

Listening Session Questions

1. What makes this a good community for older adults?

2. What are the challenges facing older adults in our community?

3. Of the list below, what do you think are the top five concerns for older adults in your community?
 - a. Funding for safety net programs like Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, Older Americans Act programs such as nutrition, education, and in-home services
 - b. Affordable and accessible housing
 - c. Available and accessible transportation
 - d. Financial assistance for basic needs (housing, food, transportation, insurance/health care/prescriptions)
 - e. Access to and affordability of supportive services in the home to prevent or delay institutional care
 - f. Support for family caregivers of older adults
 - g. Access to health care, including preventive care and mental health services
 - h. Social isolation and loneliness – need for planned and supported opportunities for engagement
 - i. Individual planning for aging years
 - j. Employment opportunities for older adults
 - k. Home maintenance, repair, and modifications for accessibility
 - l. Elder abuse, neglect and/or exploitation

4. What kinds of services should be provided to help older adults stay in their homes and communities as long as possible?

5. How can we best support families who are caring for loved ones (i.e., aging parents, grandparents, spouses)?

6. What can we do to better support older adults with Alzheimer's or dementia?

7. What are the specific challenges facing rural residents and how might we creatively serve them given limited resources?

8. Do you think people know to call the Area Agency on Aging for help with aging issues and services? What could we do to improve our outreach?

9. What could we do to help educate the community about issues important to older adults?

10. Beyond the services we provide, what could our community as a whole do to help older adults remain independent?

Other Thoughts: