

Master Aging Plan Information Sheet

What is the 2012-2017 Orange County Master Aging Plan (MAP)?

Since 2000, the Orange County Department on Aging has undertaken a community-wide strategic planning process that will dictate the goals and strategies to be followed by the Department over the next five years. This strategic planning process will culminate in a written document called the Master Aging Plan (MAP), which will be approved by the Orange County Board of County Commissioners in May 2012. Funding is allocated according to the prioritized goals and objectives prioritized in each Master Aging Plan.

Why is planning the next MAP so exciting?

We have the opportunity right now to create a plan that will improve the quality of life of the growing number of older adults in Orange County. Furthermore, an increasing older adult population presents opportunities for Orange County to utilize the wealth of experience and knowledge that older people bring to our community and to promote an environment that facilitates multigenerational engagement. We need your insight, ideas, and participation in order to develop a plan that has the most meaningful impact.

Who will be involved in the MAP?

The key stakeholders involved in the development of MAP include older adults, caregivers, family members, faith communities, healthcare providers, civic groups, businesses, nonprofit agencies, and town and Orange County government departments.

What will be accomplished at the MAP Community Kick-Off Event today?

This summer, county department directors, older adults and their families, long-term care staff, and community leaders provided background information through interviews, focus groups, and surveys. Today, we will present what we learned from them. Then we need you to help us add to those findings by identifying additional priority areas and telling us about your experiences. We will then assemble all priority areas and using a voting procedure to prioritize the most important ones. These prioritized topics will be approved by the MAP Steering Committee, and will become our work groups, which will meet periodically throughout the winter. The purpose of the work groups is to develop recommendations for specific goals and strategies to be included in the final plan.

How can I continue to contribute to planning the MAP?

Your help is extremely valuable! You can sign up today to participate in one of the MAP work groups. Furthermore, there will be opportunities for ideas and feedback on the plan as it progresses over the next few months.

Goals of the 2012-2017 Master Aging Plan

1. Empower older adults, their families, and other consumers to make informed decisions and to easily access health and long-term care options.
2. Enable older adults to age in their place of choice with appropriate services and supports.
3. Empower older adults to enjoy optimal health status and to have a healthy lifestyle.
4. Promote the safety and rights of older and vulnerable adults and prevent their abuse, neglect, and exploitation.
5. Empower older adults to engage in the community through volunteerism, lifelong learning, and civic activities.
6. Prepare Orange County for an aging population.
7. Promote an adequate direct care workforce for an aging population and opportunities for older workers.
8. Maintain good stewardship of publicly funded services.