

Interagency Coordinating Committee on Healthy Aging and Age-Friendly Communities

The Interagency Coordinating Committee on Healthy Aging and Age-Friendly Communities (ICC) is a federal initiative that brings together expertise from across the federal government to address key aging issues. The ICC is authorized by the Older Americans Act and received its inaugural appropriation in fiscal year (FY) 2023.

With the population of adults aged 60 and older rapidly growing in the United States, currently comprising 23% of the total population, it is imperative to address the needs of this demographic. The ICC was established as a driver of coordinated efforts among all levels of government and key partners to ensure the provision of essential programs, services, and resources that support older adults and people aging with disabilities to lead fulfilling lives.

Led by the Administration for Community Living (ACL), an operating division of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), the ICC's inaugural term has yielded a strategic framework grounded in the values of independence, inclusion, well-being, and health across the lifespan.

The framework was unveiled in the ICC's first report to Congress in May 2024. This framework sets the stage for subsequent action and implementation plans aligned with the ICC's vision for an America that values older adults, embraces aging, and recognizes that all people have the right to live with dignity, make their own choices, and participate fully in society.

The framework's core domains are:

- Age-Friendly Communities
- Coordinated Housing and Supportive Services
- Increased Access to Long-Term Services and Supports
- Aligned Health Care and Supportive Services

The 2023 appropriation also includes a special focus on falls prevention among older adults detailed in the report's appendix. Ultimately, the ICC envisions their work will culminate in a national plan on aging that builds on the successes of multisector plans on aging in development or already in place in many states.

To ensure that the voices and perspectives of older adults and key stakeholders are central to the ICC's work, a public-private partnership has been established between the ICC and The John A. Hartford Foundation, The SCAN Foundation, and West Health called the National Plan on Aging Community Engagement Collaborative. This collaborative is engaged in elevating the voices of older individuals and community partners and to build momentum for coordinated efforts to support healthy aging.

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Strategic Framework for a National Plan on Aging

Vision

Our vision is an America that values older adults, embraces aging, and recognizes that all people have the right to live with dignity, make their own choices, and participate fully in society.

We want to be a nation that prioritizes independence, inclusion, well-being, and health across the lifespan.

Cross-Cutting Values

- Person-Centeredness
- Inclusion
- Respect
- Collaboration and Innovation

1 Age-Friendly Communities

All older adults live in communities that respect and include them and are designed to encourage health, well-being, engagement, and connection.

- Purpose and Engagement
- Social Connection
- Accessibility and Universal Design
- Transportation
- Economic and Financial Security
- Employment
- Age-Friendly Health Systems

2 Coordinated Housing and Supportive Services

All older adults have access to housing and the services they need to maintain their independence at home and thrive in their community.

- Affordable Housing
- Accessible Quality Housing
- Preventing and Addressing Homelessness
- Housing Stability through Coordinated Services

3 Increased Access to Long-Term Services and Supports

All older adults can easily access affordable, high-quality services and supports that promote their independence and goals.

- Paid and Unpaid Caregiving
- Whole Person Health Financing
- Elder Justice
- Person-Centered Access System
- “No Wrong Door” and Other Statewide Access Systems

4 Aligned Health Care and Supportive Services

All older adults maximize their health and reduce preventable disease and injury through comprehensive care that includes health and social services in the home or in the community.

- Benefits Access
- Optimize Health, Well-Being, and Functioning
- Align Health and Human Services