Building and Sustaining Home Modification Collaborations: Strategies for Your Community

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Today’s National Experts

University of Southern California (USC)
Leonard Davis School of Gerontology

• Emily Nabors, MSG, Program Manager, Fall Prevention Center of Excellence

• Catia Garell, MA, OTR, SCEM, ECHM, Subject Matter Expert

• Seymour Turner, Subject Matter Expert
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How Can You Be a Partner in Home Modification?

1. **Embed home assessments** into programs
2. **Partner** with home modification service providers
3. Educate program participants about **home modification funding possibilities**
4. Educate program participants with **consumer direction, educational materials, and videos**
5. **Refer** program participants to home modification services
Partners to Expand Access to Home Modification

- Rehabilitation Services
- Medicaid Offices
- Weatherization, Energy Department
- Assistive Technology Programs
- Housing Finance Agencies
- HUD Community Development
- Social Services
- Veterans Affairs
Potential Partners to Expand Home Modification Services

### Housing
- Remodelers
- Contractors
- Fair Housing Offices
- Home Modification Businesses
- Service Coordinators
- Housing and Community Development Depts

### Health Care
- Occupational and Physical Therapists
- Case Managers
- Home Health Care Agencies
- Durable Medical Equipment Suppliers
- Emergency Medical Services

### Aging
- Area Agencies on Aging
- Senior Centers
- State Units on Aging
- Title VI Native American Aging Programs
- Villages
- Aging and Disability Resource Centers

### Disability
- Centers for Independent Living
- Rehabilitation Centers
- Assistive Technology programs
- Non-Profit and Other Organizations

### Voluntary Groups
- Rebuilding Together
- Habitat for Humanity
- Rotary Clubs
- Churches/Religious Organizations
- Meals on Wheels
How to Partner?

• Refer to Rebuilding Together, Habitat for Humanity for service delivery
• Work with State Medicaid Waiver Programs that provide funds to modify homes of individuals at-risk of institutionalization
• Educate persons aging with a disability about home modification and repair services as part of their rehabilitation plan
• Weatherization experts could do a falls risk screening and make simple modifications
• Participate in coalitions and task forces
Tips for Approaching Partners

Collect and share relevant Census data to demonstrate the home modification need in your state or community – who could benefit

• % of the population age 65 and older
• % of the population under age 65 with a disability
• Rate of homeownership
• Poverty rate
• Median household income

Describe your services, resources, and expertise to effectively address these needs
Tips for Approaching Partners and Sustaining Partnerships

• Communicate what impact your partnership could have and how it would support your partner’s goals and mission

• Look for mutually beneficial strategies

• Once you begin a partnership, track key successes to demonstrate the impact of your efforts, help sustain the relationship, and secure new ones
Open Question/Comment

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Home Modification Education and Support (HOMES) Training Program for the Disability and Aging Networks

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August 22: Emerging models for community transitions and integration for people with mental illness and disabilities.
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