Addressing Housing Accessibility through Cross-Sector Partnerships: A Closer Look at Home Modification Collaborations at Work

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• **Jon Pynoos**, PhD, Professor of Gerontology, UPS Foundation Chair in Gerontology, Policy and Planning

• **Emily Nabors**, MSG, Program Manager, Fall Prevention Center of Excellence
A Closer Look at Home Modification Collaborations at Work

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More People Are Living in the Community with Disabilities

• 28% Of 65+ Households Have At Least 1 Person Who Has Difficulty Using Some Element Of The Home (e.g., climbing stairs, using bathtub)

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2020 (Data from American Housing Survey, 2011)
“Peter Pan” Homes

• Only 10% Of U.S. Housing Units Have:
  – Step-Free Entryway
  – First Floor Bedroom and Bath
  – And At Least One Bathroom Accessibility Feature

• Unmet Housing Needs Are Especially Common Among Older, Low-income Households

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2020 (Data from American Housing Survey, 2011)
Home Modification is Changing the Home

Remove Fall Hazards
- Remove clutter, throw rugs
- Rearrange furniture
- Anti-skid strips on stairs

Add Supports
- Improve lighting, night lights
- Grab bars and handrails
- Shower seat or bench

Change Behavior
- Keep frequently used items in easy-to-reach places
- Sit rather than stand while preparing food

Benefits
- Makes daily activities easier
- Reduces falls, injuries
- Supports caregivers
- Cost effective/Save $
Types of Home Modifications

- Major Home Modifications
- Minor Home Modifications
- Repairs
- Assistive Technology
- Durable Medical Equipment
Why Are Partnerships Important in Home Modification?
Home Modification Funding Sources

- U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
- Centers for Medicare and Medicaid
- Administration on Aging
- Veterans Administration
- U.S. Department of Agriculture
- Department of Energy

- Homeowner
- Renter
- Landlord
- Veteran
- Family Member

- Income
- Age
- Disability
- Geographic Location
Home Modification Process

- Intake
- Assessment
- Set Priorities
- Secure Funding
- Installation
- Follow Up
Patchwork Service Delivery System,
Many Providers Involved

· Architects
· Area Agency on Aging staff
· Case managers
· City/County department staff (housing/ community development, social services, planning, rehabilitation)
· Churches, religious groups
· Fair Housing Act, ADA implementation staff
· Family members
· Habitat for Humanity chapters
· Hardware store personnel
· Home builders and contractors
· Home health care aides/agencies
· Home modification & repair program staff
· Hospital discharge planners
· Housing developers
· Independent Living Center staff
· Information and Assistance providers
· Interior designers
· Nurses
· Older Americans Act service providers
· Physicians
· Product manufacturers
· Realtors
· Rebuilding Together affiliates
· Rehabilitation professionals (occupational and physical therapists)
· Remodelers and contractors
· Senior center staff
· Social workers
· State Assistive Technology Act program staff
· State Unit on Aging staff
### The Power of Partnerships for Home Modification Services

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**Voluntary Groups**
- Rebuilding Together
- Habitat for Humanity
- Rotary Clubs
- Churches/Religious Organizations
- Meals on Wheels

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Home Modification Partnership Panel

- Kent Ohms, Community Living Director, Iowa Dept. on Aging
- Brendalyn Shird, Director of Global Engagement, Greater Des Moines Habitat for Humanity
- Tracy Keninger, Iowa AT Program Director, Easterseals Iowa
- Sherrie McDonald, Lifelong Links Director, Connections AAA
Iowa Home Modification Efforts

Cross-Sector Partnerships
Community Aging in Place – Advancing Better Living for Elders (CAPABLE) Pilots

Funded by 2020 ACL Falls Prevention Grant

Western Iowa Project
• Connections Area Agency on Aging

Central Iowa Project
• Happy at Home Consulting
• Greater Des Moines Habitat
Assistive Technology & Durable Medical Equipment Grant

Funded through Coronavirus Relief Funds (CRF)

Consumers accessed Easterseals directly and referrals came from Iowa’s six AAAs

Served 90 Consumers and 359 Devices
More Area Agency on Aging Partnerships for Home Modifications & Other Home Modification Initiatives

CRF | Smart Home Pilot

HUD CDBG & AAA Partnership

HUD Older Adult Home Modification Program
• City of Dubuque
• East Central Intergovernmental Association (ECIA, Rural Dubuque Area)

HUD Healthy Homes Program
• Four projects in Iowa
Home Modification Resources
Find Home Modification Programs and Funding in Your State

Home Modification Information Network

Listings of home modification programs, providers, and funding sources by state

www.homemods.org/hmin

HOME MODIFICATION IN ALABAMA

Spotlight on State and Local Activities
Learn about featured home modification and repair programs and policies in this state.

Local Providers by City
Find public and private home modification and repair service providers in your area.

Funding Sources
Access information on your state and local funding sources as well as national programs that may be used to pay for home modification and repairs.

Educational Materials
Learn more about home modifications through fact sheets, videos, and other resources that are helpful to both consumers and professionals.
Fall Prevention Center of Excellence
Home modification resources for consumers and professionals
• www.homemods.org

Housing and Services Resource Center
Resources on housing, mental health, and independent living
• https://acl.gov/HousingAndServices
Assistive Technology and Centers for Independent Living

Find Your State AT Programs
• https://at3center.net/explore-at/

Find Your Centers for Independent Living
• https://www.ilru.org/home
Area Agencies on Aging, State Units on Aging, and Title VI Grantee Programs

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• [https://eldercare.gov/](https://eldercare.gov/)

Find Title VI Grantee Programs:
• [https://olderindians.acl.gov/directors/](https://olderindians.acl.gov/directors/)
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