

Age Friendly Livable Reno

2021 Update

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Planning History 2012 - Today

- Since 2012 and until the present day, access to information and services in the community, affordable housing and transportation have been identified as our elder community's top priorities.
- Reno Senior Citizen Advisory Committee plans – 2012-present
- Washoe County Master Plan for Aging Services - 2014-present
- TMRPA Age Friendly Reno Survey - 2020

Priority Area #1 - Housing

- Work with community partners to create a program of privately-funded rent support vouchers paid to landlords of available affordable and workforce housing to bridge the rent gap for elders and disabled tenants.
- Advocate for developing more shared, intergenerational, and “missing middle” housing—duplexes, condos, small apartment complexes---to the local housing market.

Priority Area #1 – Housing, cont.

- Advocate to incorporate affordable and appropriate age-friendly housing policy into master plans, legislation and regulations and for more such housing projects; support affordable housing stakeholders and developers.
- Create an age-friendly media campaign for affordable housing issues and solutions aimed at the aged 50+ community.
- Advocate and support the lead agencies working to reduce Washoe County homelessness and to support persons in transition to housing.

Priority Area #2 – Access to Community & Healthcare Services

- Increase the number of those aged 50+ who report knowledge and receipt of more in-home and community support services to enable them to remain at home. In-home support is case management, housekeeping, food preparation and delivery, health care assistance, ADL (Activities of Daily Living) assistance, volunteer senior companions, respite, home modification and repair, yard work, bill-paying, or other service that keeps a person in their own home.

Priority Area #2 – Access to Services cont.

- Increase meaningful social interaction and social opportunities for elders to decrease isolation and senior suicide rates. Engage with the Hello Project, HOAs, NABs, and senior recreation and education programs to identify isolated seniors and connect them with others.
- Advocate for more local service coordinators in senior housing developments.
- Improve print and social media to increase elders' knowledge and access to health and community services.

Priority Area #3 - Transportation

- Advocate for more accessible, affordable transportation services for elders, such as RTC's Flex-Ride and N4's Lyft program.
- Increase the number of seniors who can find transportation and other resource information online and via other means.

Priority Area #3 – Transportation, cont.

- Investigate and help remedy the expressed barriers and challenges to seniors accessing transportation.
- Leverage idle buses/vans to create a new transport system for elders.
- Advocate for a regional transportation ombudsman or statewide transit association.

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The Age Friendly Livable Action Group meets monthly on 4th Thurs. at 3pm on Zoom. You are always welcome to join us.

Contact Donna Clontz at donnanorm1@yahoo.com or 775 240 2745 to be added to the email list for updates.

Stay safe out there until the world gets back to normal!