Baltimore County

And

Tiffany Nicolette, VP
CHAI



John A. Olszewski, Jr.
County Executive



Laura D. Riley, *Director*
Department of Aging

DOMAIN: Community and Health Services and Supports

Goal I. Encourage inclusion and equity principles among health care providers in the County

Supporting Activities

1. Review all materials, documents and AFBC plans for adherence to DEI and Health Literacy Guidelines
2. Encourage other providers to join the Age-Friendly Health Systems that incorporate health literacy and the principles of patient-centered outcomes

Goal II. Increase coordination of services across health setting continuum

Supporting Activities

1. Identify resources and mapping for services for adults that focus on: oral health, home visiting, mental health, dementia with emphasis on LGBTQ communities
2. Develop Middle River 21220 primary care site and identify hospital to offer primary care services
3. Identify lead to coordinate collaboration among partners to increase preventative health measures among adults
4. Replicate, promote and support volunteer programs that support older adults with their transportation needs

Domain: Community Health Services and Supports

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Activities	By Whom	By When	Resources and Support	Potential Barriers or Resistance	Communication Plan for Implementation	Metrics in SMART Objectives
What needs to be done?	Who will be responsible for the task completion?	By what date will the action be done?	What resources are available/needed	What individuals or organizations will resist?	What individuals and organizations should be informed or involved about these tasks?	What indicators have been identified to measure progress?
#1 Review all materials, documents and AFBC plans for adherence to DEI and Health Literacy Guidelines	LEAD: Communications and Information Domain Workgroup Members Support: -BCDA AF staff -CHS sub-workgroup Members	2022, 2023 Continuous throughout the planning and implementation phase	-Staff time and resources -A coordinator to share materials and organize -DEI Guidelines (as identified by BCDEI Council) -Health Literacy Guidelines	-Time commitment -How to coordinate among County Departments and programs	-All AFBC partners -Communications and Information Domain workgroup members	-# of materials submitted and reviewed -CHS and AFBC workgroup members

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Next Steps

- ❑ Action Plan is being put into document form
- ❑ Documents will be sent to AARP for approval
- ❑ Existing workgroups will continue to meet and work on goals and progress of actions
- ❑ New Workgroups will be formed to dig into Communications and Buildings and Outdoor Spaces

Age Friendly Home Modifications

Desire to safely stay in my own home

Accessibility in my older home

Affordable options in my community





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of Aging

Civic Works

CHAI

Rebuilding Together

Dundalk Renaissance

Funders: The Wesley
Weinberg Foundation

VIDEO

