

North Carolina State Aging Plan Goals & Cross-Cutting Issues for Orange County

Goal 1: Empower older adults, their families, and other consumers to make informed decisions and to easily access existing health and long-term care options

- Objective 1.1: Educate the public on the availability of services to foster independence, self-sufficiency, and their future planning for long-term needs
- Objective 1.2: Streamline and strengthen access to long-term services and supports to facilitate informed decision-making
- Objective 1.3: Ensure inclusion of diverse cultures and abilities in all aspects of the aging and adult services network

Goal 2: Enable older adults to age in their place of choice with appropriate services and supports

- Objective 2.1: Promote flexibility in publicly funded services and supports to allow people more opportunities to choose how and where they receive these
- Objective 2.2: Maintain and expand the availability of community-based services and supports
- Objective 2.3: Continue to transform NC's long-term services and support system

Goal 3: Empower older adults to enjoy optimal health status and to have a healthy lifestyle

- Objective 3.1: Build capacity and infrastructure to develop and sustain health and wellness programs and initiatives
- Objective 3.2: Expand access to and increase participation of evidence-based health promotion and disease prevention programs

Goal 4: Ensure the safety and rights of older and vulnerable adults and prevent their abuse, neglect, and exploitation

- Objective 4.1: Maximize collaboration, outreach, and training to stop or prevent abuse, neglect, and exploitation
- Objective 4.2: Strengthen emergency preparedness and response for older adults and people with disabilities

Goal 5: Empower older adults to engage in the community through volunteerism, lifelong learning, and civic activities

- Objective 5.1: Promote volunteerism and other active engagement
- Objective 5.2: Offer senior leadership opportunities that recognize the importance of older involvement in addressing issues affecting seniors

Goal 6: Prepare North Carolina for an aging population

- Objective 6.1: Prepare state government to better serve and address the needs of an aging population
- Objective 6.2: Support local communities to plan and better prepare for an aging population

Goal 7: Ensure an adequate direct care workforce for an aging population and opportunities for older workers

- Objective 7.1: Focus on the need for an adequate and quality direct care workforce
- Objective 7.2: Promote older workers as vital for businesses seeking a trained, qualified, and reliable work force

Goal 8: Maintain good stewardship of publicly funded services

- Objective 8.1: Promote effective and efficient management policies, including the use of performance-based standards and outcomes

Cross Cutting Issues for Orange County:

1. Affordability and Economic concerns
2. Geographic equity
3. Attention to under-represented groups
4. Workforce preparation
5. Information dissemination