



Pathways for Older Adults

Town Conversation on Aging Questionnaire

- A. Organization convening the Conversation on Aging; name, title, phone and e-mail for the contact person/individual completing the questionnaire:

- B. Date and location of Conversation on Aging:

- C. Number of Conversation participants. Please provide names of groups and organizations represented.

- D. Briefly describe the group response to the Conversation process. What worked well? Do you have any suggestions for other groups who do this in the future?

Group Discussion Areas

Note: We request that the following areas be included in the Conversation, but the format of the event is to be determined by the convening organization or group.

1. **Define 'older adult' for purposes of this Conversation.** What does the group know about the size, demographic trends and other key characteristics of the town's older adult population?

2. **Complete the following asset inventory.** List existing resources that help older adults to age successfully in your community. What are the important gaps and needs?

Core Areas	Current Resources: Programs, Services, Staff, Volunteers, Other Assets	Major Gaps and Needs in This Area?
A. Connecting older adults with benefit and service information		
B. Accessible, affordable, convenient transportation		
C. Appropriate and affordable housing		

Core Areas (cont.)	Resources: Programs, Services, Staff, Volunteers, Collaborators, Other Assets	Major Gaps and Needs in This Area?
D. Chore, home services and home maintenance programs		
E. Safety in the home and community		
F. Nutrition options and programs		
G. Activities and services to enhance fitness, health and mental health		
H. Opportunities and places to interact and develop relationships		
I. Employment and volunteer opportunities		
J. Intergenerational programs and opportunities		
K. Outreach to isolated or homebound seniors		
L. Support and education for caregivers		
M. Benches, parks, walkable areas and other physical assets		
N. Other local assets and gaps		

3. Based on the information gathered above, determine the **major needs and service gaps impacting older adults** in your community. **Using group input, please list the top three.**

4. What **major challenges** face the community in addressing these needs? Is more information needed to help address these needs?

5. List **key action steps** the group wants to pursue over the next 2-3 years to address one or more of the priority needs and service gaps.

6. In addition to those participating in the Conversation, are there **other organizations or individuals** who could help in implementing the action steps?

