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37TH MIDDLE TN GERIATRICS UPDATE

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LIVING WELL WITH DEMENTIA

Brenda Roberts, Executive Director – National Council of Dementia Minds

National Council of Dementia Minds Panel

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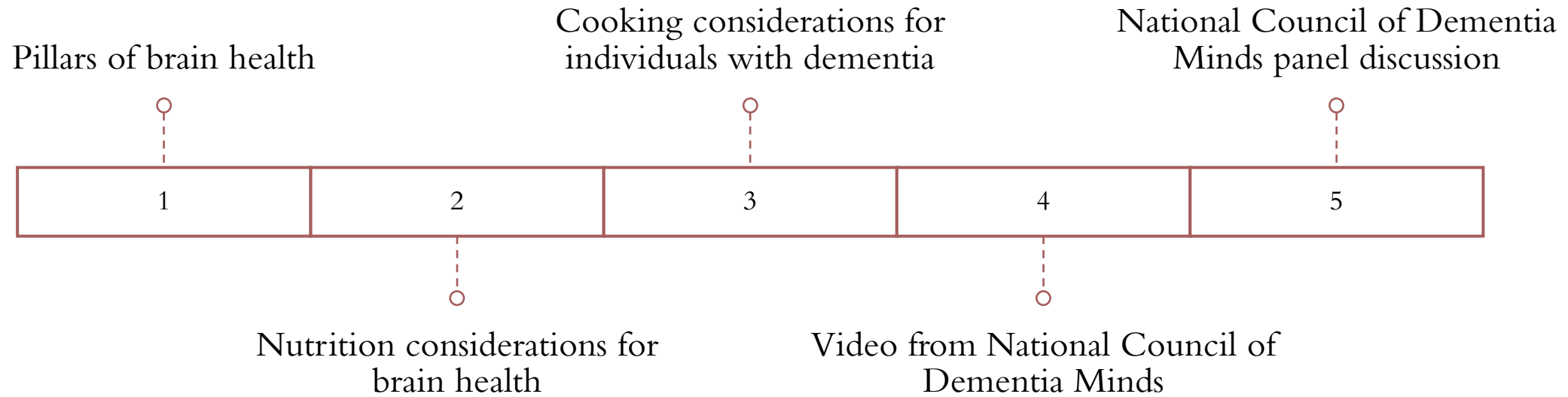
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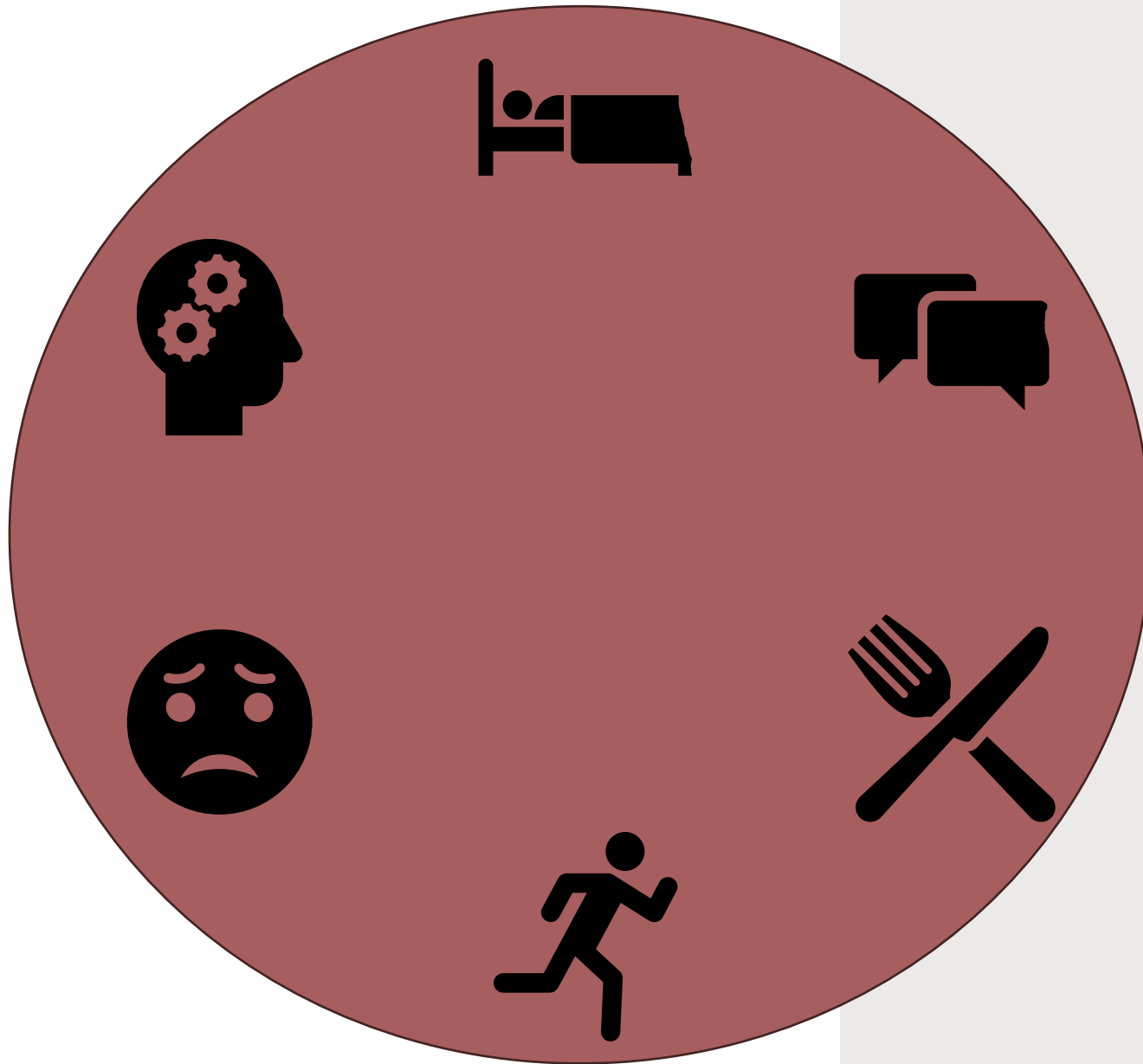
- Name two pillars of brain health
- State two components of an eating pattern for brain health
- Describe three cooking considerations for individuals living with dementia
- Engage with individuals living with dementia on their personalized approaches to nutrition and cooking



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AGENDA





PILLARS OF BRAIN HEALTH

Global Council on Brain Health six
pillars of brain health:

- 1) Be Social
- 2) Engage your Brain
- 3) Manage Stress
- 4) Ongoing Exercise
- 5) Restorative Sleep
- 6) Eat Right

(“The Global Council on Brain Health (GCBH),” 2021)

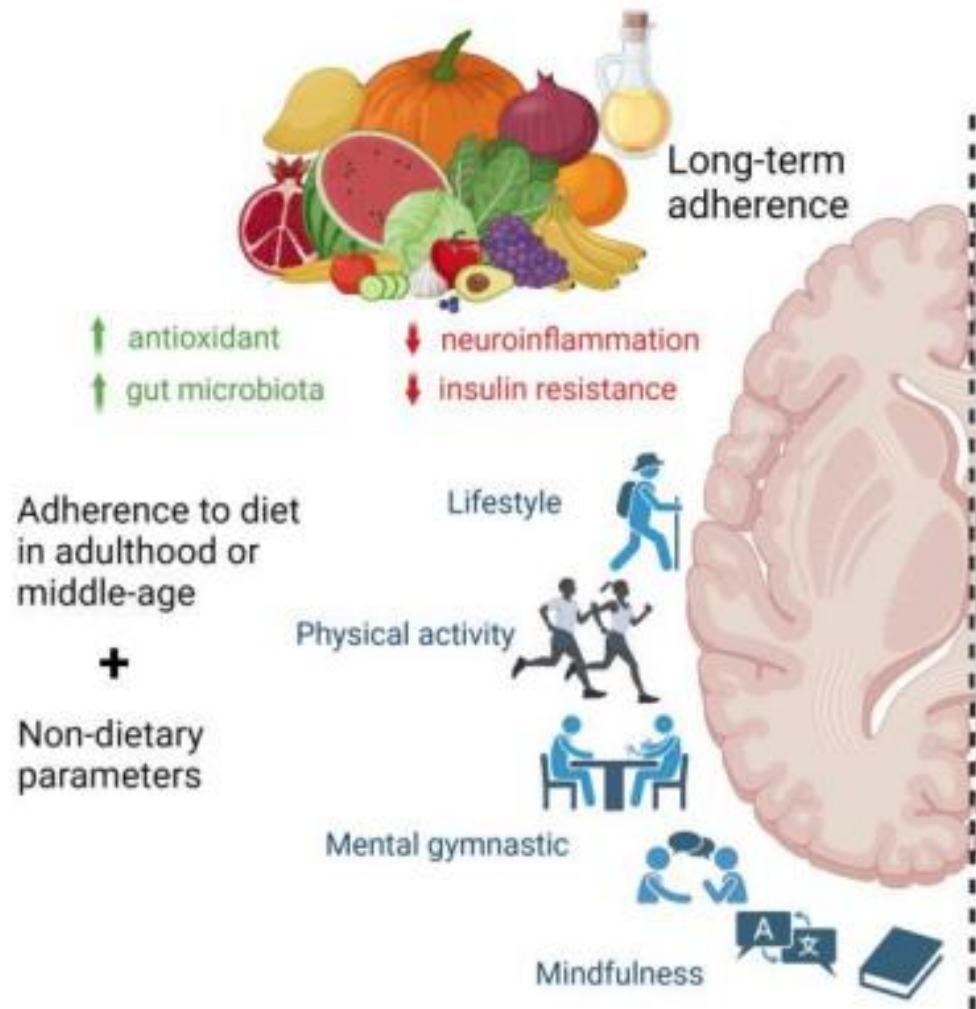
NUTRITION PILLAR

- No single vitamin/mineral/herbal supplement has been found to have a significant impact on cognition.
- Current research and recommendations are focused on patterns of eating rather than any one particular nutrient.
- The most researched patterns of eating for brain health include:
 - Mediterranean Diet
 - Dietary Approaches to Stop Hypertension (DASH)
 - Mediterranean-DASH Diet Interventions for Neurodegenerative Delay (MIND)
 - Modified Mediterranean-Ketogenic Diet.



(Ellouze, 2023)

Preventative effects of diet against ADRD



Ameliorative effects of diet against ADRD



NUTRITION RECOMMENDATIONS FOR BRAIN HEALTH

- Include unsaturated fats
 - Olive Oil
 - Nuts
 - Fatty Fish
- Include foods higher in fiber
 - Whole grains
 - Vegetables
 - Fruits
- Choose fish and lean proteins
- Choose foods high in polyphenols/antioxidants
 - Beans
 - Red Wine (in moderation)
 - Vegetables
 - Nuts

(Ellouze, 2023)



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NUTRITION RECOMMENDATIONS FOR BRAIN HEALTH

- Choose the following in moderation:
 - Highly processed meats
 - Red meats
 - Butter
 - Sugar sweetened beverages
 - Refined grains
 - Refined sugars



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(Ellouze, 2023)

COMBINING PILLARS OF BRAIN HEALTH

- Activities that include more than lifestyle factor have been shown to slow disease progression more than those focused on only one pillar (Corsi, 2016).
- Cooking combines engage your brain, eat right, and in some cases being social.



Dancing



Puzzles



Cooking

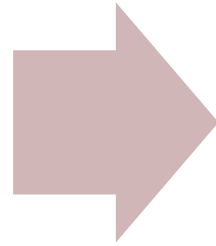


Walking

COGNITIVE OUTCOMES OF A COOKING PROGRAM

12-week small group cooking program incorporating five elements of brain-activating rehabilitation (BAR)

Fostering pleasant atmosphere, interactive communication, establishing social roles, giving and receiving praise, errorless learning



- Executive function was preserved in the intervention group, while deterioration occurred in the control group.
- Significant reduction of anxiety, agitation, and disinhibition in the intervention group

(Murai, 2016)



CONSIDERATIONS FOR COOKING WITH DEMENTIA

PREPARING TO COOK



Grocery Shopping

Take a list to the store.

Choose a familiar grocery store, when possible

Organize list by grocery store aisle or have someone help with this.

Utilize technology, if desired.

(Kitchen - Dementia-Friendly Environments - SCIE, n.d.)



Setting up the Kitchen

Consider labeling cabinets or having open shelving

Use glass/clear containers to store ingredients

Label appliance knobs/controls and hot/cold taps

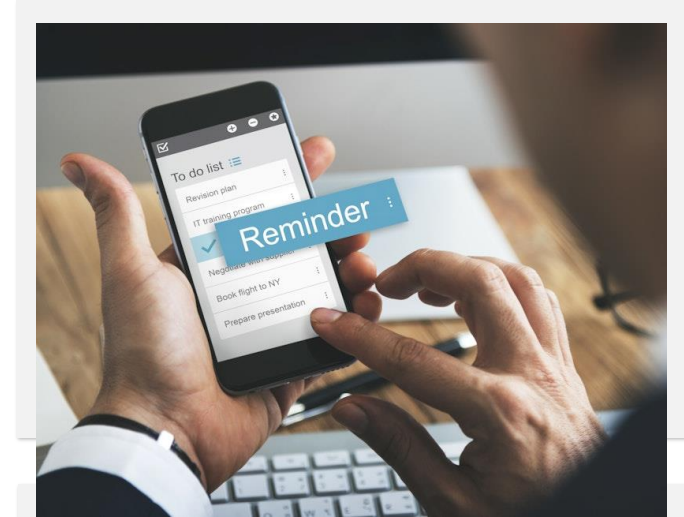
Declutter – avoid overcrowding drawers, cabinets, or countertops

Ensure optimal lighting with minimal glare

(Cooking with Dementia - National Council of Dementia Minds, n.d.)

COOKING SAFETY

- Choose non-slip floor mats in a solid color
- Purchase prechopped items if using a knife is challenging
- Choose cold recipes if the stove/oven pose safety challenges.
- Use reminders – sticky notes, tech reminders, timers, etc.
- Confirm that appliances are turned off after cooking
- Consider disabling appliances that are not in use (i.e.: unplugging, removing knobs)
- Let caregiver(s) know before cooking.



COOKING PROCESS



Choose recipes with fewer ingredients and steps.



If desired, cook with family, caregiver(s) and/or friends.



Cross off steps after each is complete.



Pre-measure ingredients and place in order of the recipe on the counter.

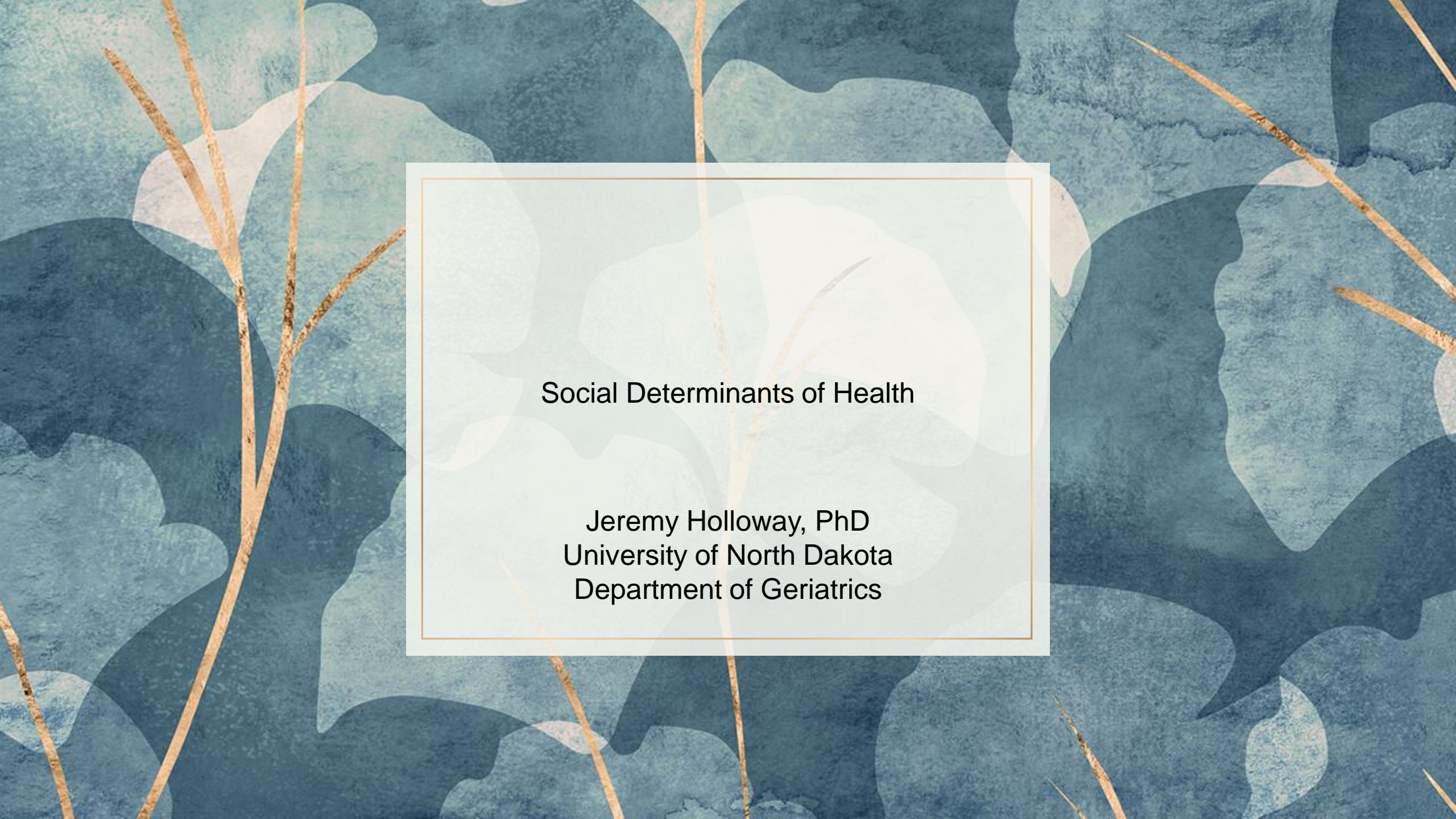


Prevent clutter by putting each ingredient away once used.



National Council of DEMENTIA MINDS

Insights of Persons Living Well with Neurocognitive Disorders



Social Determinants of Health


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3 Objectives for the Presentation:

1. Define Social Determinants of Health
2. Explore the importance of valuing What Matters.
3. Describe practical ways to mitigate implicit bias.
- *4. Have fun



My Story



What are Social Determinants of Health?

Definition



“Social determinants of health (SDOH) are the conditions in the environments **where people are born, live, learn, work, play, worship, and age** that affect a wide range of health, functioning, and quality-of-life outcomes and risks.

- Healthy People 2030

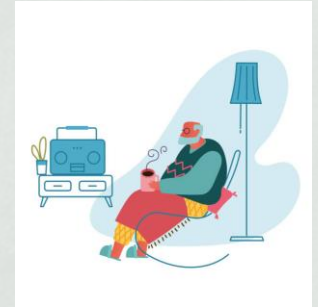
SDOH High-Level Domains (Groups/Communities)

- ◆ Economic Stability (Money)
- ◆ Education Access and Quality (Education)
- ◆ Health Care Access and Quality (Healthcare)
- ◆ Neighborhood and Built Environment (Environment)
- ◆ Social and Community Context (People)

SDOH Ground Level Concerns (Individual)

- ◆ Mobility/Transportation
- ◆ Dietary/Nutrition
- ◆ Housing/Home Condition
- ◆ Their Story/What Matters

Solution



Focus on What Matters

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What Matters: From Age-Friendly Approach

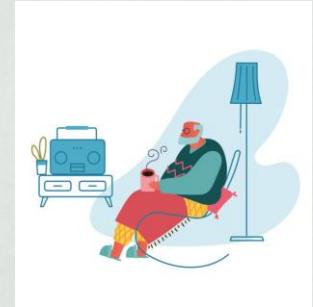
- first step: establish the core values of the older adult.
- These values are the fundamentals in which a person's beliefs are rooted, including ideas about happiness and fulfillment (Tinetti et al., 2016).
- Next steps involve dialog with a clinician who can then take those values and incorporate them into the treatment plan, such that the health priorities of the older adult are respected (Naik et al., 2018).

Note

- Medications are NOT what matters firstly to an individual.
- They are approaches to help the individual focus on What Matters.

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Solution



Learn and value the stories of individuals and marginalized groups.

Undesirable behaviors or “problems” are the result of unmet needs and expressions. -Dr. Caroline Stephens

Narayan, M. C. (2019). CE: addressing implicit bias in nursing: a review. *AJN The American Journal of Nursing*, 119(7), 36-43.



Major Roadblocks to Promoting One's Story (Narrative) for SDOH

Roadblock to Valuing and Learning One's Story (Narrative)

◆ Nothing (AKA: Excuses)

One of the Roadblocks to Valuing and Learning One's Story (Narrative)

◆ Unattended Implicit Bias

Implicit Bias...

- ◆ “Refers to when, rather than being neutral, we have a preference for (or aversion to) a person or group of people. Thus, we use the term **implicit bias** to describe when we have attitudes towards people or associate stereotypes with them without our conscious knowledge.” [1]
- ◆ “We may determine that one particular group is trustworthy or pleasant and another is dangerous or disagreeable.” [2]

1. Retrieved from Perception Institute: <https://perception.org/research/implicit-bias/>

2, Narayan, M. C. (2019). CE: addressing implicit bias in nursing: a review. *AJN The American Journal of Nursing*, 119(7), 36-43.

Implicit Bias Example

- ◆ Providers with implicit biases...
 - ◆ Spend less time listening to Black patients
 - ◆ Hold implicit assumptions that Black and Hispanic patients are less likely to adhere to treatment and are less cooperative than White patients

Zestcott CA, et al. Examining the presence, consequences, and reduction of implicit bias in health care: a narrative review. *Group Process Intergroup Relat* 2016;19(4):528-42.

Taking Action



*Action Plans to
Dissolve Implicit
Biases with New
Behaviors*



Action Plans to Dissolve Implicit Biases with New Behaviors

- ◆ Be involved in interventions that promote empathy, compassion, bias-mitigating strategies as often as possible for habit replacement
- ◆ Mindfulness in regard to perspective taking, and therapeutic relationship
- ◆ Reflect - Journal

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Action Plans to Dissolve Implicit Biases with New Behaviors

◆ Journaling Topics:

- ◆ How did I recognize the habit's damaging effects?
- ◆ How am I making a commitment to break the habit?
- ◆ How am I doing with my bias-mitigating strategies?
- ◆ How did I practice humility, empathy, and compassion?

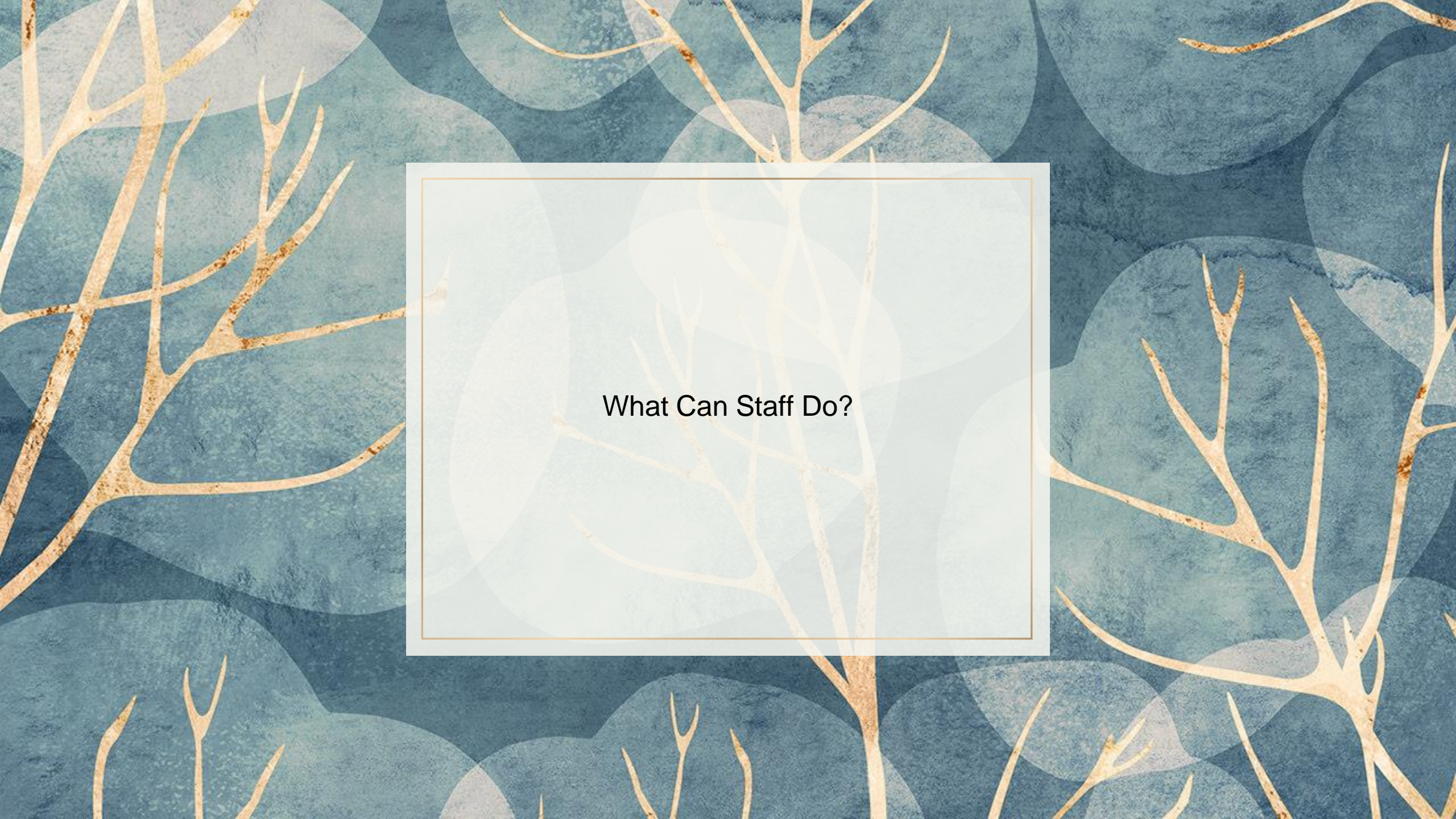


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Results of Action Plans to Dissolve Implicit Biases with New Behaviors

- ◆ Seeing clients/patients (and staff) as individuals and not as obstacles (or pawns) to achieving a goal.
- ◆ Observing one's own thoughts, feelings, and assumptions.
- ◆ Being nonjudgmental (facial expressions and other body language included).
- ◆ Working from facts, to thoughts, then feelings.

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What Can Staff Do?

What can Staff do to Address SDOH?

Frequent Debriefing and/or Reflective Sessions

McIntosh, R. (2019). The benefits of debriefing. *Kai Tiaki: Nursing New Zealand*, 25(11), 22-24.

Staff Debriefs

- ◆ Provide a **safe place**
- ◆ Provide a **place of learning**
- ◆ Provide a place to **make changes**

Debriefs also...

- ◆ Offer collegial support and listening to each other
 - ◆ This helps diffuse stress on the job.
- ◆ Lead to an appreciation of roles and stressors, and prompts brainstorming ways to support one another.

Cameron, F., & Brownie, S. (2010). Enhancing resilience in registered aged care nurses. *Australasian Journal on Ageing*, 29(2), 66-71

McIntosh, R. (2019). The benefits of debriefing. *Kai Tiaki: Nursing New Zealand*, 25(11), 22-24.

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“Of all the forms of inequality,
injustice in health is the most
shocking and inhumane.”

– Martin Luther King, Jr., Civil
Rights Activist & Nobel Peace
Prize Recipient

Debriefing Questions




Think of a situation in which you needed to reflect or debrief on a challenging encounter.

What were possible factors outside of this conflict that might be contributing to the issue?

How can you set out to understand the individuals perspective (story) better?

How will you implement debriefing in your respective place of work?



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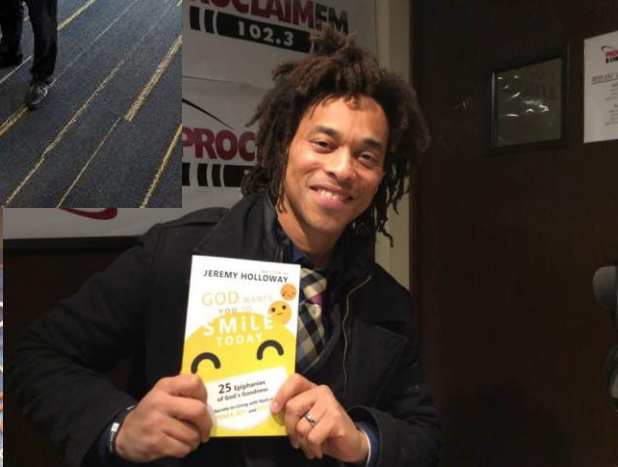
What's Your Story?

WHAT DO YOU LOVE?



WHAT WHOLESOME HOBBIES DO YOU ENJOY?





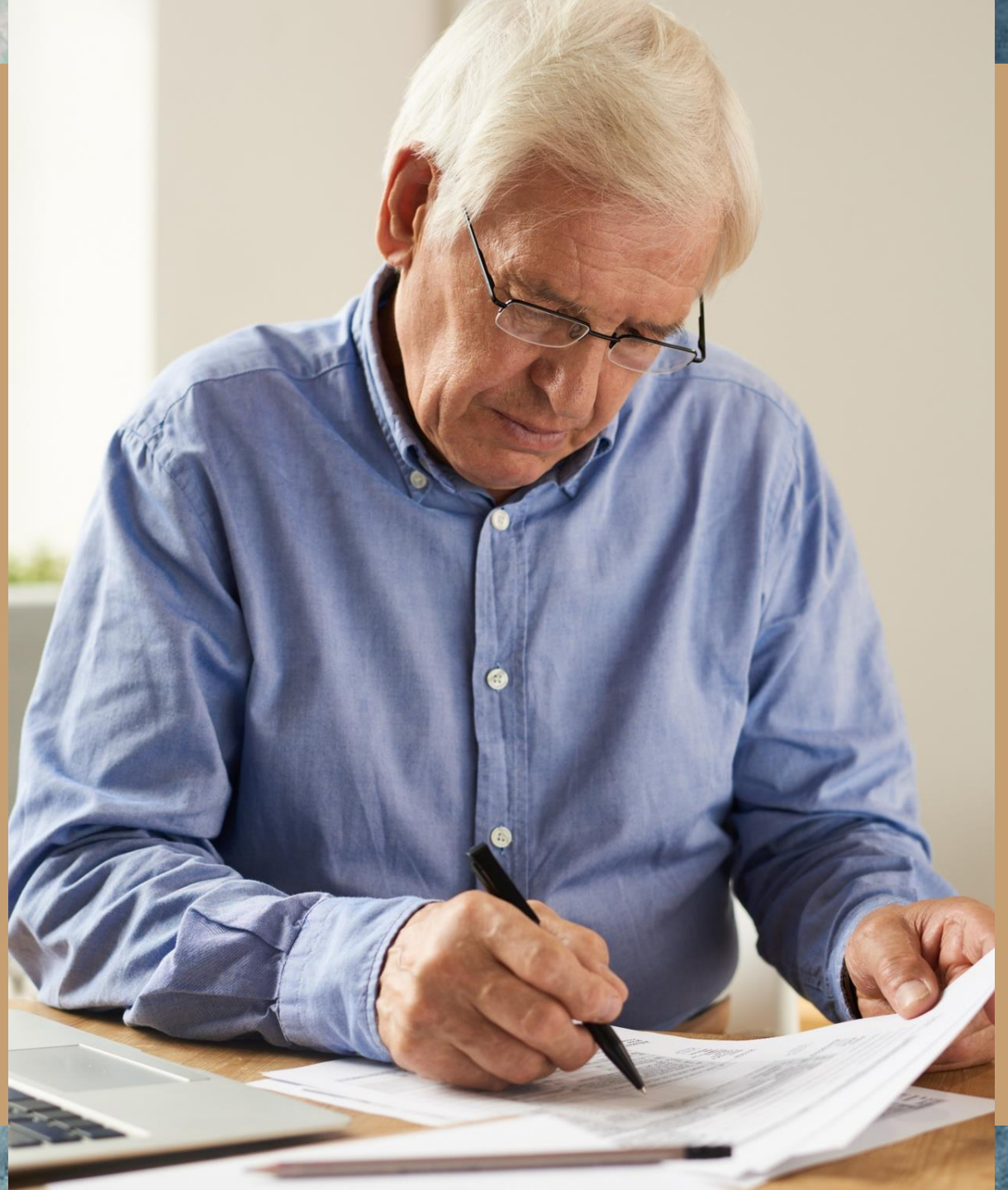
GOAL-SETTING AND VISUALIZATION

Goal-Setting is known to facilitate increased motivation, a sense of meaning, greater focus / decisiveness, and a sense of achievement.

Visualization in goal-setting utilizes the demonstrable abilities of sight, sound, feeling and emotion.

Visualization has been used for centuries and the technique is an established approach in medicine and traditions as well as other healing practices.

Source: Treadway & Lazar, 2009.



Write it down



1

WRITE DOWN WHAT YOU LEARNED FROM YOUR PERSONAL HISTORY.

2

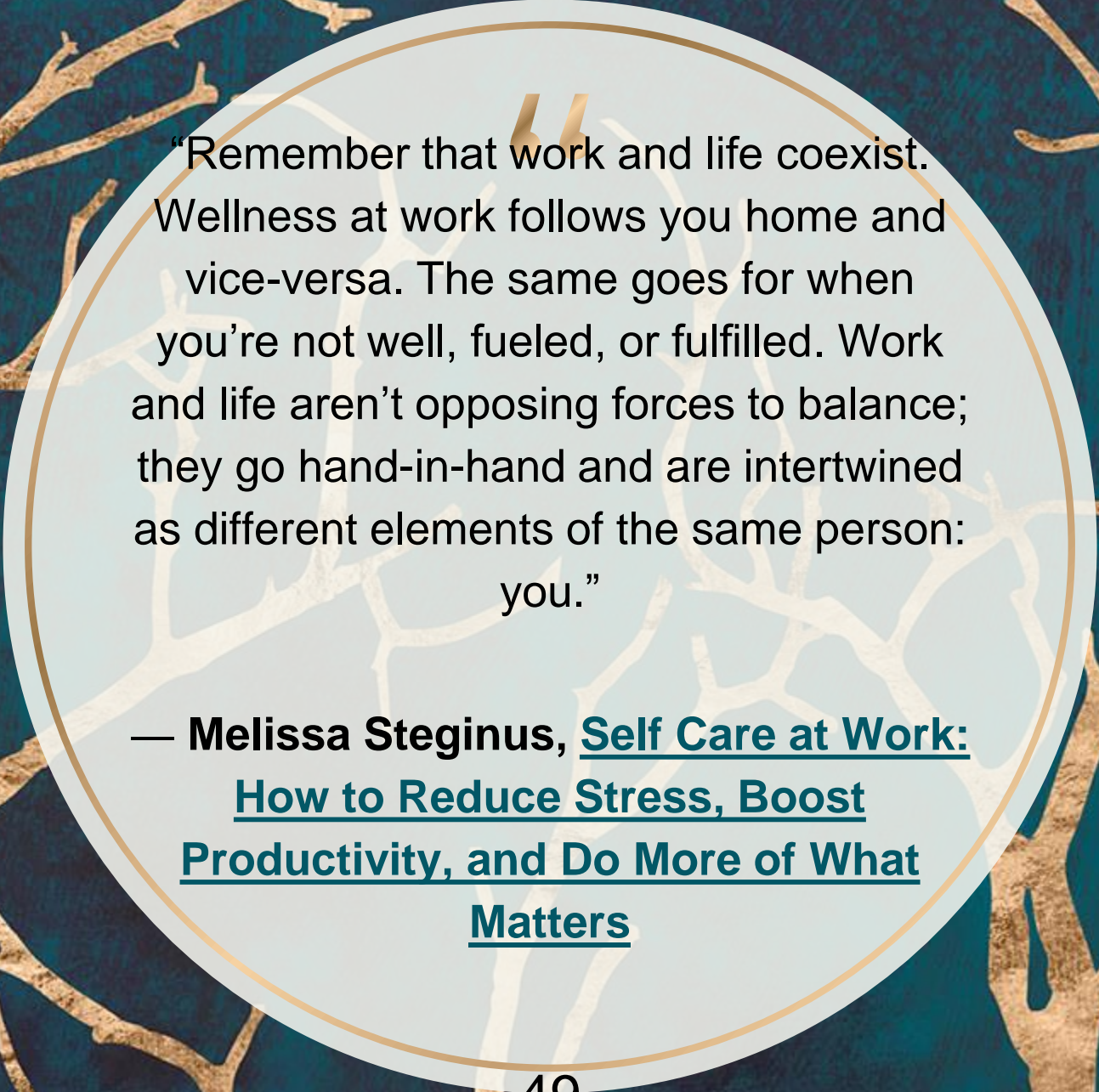
WRITE DOWN WHAT YOU ARE THANKFUL FOR TODAY

3

WRITE DOWN YOUR (IDEAL) GOALS

4

CONNECT WITH SOMEONE AND SHARE WITH THEM



“Remember that work and life coexist. Wellness at work follows you home and vice-versa. The same goes for when you’re not well, fueled, or fulfilled. Work and life aren’t opposing forces to balance; they go hand-in-hand and are intertwined as different elements of the same person: you.”

— **Melissa Steginus, Self Care at Work: How to Reduce Stress, Boost Productivity, and Do More of What Matters**

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Thank you, again.

Reflect

Discussion



MODELS OF LONG TERM CARE POST COVID

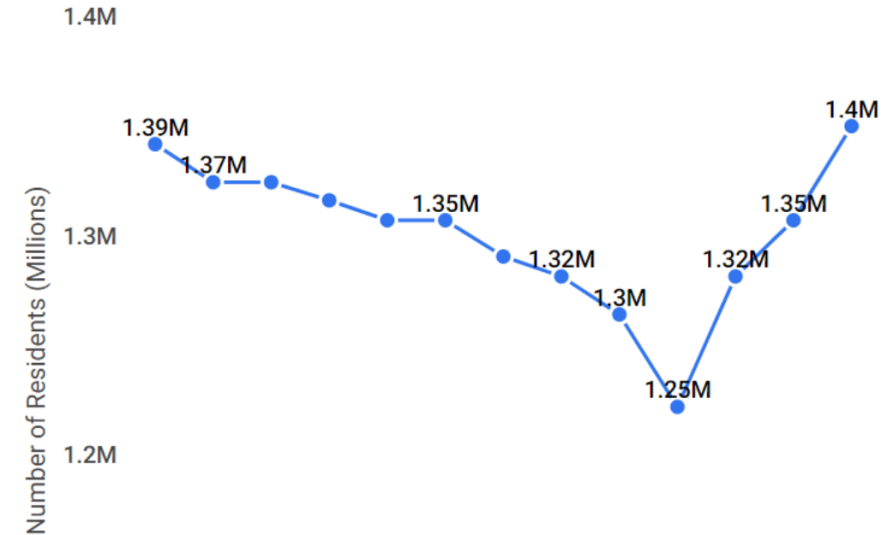
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LONG TERM CARE PRE COVID

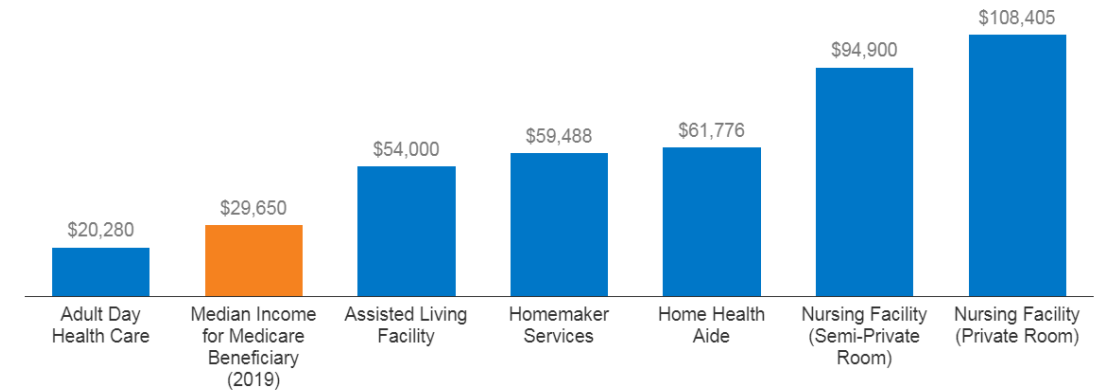
- 70% of seniors will need LTC in their lifetime
 - Many types of LTC:
 - Home Based Services
 - Independent, Assisted and Memory care communities
 - Skilled nursing communities
 - Diverse Workforce
 - Funding

U.S NURSING HOME RESIDENTS (2010 - 2022)



LTSS Are Extremely Expensive and Generally Not Covered By Medicare.

Nursing facility costs are higher than those of other services but many people living outside of nursing facilities use multiple services simultaneously. Medicare only covers home health and skilled nursing facility care on a time-limited basis.



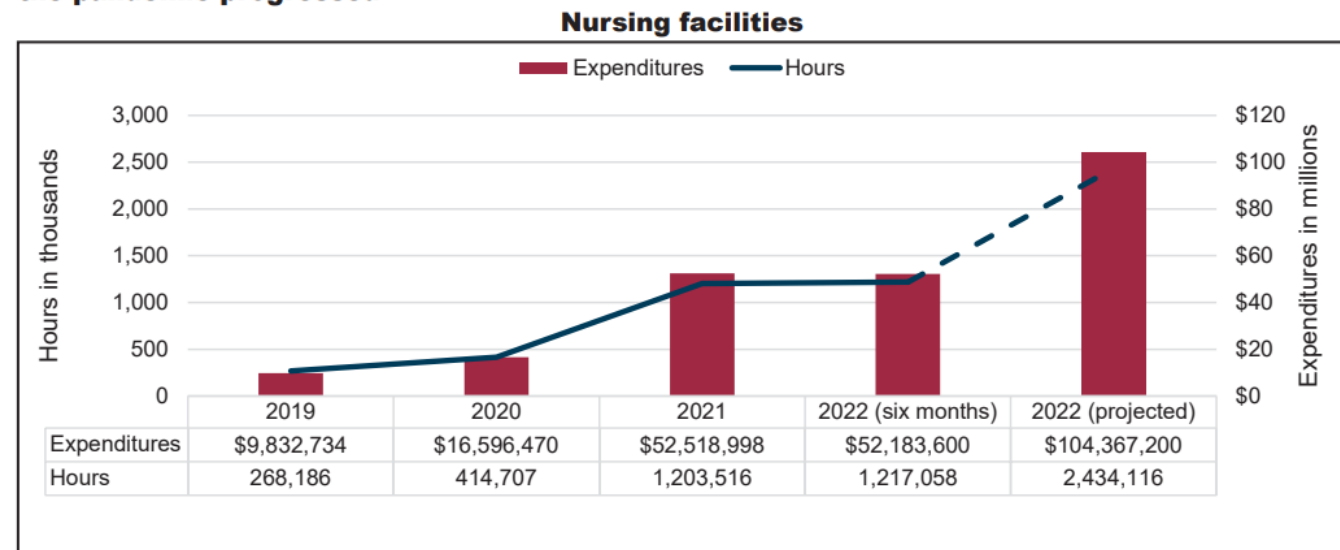
NOTE: Dollar amounts are annual costs for each type of care in 2021.

SOURCE: KFF analysis of Genworth 2021 Cost of Care Survey; KFF, Medicare Beneficiaries' Financial Security Before the Coronavirus Pandemic, Urban Institute / KFF analysis of DYNASIM data, 2019. • PNG

LONG TERM CARE IN THE COVID ERA

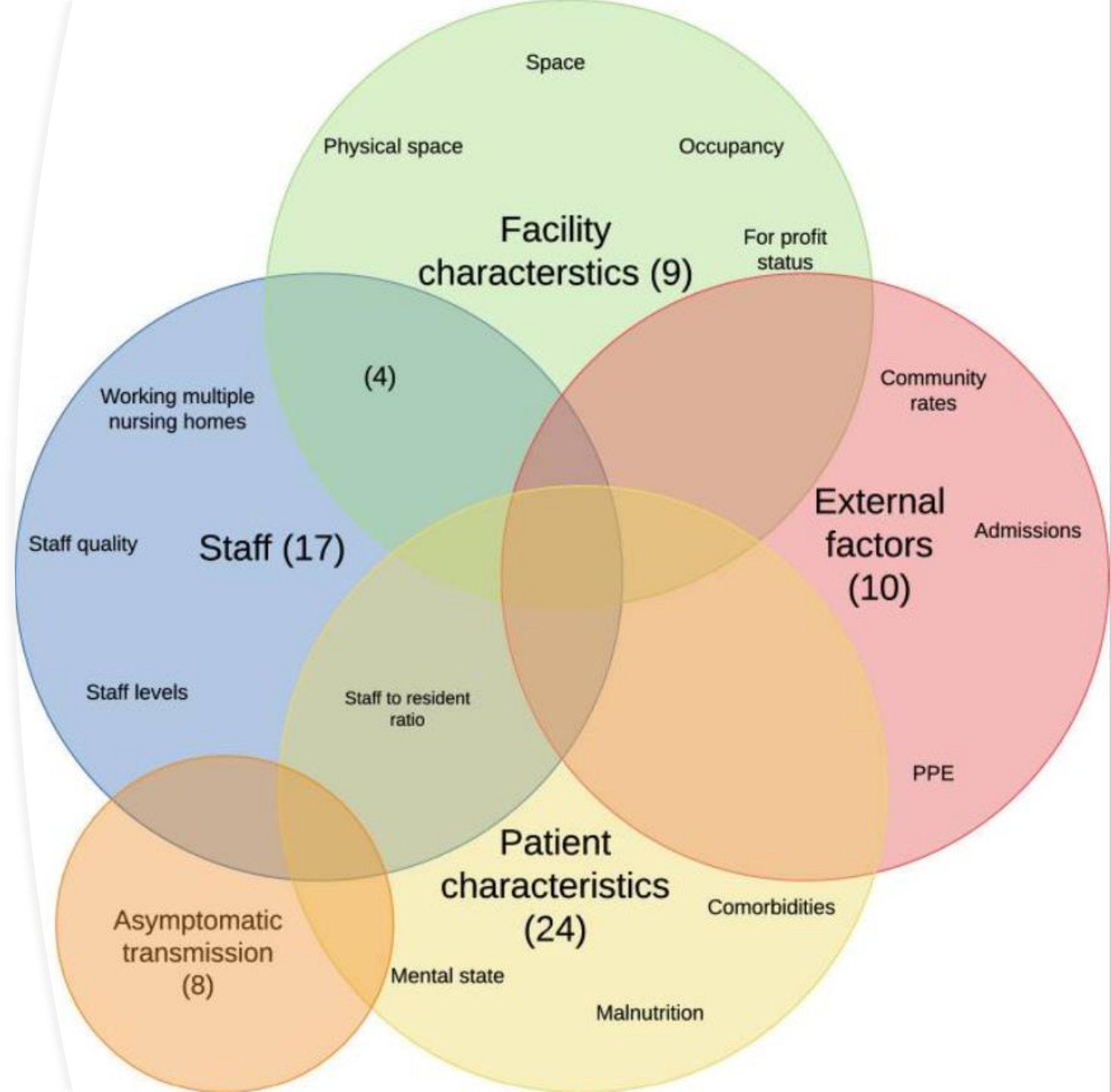
- Visitor Restriction
- Resident isolation and distancing
- Staffing Shortages
- Halt of inspections – only infection control surveys

Exhibit 3: The use of temporary health care staff by long-term care facilities increased as the pandemic progressed



PREDICTORS TRANSMISSION/ INFECTION

- Age
- Residing in congregant settings
 - Community Rates
- Personal care requirements
- Health Comorbidities
- Behavioral and cognitive challenges affecting infection control



METHODS OF MANAGEMENT

Universal
Screening

Isolation and
Cohorting

Vaccination

Staff
Confinement

Visitation
restrictions

Telehealth

Vital and
Symptom
based testing

OUTCOMES TO LONG TERM CARE RESIDENTS

Higher mortality

Functional and cognitive decline

Increase weight loss

Increase in depressive symptoms

OUTCOMES TO LONG TERM CARE CENTERS



STAFFING SHORTAGES



FACILITY CLOSURES

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IMPACT ON MODELS OF LONG TERM CARE

- Fewer short stay/ rehab stays
- Increase Home and Community Services
- Increase in telehealth services
- Emphasis on small cohort settings



Middle Tennessee Nursing Home Quality Improvement Collaborative



One-on-one
planning and
evaluation
support



Sharing best
practices and
solutions

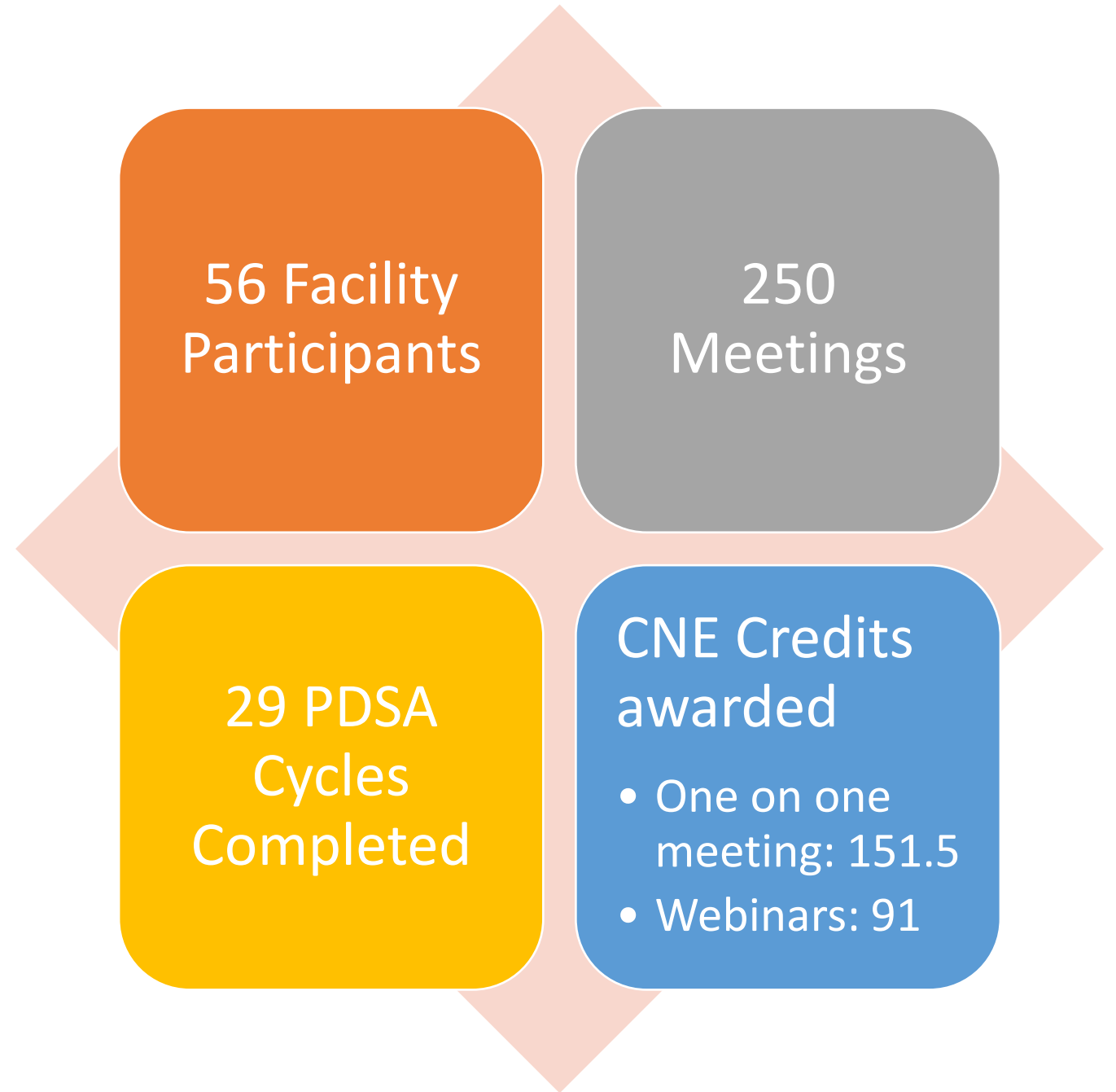


Free QAPI
education and
local expertise



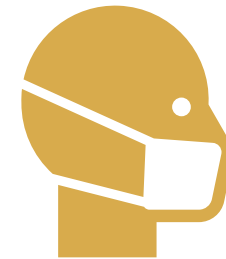
Supports
fulfillment of
CMS
requirements

Project Data



Most Common Performance Improvement Projects

- COVID-19 vaccination education and onsite clinic events
- Nutrition support, weight loss prevention
- Improve medication reconciliation
- Streamline medication administration
- Falls prevention
- Staff support, burnout





Most Targeted MDS Outcomes Improved

Percentages in the most recent quarter with available data will be highlighted green to show its score is relatively better than other TN facilities and red to show its relatively worse. In the final project report, we will summarize trended data across quarters for each quality measure.

| MDS Long-Stay Quality Metrics (%) | Participating Facilities | Regional Control Group |
|---|--------------------------|------------------------|
| High-risk long-stay residents with pressure ulcers | 7.14 | 7.85 |
| Long-stay residents assessed and appropriately given the pneumococcal vaccine | 83.53 | 87.08 |
| Long-stay residents assessed and appropriately the seasonal influenza vaccine | 91.14 | 94.32 |
| Long-stay residents experiencing one or more falls with major injury | 3.54 | 3.67 |
| Long-stay residents who have depressive symptoms | 10.44 | 9.26 |
| Long-stay residents who lose too much weight | 5.90 | 7.26 |
| Long-stay residents who received an antianxiety or hypnotic medication | 25.38 | 26.93 |
| Long-stay residents who received an antipsychotic medication | 15.86 | 17.10 |

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Implementing A COVID Recovery Curriculum In Long Term Care

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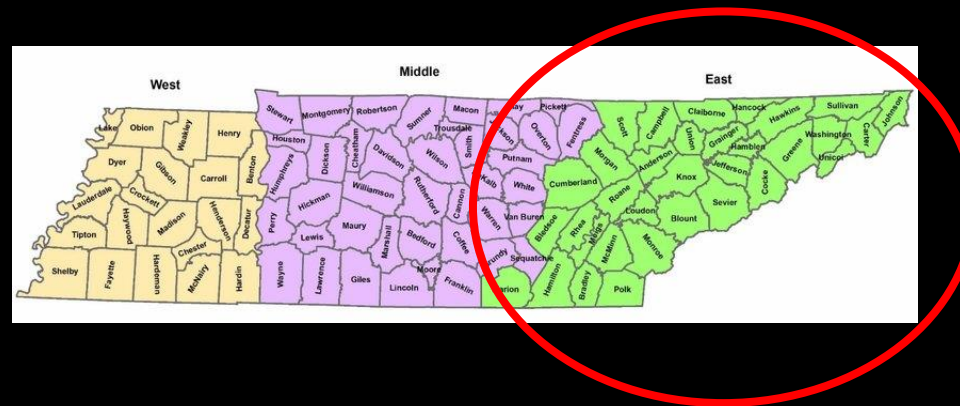
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Background



- Tennessee SNF residents represented 2% of total COVID-19 cases but 22% of deaths
- 314 skilled nursing facilities (SNFs) in Tennessee
 - 1/3 in East Tennessee
- Low COVID vaccination rates in East Tennessee

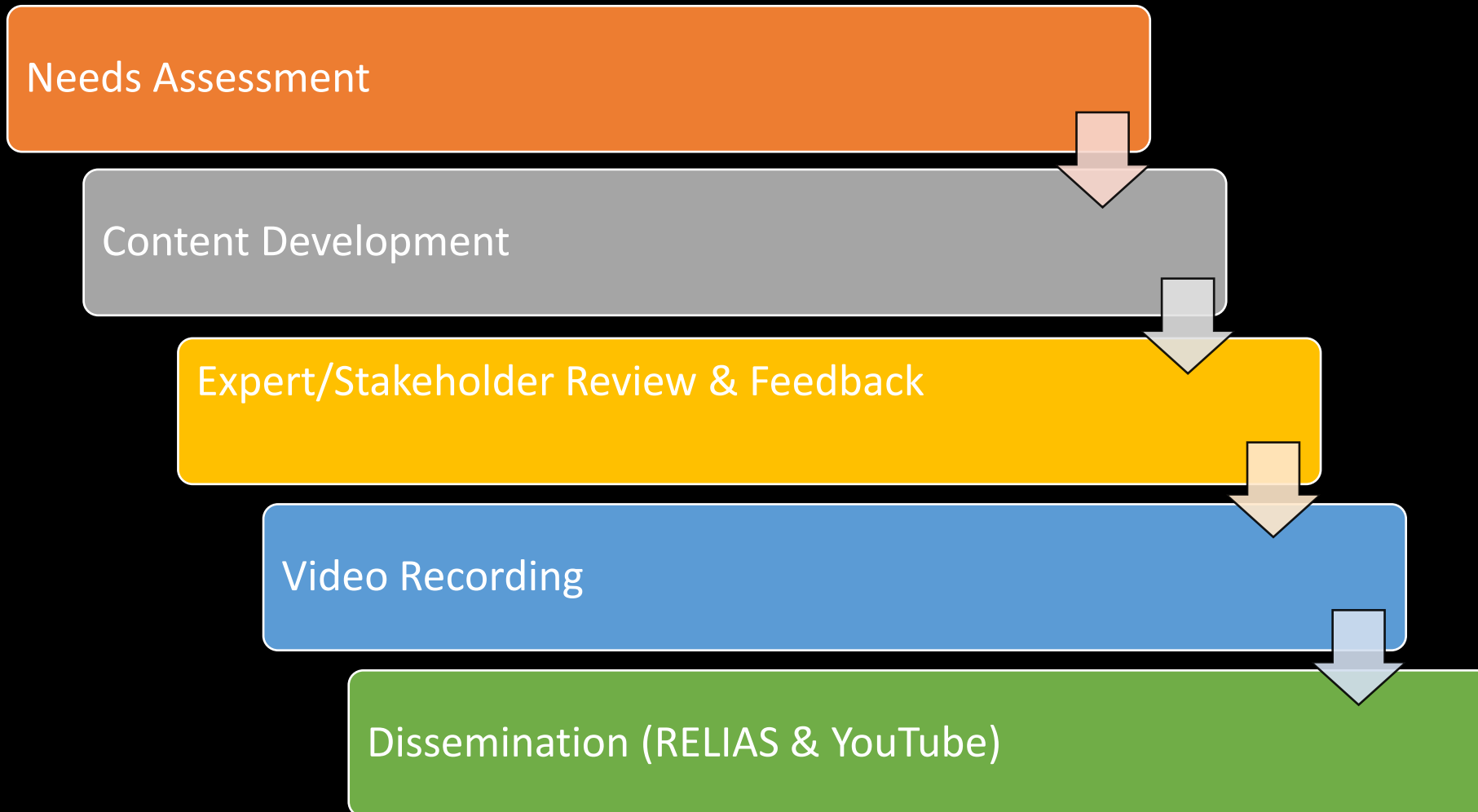


Project Aim

- Design & implement a COVID-19 recovery curriculum for staff and caregivers in East Tennessee SNFs
 - COVID-19 prevention and management and its long-term social, emotional, and physical impact in SNFs



Methods (At A Glance)



Needs Assessment

- Developed by project team
- Distributed to 30 LTC leaders in East Tennessee
 - 9 SNFs
 - 3 ALFs
- Self-reported facility & staff demographics
- Strengths & areas for improvement
- Preferred staff audiences & delivery methods



Needs Assessment (Cont'd)

- Ranked preference for topics
 - COVID-19 vaccine hesitancy
 - COVID-19 management
 - COVID-19 associated isolation & depression
 - Long COVID
 - Caregiver support
 - Grief support & counseling
 - Advanced directives
 - Staff burnout



Needs Assessment-Results



- $n=10$
- Preferred topics
 - Staff Burnout (100%)
 - COVID-19 associated isolation & Depression (50%)
 - Facility management of COVID-19 (37.5%)
 - Caregiver support (37.5%)
- Preferred learning style
 - Facility-led in-person education sessions (62.5%)
 - Asynchronous modules (50.0%)
 - Live virtual lectures with group discussion (50.0%)



Engaging Facilities

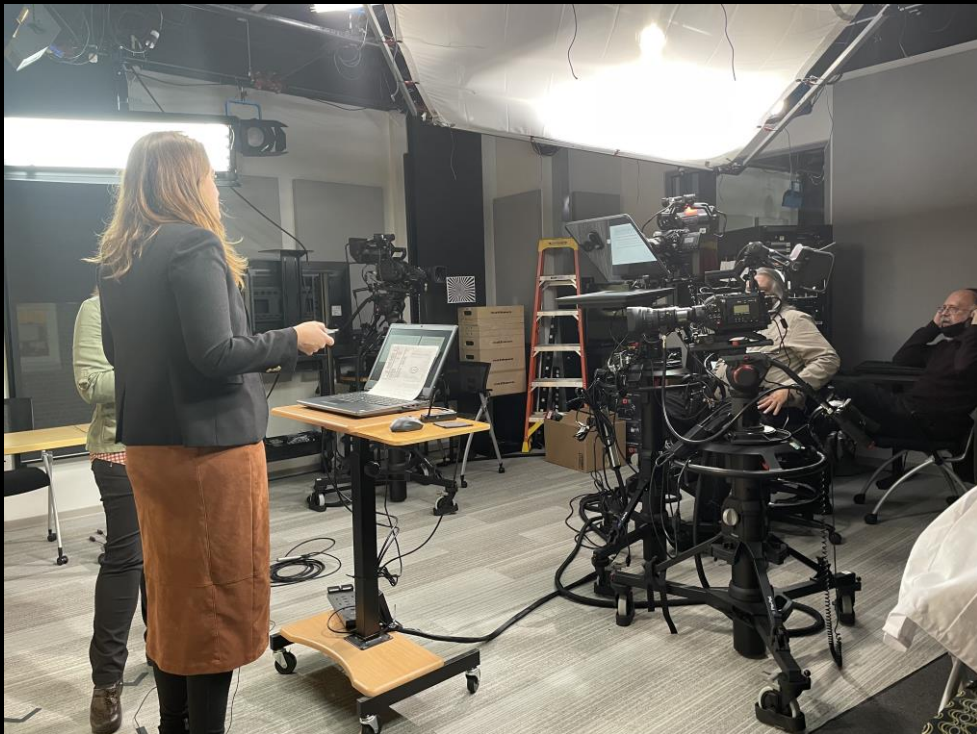


- Total # of facilities identified for potential participation: 14
- Total # of facilities who participated in ECHO trainings: 12
- Coordination with leadership at 2 ALF/LTC chains

Content Development

Video production

- A team effort



Expert/Stakeholder Review



- Expert reviewers
 - Geriatricians
 - Gerontological nurse practitioners (NPs)
 - Educators from Alzheimer's Tennessee
- Reviewed initial course videos

Expert/Stakeholder Feedback

- Module length: < 30 minutes
- Simplify content
- Reserve COVID-19 policy-focused education for administration



Curriculum Modules



- Developed 9 curriculum modules
 - Prioritized modules (per administration preference):
 - Staff Burnout, Resilience, Recovery, & Retention
 - COVID-19 Associated Isolation & Depression
 - Dementia Caregiver Professional Training: Preventing Burnout with Realistic Expectations
- 8 modules produced in Spanish **community** partners.

Module Stats

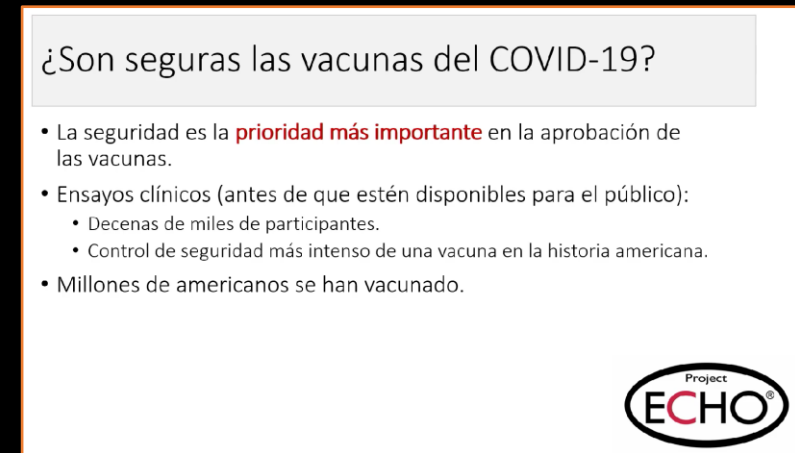
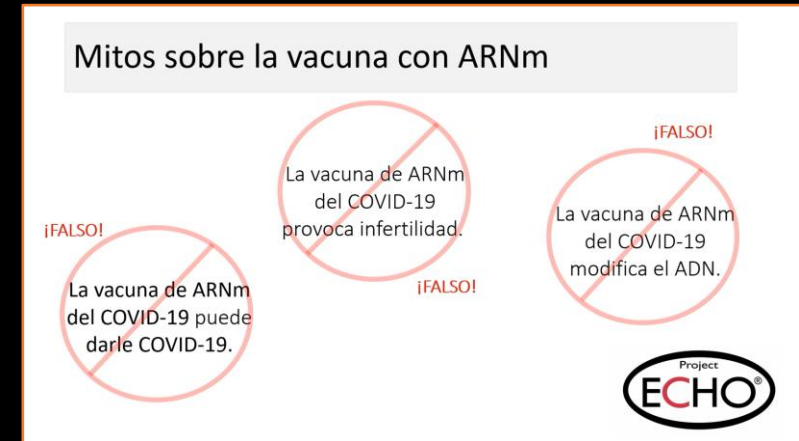
- Mean length: 16.85 minutes (9.13-27.32 minutes)
- Flesch-Kincaid reading grade level of 5.74 (2.7-7.6).
- Tailored to direct care staff.



Producing Spanish Educational Videos



- Identified as a need in Needs Assessment
- Slides uploaded to medical translation service
 - Fast turnaround
 - Reviewed cultural appropriateness of images
- Faculty member (School of Nursing)
 - Native Spanish speaker
 - Certified nurse practitioner
 - Workload availability



Creating Videos in Spanish



- Videos

- Professionally recorded & published
- School of Nursing “green room”

- Uploaded to YouTube

- 16 videos on *GWEP/ECHO Espanola* playlist



Working With Alzheimer's Tennessee



- Respected & established community partner
 - Well versed in East Tennessee resources
- Participation in video production
 - Visibility is important
- Referral source for caregiver support groups



Dissemination

“I hope they watch them.”





Viewings Within The RELIAS Learning Portal

- January 2023 (3 months)
 - Total cumulative views: 1,238 staff members
- May 2023 (6 months)
 - Total cumulative views: 2,118 staff members (18 facilities)
 - CNA: 29%
 - LPN + RN: 24.2%
 - Therapy: 19.9%
 - Social Work: 5.4%
 - Directors/Admin: 3.9%

RELIAS
LEARNING

YouTube Video Views*



| Video Title | View Count |
|--|------------|
| Long Term Care: Staff Burnout, Resilience, Recovery, & Retention | 923 |
| COVID-19 Associated Isolation & Depression in Long Term Care | 770 |
| Dementia Caregiver Professional Training: Preventing Burnout With Realistic Expectations | 731 |
| Long COVID Syndromes: Physiology & Clinical Management | 72 |
| Self Care | 70 |
| COVID-19 Management in Skilled Nursing & Assisted Living Facilities | 49 |
| Advanced Care Planning | 35 |
| Grief Support & Counseling | 17 |

* as of May 1, 2023

East Tennessee LTC Facilities: Current Status



Staffing

- Slight ↑ in total nursing hours/resident after offering ECHO resiliency & retention sessions
- 10 min/resident/day

Vaccination Rates

- Prior to ECHO educational series: 65% staff received initial COVID-19 vaccine
- As of January 2023, 83% of staff members had received primary vaccination series

Depression

- >400 LTC staff have viewed module on resident isolation & depression
- Slight ↓ in residents experiencing depressive symptoms after training (6.5% to 5.7%)

Advance Directives

- Advance directive completion is > 99%

Next Steps

- Continue work with community partners & facilities
- Leverage LTC/ALF relationships for continued work
 - New initiatives?
- Repurpose work already completed
 - YouTube
- Dissemination
 - Publications



Project Take Aways



- Persistence pays off
 - Slow to respond = not interested
- RELIAS learning portal → key to dissemination success
- Divide & conquer
 - Calendar coordination is challenging
- Synchronized face-to-face learning isn't always feasible



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Project ECHO Hub to view our
course offerings.



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THANK YOU!

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SUPPORT
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When we have to protect
children from their government,
we have failed as a society.

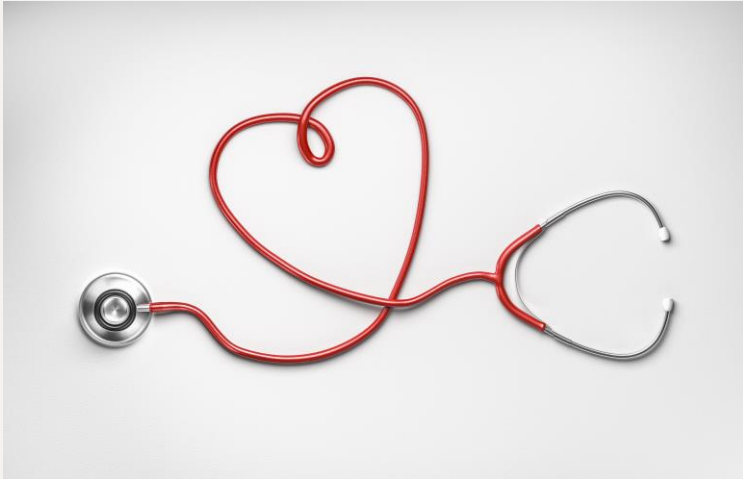
GENDER AFFIRMING
HEALTHCARE
IS
NECESSARY.



PROTECT
TRANS
KIDS



What is LGBTQ+ affirming care?



Cultural and clinical competencies

Respectful communication with
LGBTQ+ individuals

Understanding, addressing specific
health needs of LGBTQ+ individuals

Visible and explicit inclusion

Levels of Affirming Care

Interpersonal Level

- Gender inclusive language, rainbow pins, sharing increased risk for colorectal cancer among gay and bisexual men

Institutional Level

- Implementing LGBTQ+ competence in medical education, providing continuing education for providers, supporting LGBTQ+ trainees, showing up for colleagues

Structural Level

- Advocating for health insurance expansion, coverage of gender affirming care

Discrimination Drives Avoidance, Discomfort

1. Up to one-third of LGBTQ Americans avoid seeing a doctor for fear of discrimination
2. Many LGBTQ+ people are not out to their primary provider
 - Confidentiality
 - Mistreatment
 - Not relevant
3. Nondisclosure can lead to
 - inattention to specific health care needs
 - missed diagnostic screenings and vaccinations
 - higher unmet medical needs



What We Know about Effects on Preventive Screenings

1. Sexual minority women are significantly less likely to be offered a Pap test than heterosexual women
2. Transgender people with prostates are less likely to get screened compared to cisgender gay men and heterosexual men
3. Gay and bisexual men who do not disclose their sexual orientation to their provider are less likely to receive HPV vaccine



What We Know about LGBTQ Disparities in Diagnosis, Prognosis

1. Substantial disparities in obesity, diabetes, cardiovascular risk, mental health, suicidality, multiple morbidity
2. Evidence suggestive of disparities in aging related diseases, like Alzheimer's and dementia
3. Substantial disparities in cancer risk, especially: cervical, breast, lung, prostate, skin, anal, colorectal, oropharyngeal
4. Greater likelihood of cancer recurrence (3x higher for breast cancer)
5. Higher mortality for certain cancers, varies by population



What We Know about Effects on Care

1. Less patient-centered care and involvement in decision making
2. Greater burden of comorbidities at diagnosis
3. Reduced partner involvement in care decisions
4. Higher social isolation during treatment
5. Survivors have significantly greater physical inactivity, more medical complications, heavy episodic alcohol use, and depression, esp. transgender/gender diverse patients



Additional Challenges

1. Structural barriers (like lower rates of health insurance) → missed screenings, later initial presentation for care
2. Higher behavioral risk factors for certain diseases (e.g., smoking) not adequately addressed by prevention, intervention, or screening
3. Care fragmentation



Inclusive Practices Matter

1. When health systems are LGBTQ+ affirming, patients report higher satisfaction regardless of SOGI
2. Explicit and inclusive visitation and nondiscrimination policies are associated with greater partner engagement in cancer care





Association of Affirming Care with Chronic Disease and Preventative Care Outcomes LGBTQ Older Adults

- Seen a doctor, last 12 months
- Flu shot
- HIV test
- Cancer screenings
- Management of chronic conditions



Measures

Has an Affirming Care Provider

Do you have an LGBT-affirming health care provider?

- Yes, they are my primary health care provider
- Yes, I see them in addition to another health care provider
- No, I don't need or want an LGBT-affirming health care provider
- No, I cannot find an LGBT-affirming health care provider in my area
- I don't know

Preventative Screenings

- Have you seen a doctor or healthcare provider in the past year?
- Have you ever had any of the following preventative care screenings or tests? In the last three years?
 - Flu shot
 - Breast cancer screening/mammogram
 - Pap test
 - Colorectal cancer screening/colonoscopy
 - HIV test

Chronic Disease Management

If condition:

Is your [high blood pressure, diabetes, heart condition, respiratory condition, mental health condition] pretty much under control (1) or is it still a problem (0)?

Who Has An Affirming Provider?

About two-thirds of sample has an LGBTQ+ affirming provider.

Compared to participants with a usual source of care, those with an LGBTQ+ affirming provider are more likely to:

- Be lesbian or gay (vs bisexual or something else)
- Be transgender or gender diverse (vs cisgender)
- Be living with HIV (vs not)
- Have a college degree or higher (vs less than college)
- Be insured (vs not)



Healthcare Outcomes Associated with Affirming Care

Participants with an LGBTQ affirming provider were:

- **4.5% more likely to have had a routine check up in last year**
- 8.6% more likely to have had a flu shot in the last 3 years
- **7.6% more likely to have ever had colorectal cancer screening**
- 12.2% more likely to have mental health condition under control



Mechanisms?

Less Avoidance

Patients anticipate less discrimination, lowering barriers to engagement and decreasing delays in care.

More Trust

- Affirming providers engender more trust, increasing openness about problems and action on recommendations.

Integration of Care

Greater engagement with primary care, less healthcare fragmentation



LGBTQ+ Affirming Care May Increase Awareness and Understanding of Undetectable = Untransmittable among Midlife and Older Gay and Bisexual Men in the US South

- U=U awareness
- U=U understanding
- U=U believability
- Risk perception
- HIV test



Take Aways from Our Research

- Expanding access to LGBTQ+ affirming providers across the health system may
 - Decrease healthcare avoidance and delay for LGBTQ populations
 - Help narrow health disparities for LGBTQ+ older adults through increased and more timely screening, uptake of provider recommendations, earlier detection
 - Intervene in the poorer health trajectories of LGBTQ+ people in many Southern states
 - Improve HIV-related outcomes via increased awareness of treatment as prevention and uptake of testing

**Why aren't
more providers
LGBTQ+
affirming?**

**Actually, they
are!**

Healthcare providers
have few reservations
about caring for
LGBTQ+ populations

But many feel
unprepared

Limited engagement
with LGBTQ+ health
in medical curriculum

How do I start?

- ✓ • Attend a CME focused on LGBTQ topics
- Add a rainbow pin/badge sticker
- Connect with the VUMC Program in LGBTQ Health
- Review your
 - intake forms
 - promotional materials
 - decorations around your office
 - website
- Consider the impact of gendered program titles
 - “women’s support group”



Level Up!

- Check your assumptions → if you're not sure how a patient identifies or what pronouns they use, ASK!
- Use inclusive language in patient interactions
- Pay attention to health disparity areas, but also the whole person
 - gender-related medical misattribution (“trans broken arm syndrome”) and invasive questioning are significant complaints from LGBTQ patients
- Ask → we have a space for this in Epic but we don't use it
- Engage care partners, esp. nontraditional ones like close friends or community members



Do I really need to do this?

- 2.4 million Americans aged 65+ identify as LGBTQ+
- Substantial disparities in disease risk, stage of diagnosis, rates of recurrence, rates of survival
- Increasing evidence that the care partners of LGBTQ+ older adults are being left behind, isolated, struggling

A rectangular sign with a light-colored wooden frame is mounted on a bright yellow wall. The sign has a black background with horizontal ridges. The words "YOU", "CAN DO", and "THIS" are written in a teal, sans-serif, all-caps font, arranged in three lines and centered horizontally.

YOU
CAN DO
THIS

Do patients really want to talk about this?

PLOS ONE

 OPEN ACCESS  PEER-REVIEWED

RESEARCH ARTICLE

Do Ask, Do Tell: High Levels of Acceptability by Patients of Routine Collection of Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Data in Four Diverse American Community Health Centers

Sean Cahill , Robbie Singal, Chris Grasso, Dana King, Kenneth Mayer, Kellan Baker, Harvey Makadon

Published: September 8, 2014 • <https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0107104>

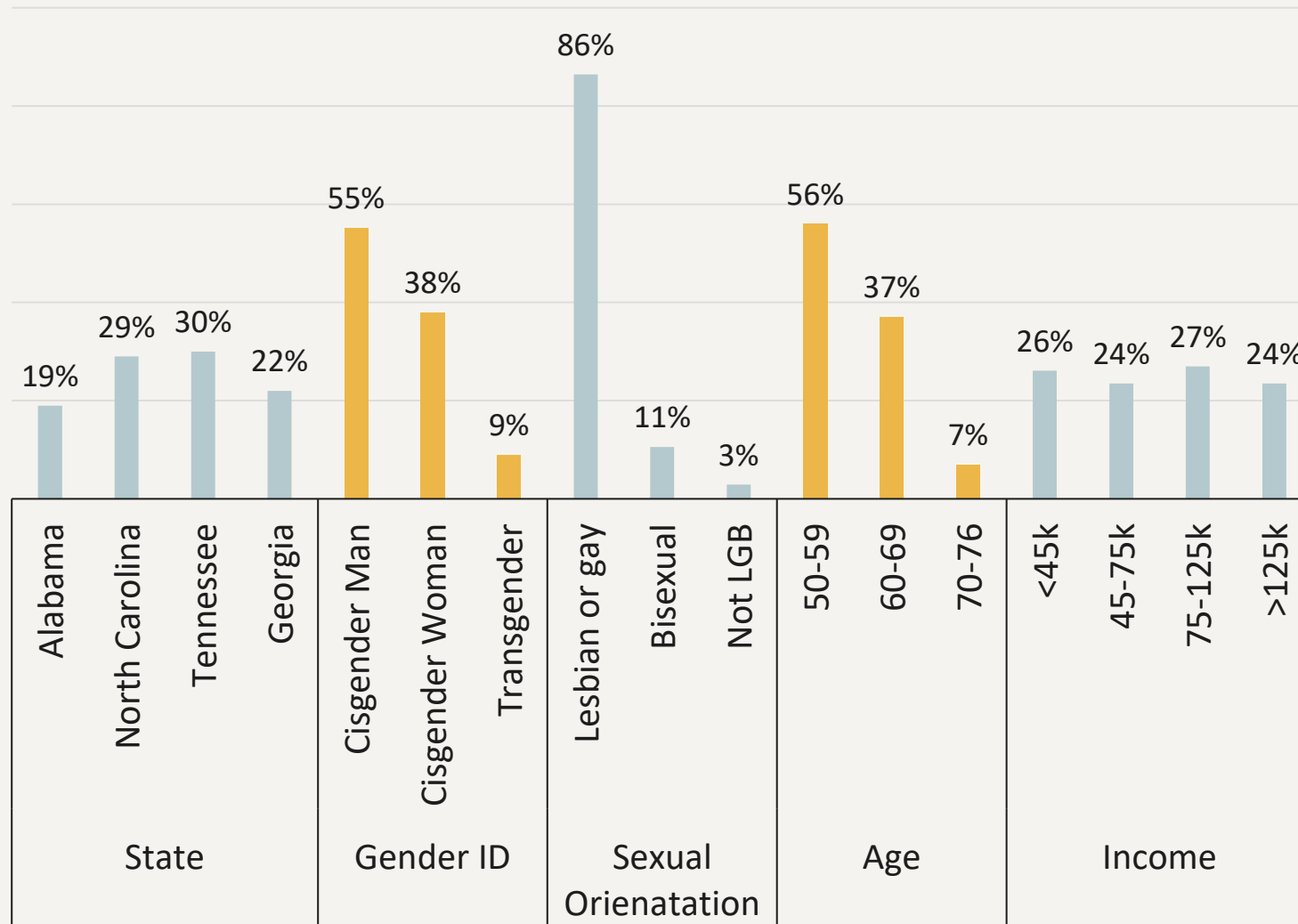
I need more information:

- Vanderbilt University Medical Center [Program for LGBTQ Health](#)
- American Medical Association on [LGBTQ Health Issues](#)
- [National LGBT Cancer Network](#)
- [American Association for Cancer Research](#)
- Alzheimer's Association [LGBTQ+ Resources for Dementia](#)



Thank you!

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VUSNAPS Panel Characteristics

- Unweighted
- VUSNAPS participants are more likely to be higher educated and less likely to identify as Latino/Hispanic or bisexual compared to US population in sample states

Limitations

Cross sectional

- For now
- Wave 2 panel data now available to examine transitions in care and in outcomes

No anatomy measure

- Some preventative screening measures (e.g., Pap, mammogram) may include in the denominator transgender individuals AFAB that do not have the anatomy at risk. This biases those results to the null.

Measure of Affirming Care

- We have included additional measures of healthcare discrimination and affirming practices in Wave 2

Does Having an Affirming Provider Improve HIV Prevention Awareness?

- Healthcare providers are an important source of information about HIV prevention technologies (especially PreP and U=U)
- Many gay and bisexual men don't talk to their healthcare provider about sexual behavior or identity
- Sexual minority men who are not out to their primary care provider are less likely to have been:
 - tested for HIV in the previous two years
 - tested for gonorrhea and syphilis
 - vaccinated against hepatitis A and B



Affirming Care Links to HIV Prevention

- Gay and bisexual men living with HIV are far more likely to report having an affirming provider compared to HIV negative men
- Among HIV negative men with a usual source of care, those who had an affirming provider were
 - 2x more likely to have ever tested for HIV
 - About 2x more likely to be generally aware of treatment as prevention principles
 - 3x more likely to have heard about U=U
 - 1.5x more likely to believe and understand U=U
 - 2x less likely to view sex with a person living with HIV who is undetectable as likely to result in HIV transmission



Role of Healthcare Providers

- Healthcare providers were one of the top three sources of information on U=U
- Overall, one in 5 men heard about U=U from a healthcare provider
- Among HIV negative men, those who reported hearing about U = U from a healthcare provider all indicated that their provider was LGBTQ affirming



Implications

More Communication

- Sexual minority patients are more likely to communicate about their specific health needs and behaviors in affirming care contexts
- LGBTQ affirming providers are more comfortable having conversations about HIV and sexual health with sexual minority men

Decreasing HIV Stigma

- Decreasing HIV stigma is important for the well-being of people living with HIV and increases testing among HIV negative men.
- More accurate understandings of risk with a partner on treatment may also reduce anxiety, fatalism that keep people from testing.

US South

- Greatest burden of HIV-related deaths, lowest rates of PreP
- Expanding access to affirming providers may help reduce HIV-related mortality by improving U=U awareness, uptake of HIV testing



Creating Age-Friendly Livable Communities

Rita Burgett Martell | GWEP | October 6, 2023

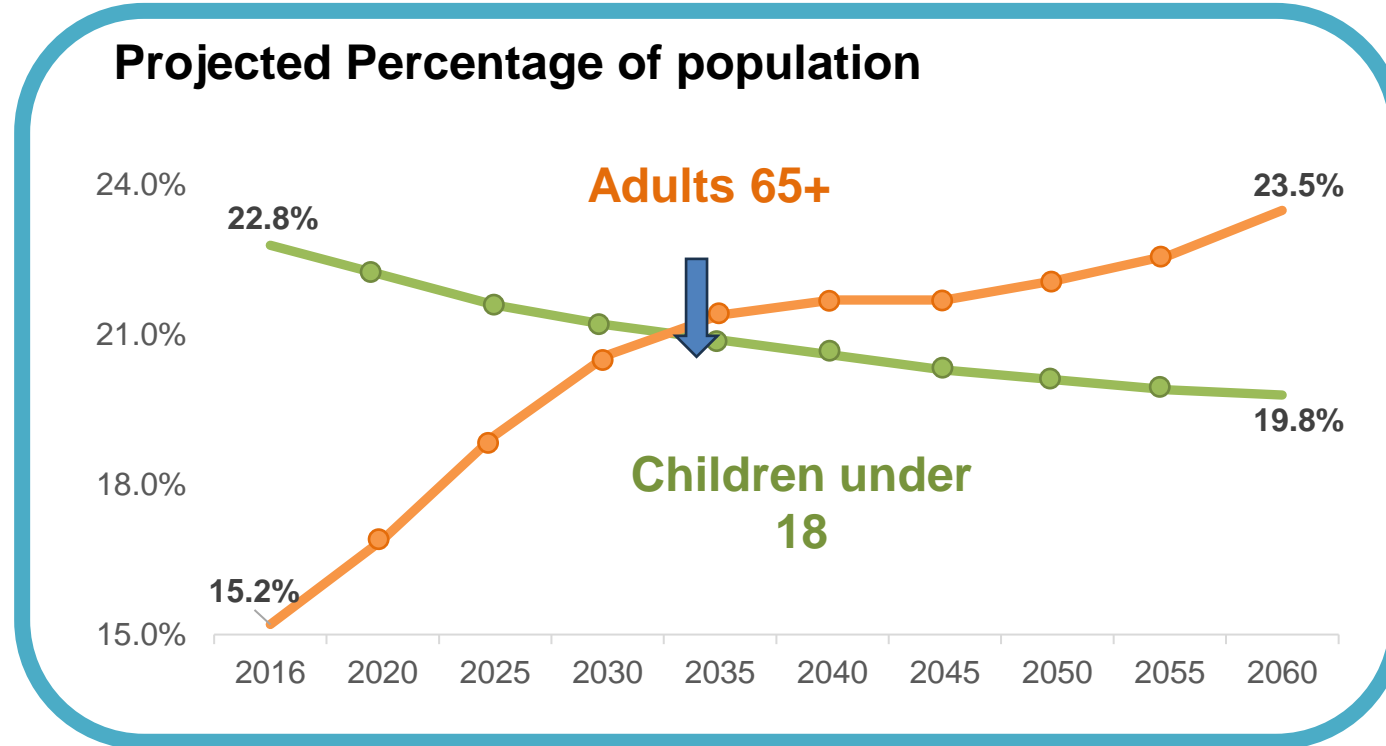


History of Age-friendly Movement



- The World Health Organization (WHO) started the global age-friendly movement in 2006 to create communities that are inviting and accessible for people of all ages but especially for older adults.
- The AARP Age Friendly Network was launched in 2012 and is the United States affiliate of the World Health Organization Global Network.
- The Livability Index was developed in 2015 to evaluate how well a community meets the needs of its residents across multiple dimensions as they age
- Communities who want to become age friendly, develop and implement continuous improvement programs, with guidance from AARP, that help older adults, age in place, thrive, and remain socially active.

For the first time in U.S. history, older people will outnumber children.



Median age will increase from 38 today to 43 in 2060.



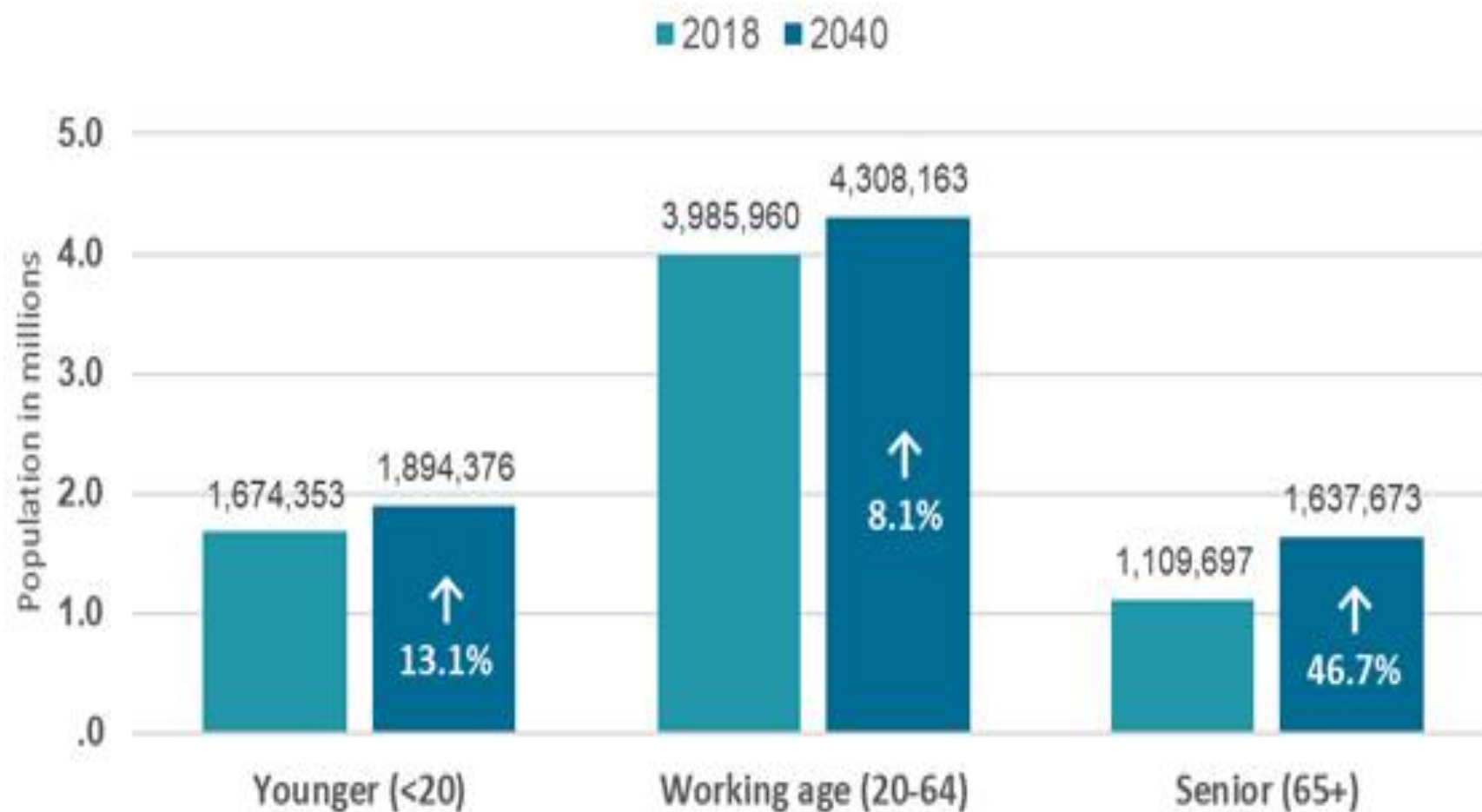
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Source: US Census Bureau (March, 2018). Older People Projected to Outnumber Children for First time in US History. Retrieved from: <https://bit.ly/2p8zoQY>



Source: US Census

Projected population change by age group in Tennessee



Source: Boyd Center for Business and Economic Research, Haslam College of Business, University of Tennessee, Knoxville

Are communities ready?



American homes have traditionally been designed and built for able-bodied 35 year olds.



For the past 50 years, communities have developed around motor vehicles as the principal form of transportation.

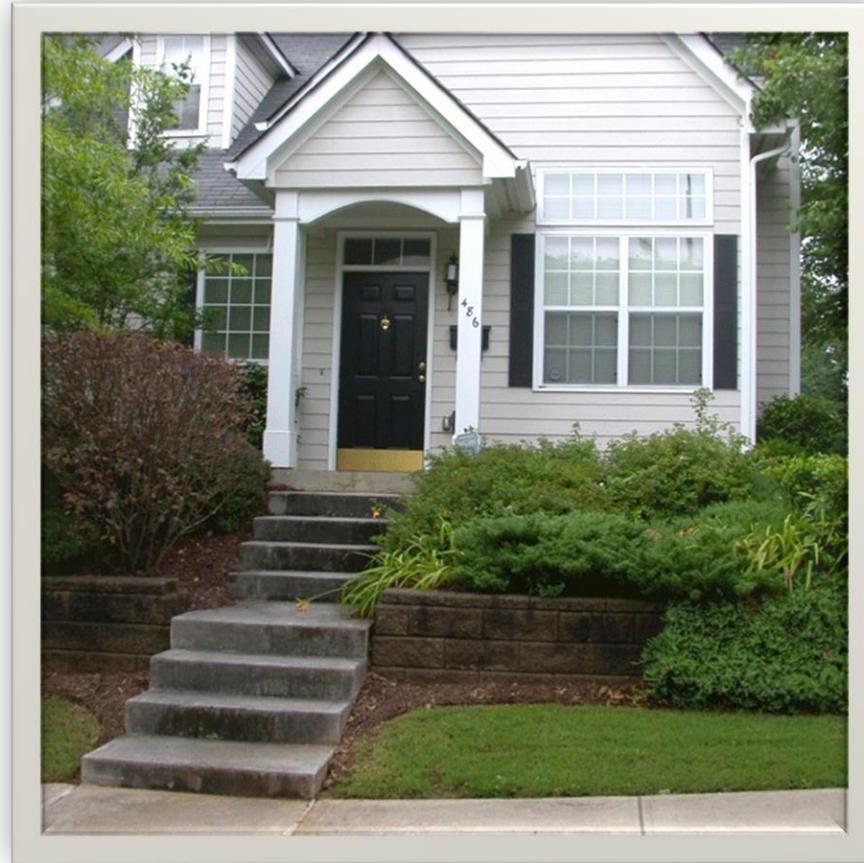


AARP

Survey after survey
finds that **today's
older adults want to
remain in their
homes.**

78%

.....
of adults ages 45+
agree or strongly agree
with the statement:
“What I’d really like to
do is stay in my current
residence for as long as
possible.”



Source: AARP Home and Community
Preferences of the 45+ Population, 2014



80%

of adults ages 45+ agree or strongly agree with the statement: "What I'd really like to do is stay in my current community for as long as possible."

Survey after survey finds
that today's older
adults
want to stay in their
community

Age-friendly Communities

*An age-friendly community is one that is free from physical and social barriers and is supported by **policies, systems, services, products** and **technologies** that:*

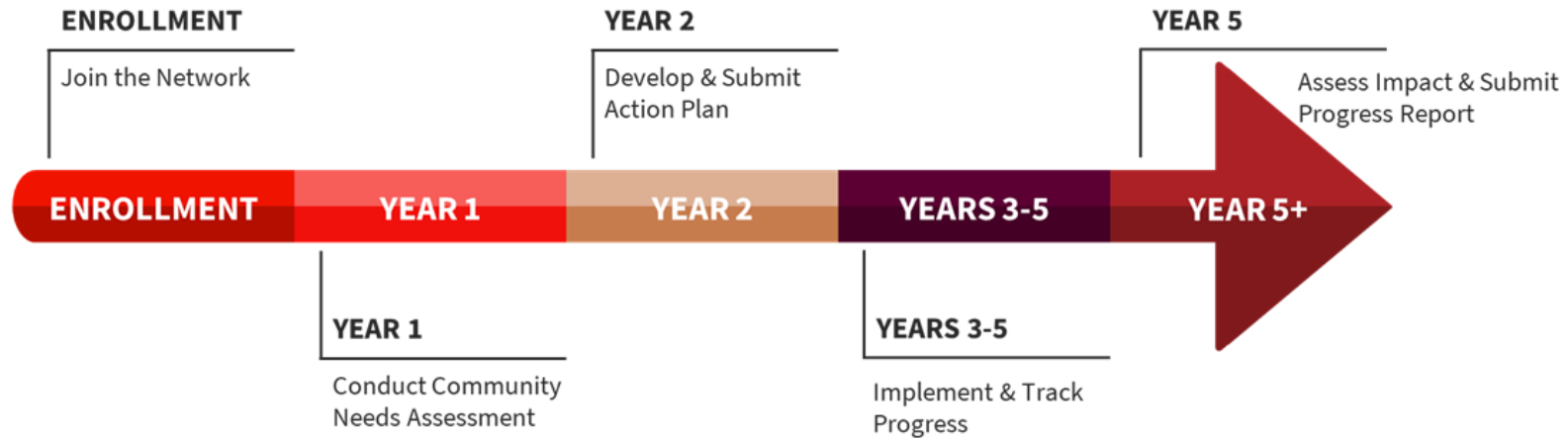
- promote health and build and maintain physical and mental capacity across the life course; and*
- enable people, even when experiencing capacity loss, to continue to do the things they value.*



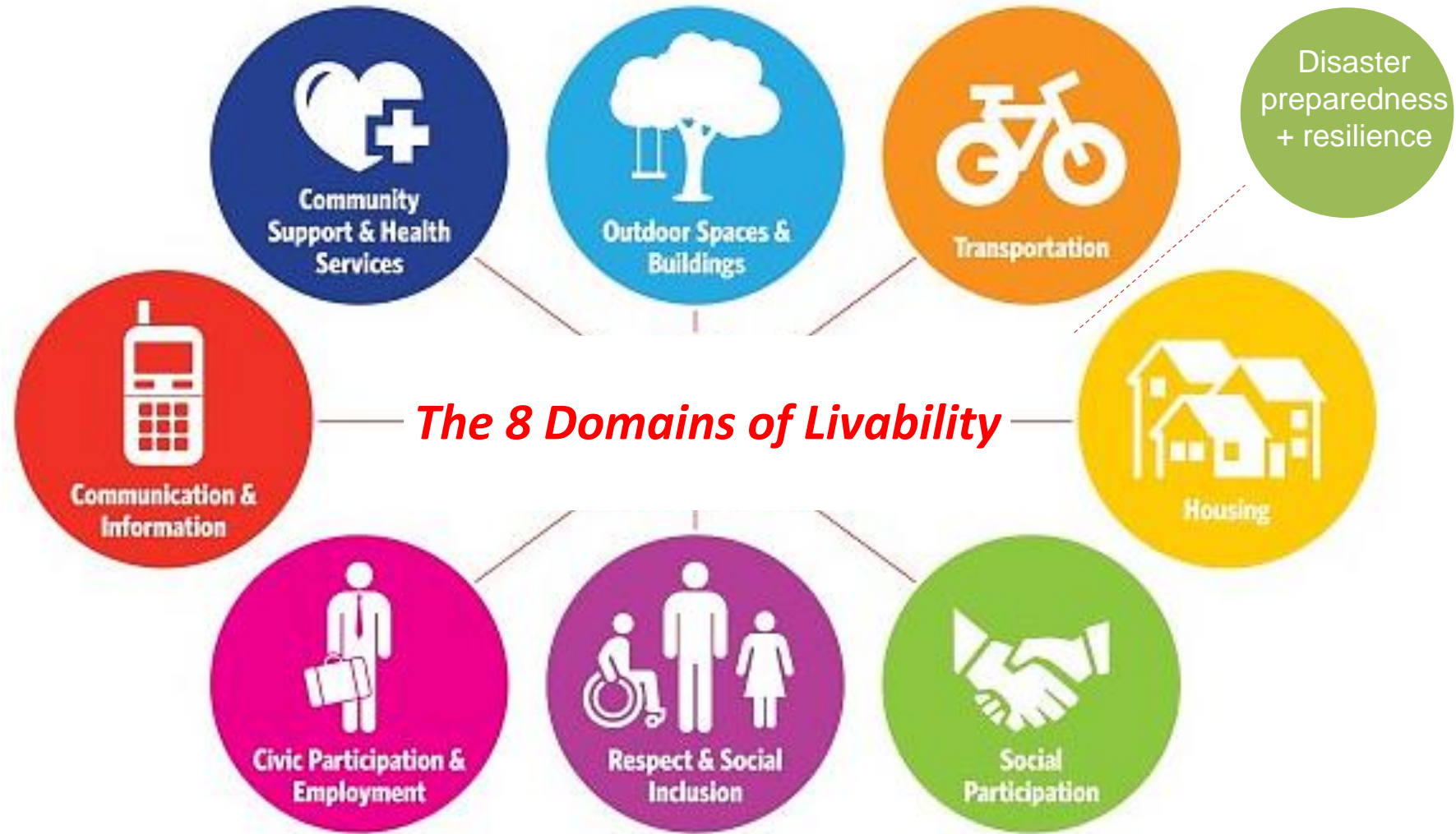
Goals of Age Friendly Program

- Eliminate physical and social barriers for older adults
- Provide options and support for aging in place
- Enable them to continue to learn, grow and make decisions
- Remain mobile
- Build and maintain a social network and relationships
- Contribute in meaningful and fulfilling ways to their communities

The Age-Friendly Program Process



Developing an age-friendly community: the foundation



The 8 domains: housing



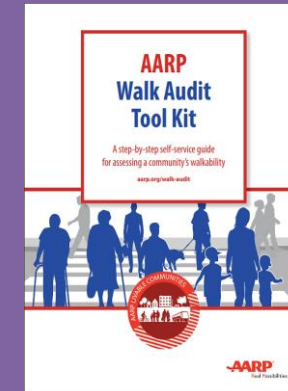
Most older adults want to age in place. Doing so is possible if homes are appropriately designed or modified – and if a community includes affordable housing options for varying life stages.



The 8 domains: outdoor spaces and buildings



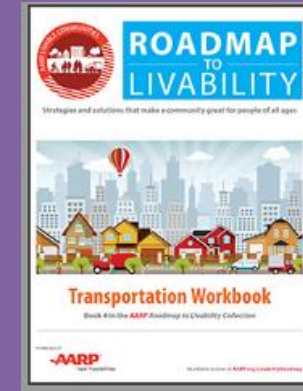
People need places to gather—indoors and out. Parks, sidewalks, safe streets, outdoor seating, and accessible buildings (think elevators, stairs with railings, etc.) can be used and enjoyed by people of all ages.



The 8 domains: transportation

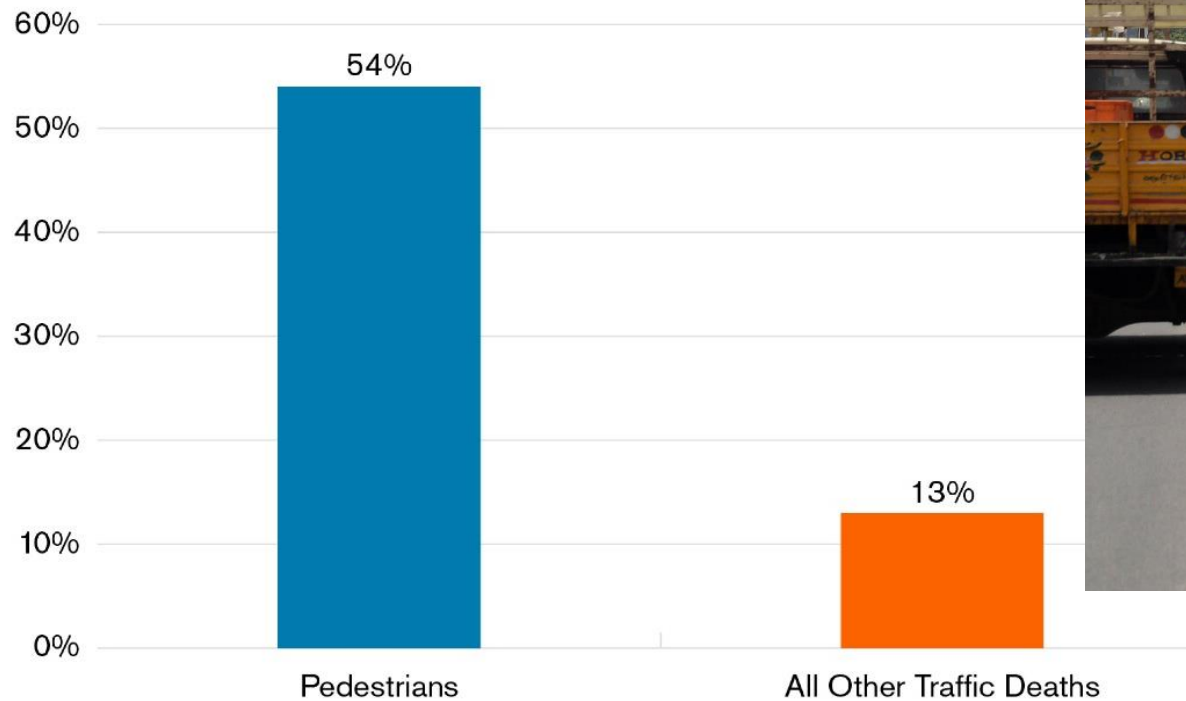


Driving shouldn't be the only way to get around. Public transit options can be as expansive as a train system or as targeted as a taxi service that provides non-drivers with rides to and from a doctor's office.



Pedestrian Deaths Are Increasing Faster Than All Other Traffic Fatalities

Percent Increase in Number of Traffic Deaths, 2010-2020



The 8 domains: social participation



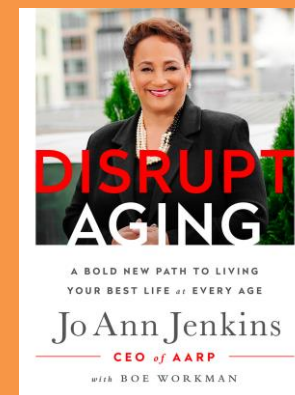
Regardless of one's age, loneliness negatively affects a person's health and sense of wellbeing. Isolation can be combatted by the availability of accessible, affordable, and fun social activities.



The 8 domains: respect and social inclusion



Intergenerational activities are a great way for young and old to learn from one another, honor what each has to offer and, at the same time, feel good about themselves.



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The 8 domains: communication and information



Age-friendly communities recognize that not everyone has a smartphone or Internet access and that information needs to be disseminated through a variety of means.



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The 8 domains: civic participation and employment



An age-friendly community provides ways older people can, if they choose to, work for pay, volunteer their skills, and be actively engaged in community life.



<http://www.createthegood.org/>

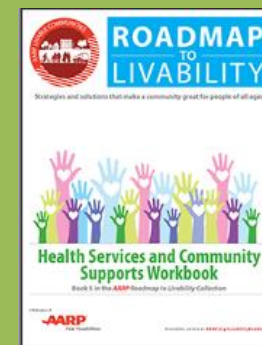


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The 8 domains: community support and health services



At some point, everyone gets hurt, becomes ill, or simply needs a bit of help. While it's important that care be available nearby, it's essential that residents are able to access and afford the services required.





Livability Index

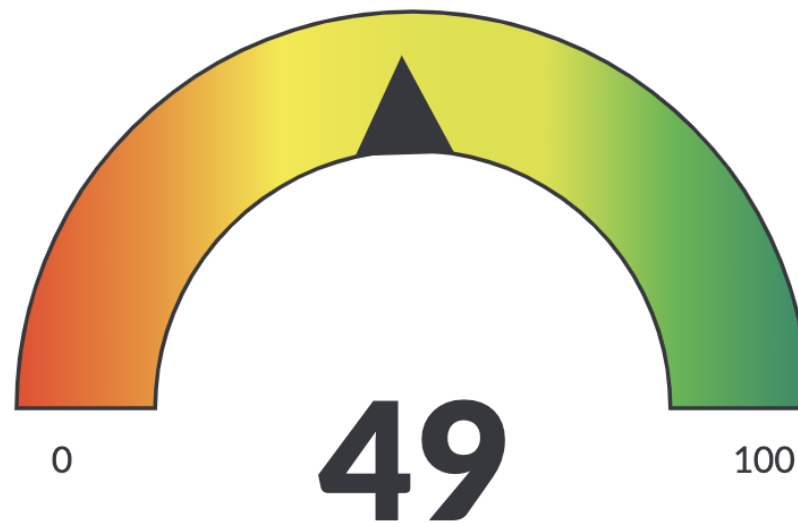
A tool for evaluating a City's Livability and how well a community meets the needs of its residents as they age.



Livability Score: Nashville

- **Total Population:** 663,750
- **African American:** 28%
- **Asian:** 4%
- **Hispanic:** 11%
- **White:** 63%
- **Age 50+:** 29%
- **Age 65+:** 12%
- **Households' w/Disabilities:** 12%
- **Life Expectancy:** 77 years old
- **Households Without a Vehicle:** 6%
- **Median Income:** \$65,868

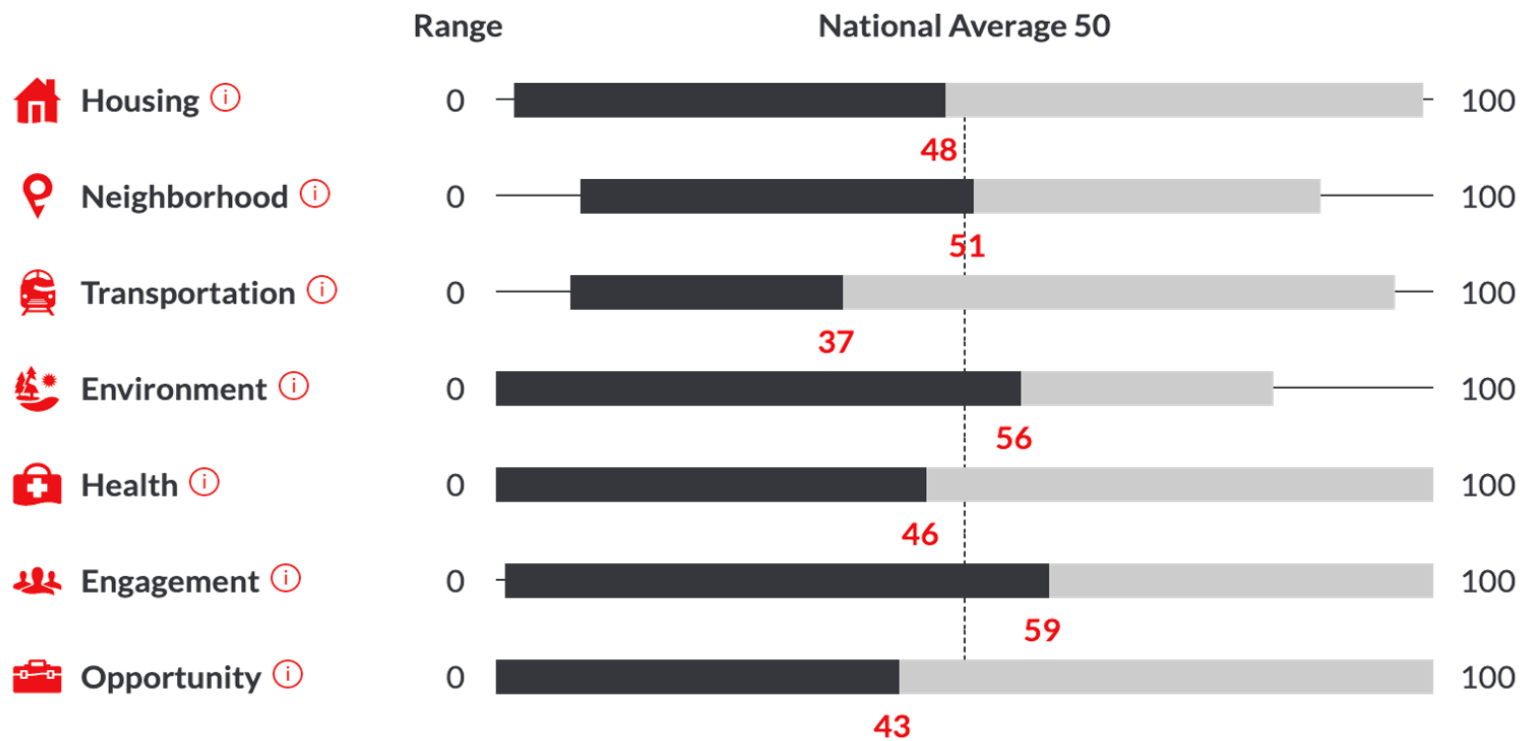
[Data Sources – AARP Livability Index](#)



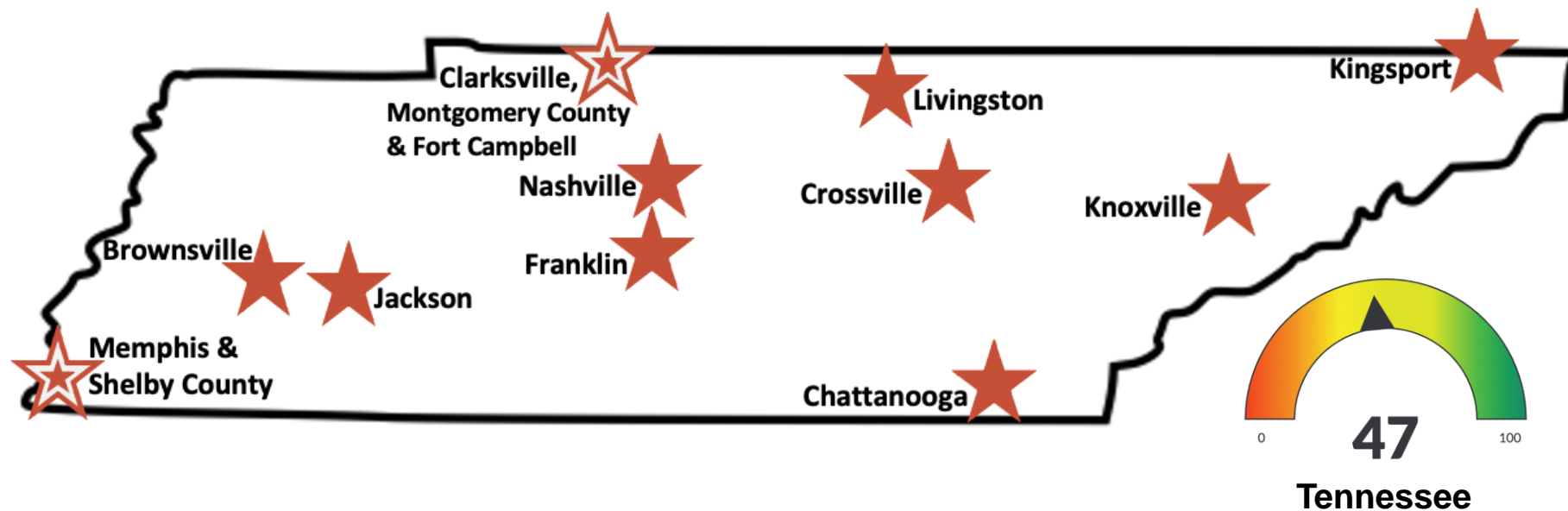
Overall Livability Score ⓘ

The overall livability index score for **Nashville,**
Tennessee is **49.**

Category Scores: Nashville

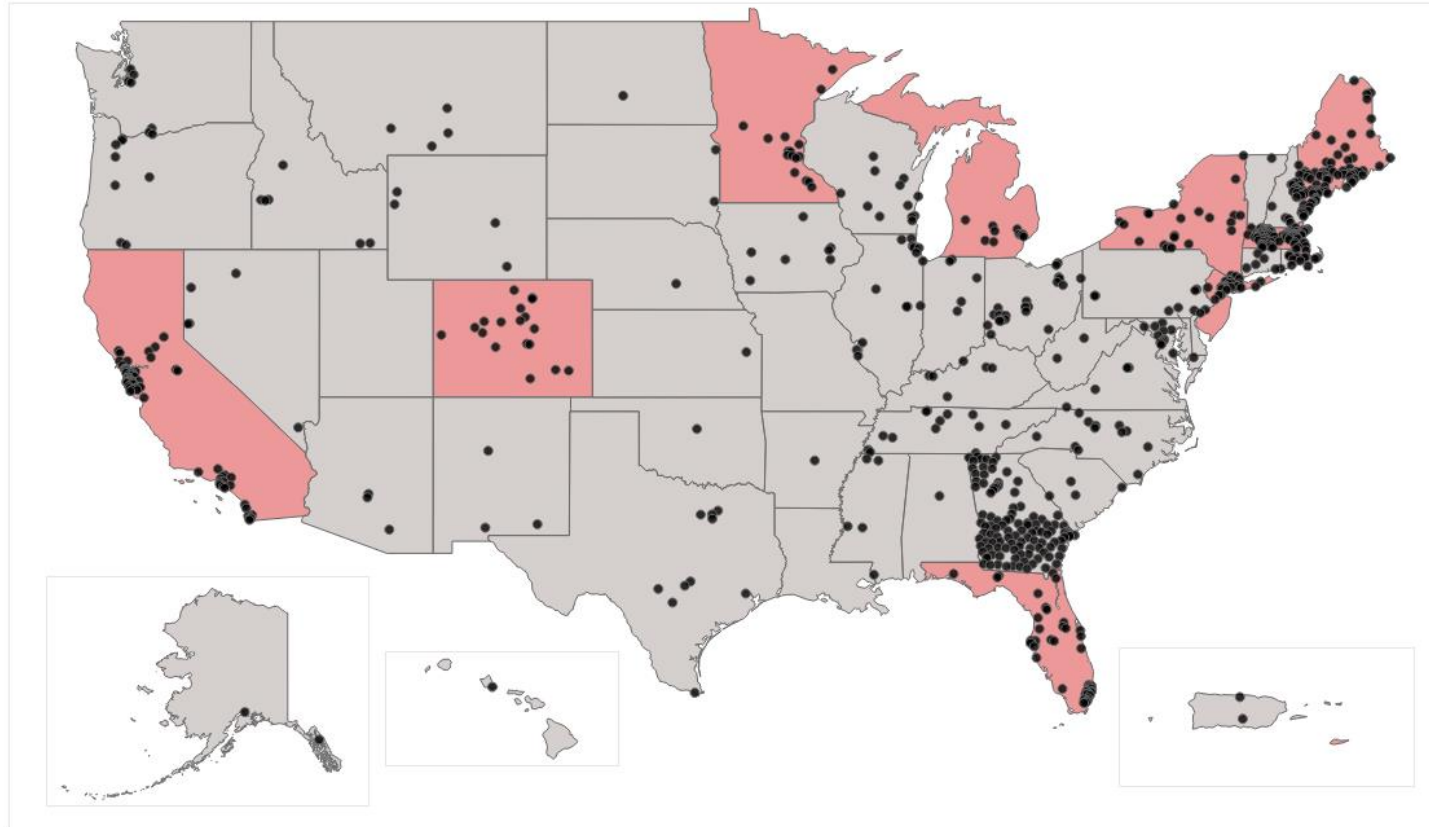


Tennessee Age-Friendly Communities



Age-Friendly Cities: 11 | Age-Friendly Counties: 2

AARP Network of Age-Friendly States and Communities (NAFSC)



There are currently 732 communities, 9 states and 1 territory enrolled

THANK YOU!

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Preventing Hospital Harm Through Age-Friendly Care

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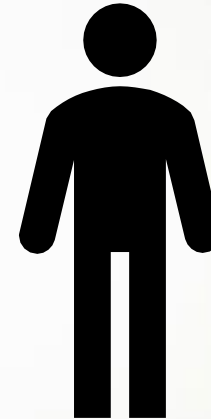
West End Home
FOUNDATION

*A community-based charitable foundation
that seeks to enrich the lives of older adults through
grantmaking, advocacy and community collaboration*

Goals

- Describe how creating age-friendly health systems can prevent harm among hospitalized older adults
- Discuss the implementation of the 4Ms of the age-friendly health systems at Vanderbilt University Hospital
- Share resources to promote age-friendly care in health systems

1 in 3 hospitalized adults are ≥ 65 years old





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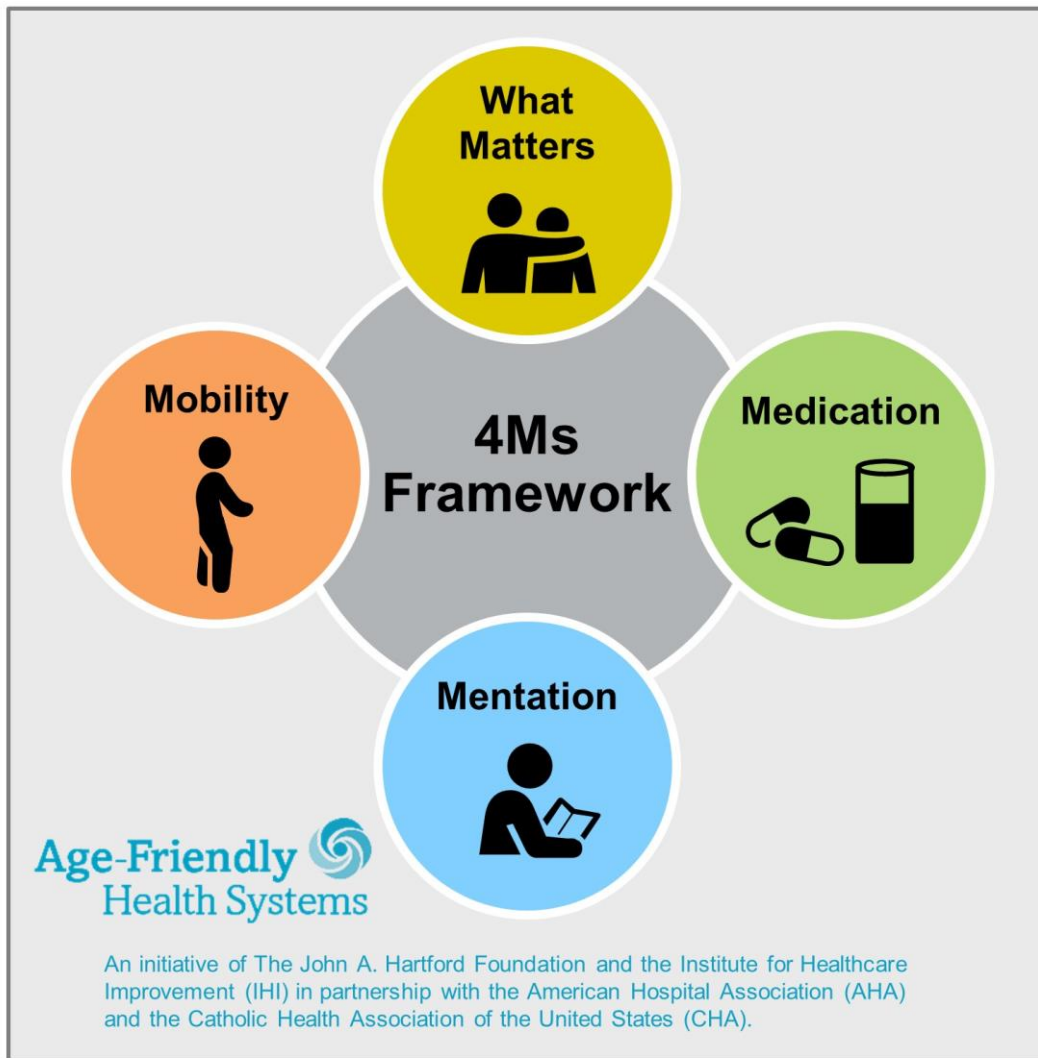
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For elderly patients, hospital stays often worsen disabilities

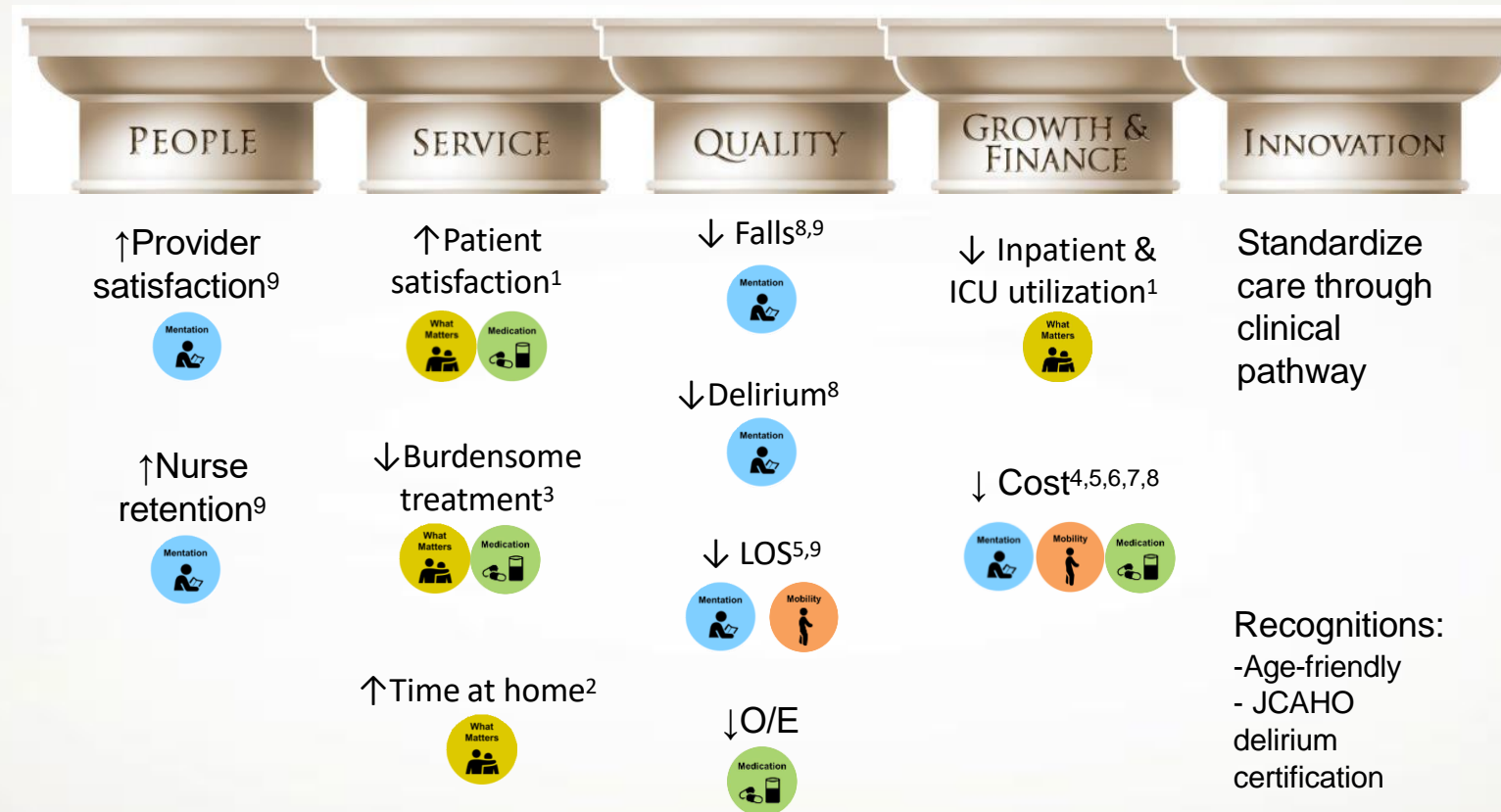
🚑 RN Provider Notification (last day)

| Date/Time | Communication/Event Note | Who |
|------------------|---|-----|
| 03/08/18 0000 | pt becoming CAM positive and trying to crawl out of bed, verbal reorientation failed, had to initiate soft restraints | BH |





Age-Friendly Care Aligns with Institutional Priorities



¹AHRQ, 2013; ²Haas 2018; ³Tinetti 2019; ⁴Klein 2015; ⁵Hoyer 2016; ⁶HRET 2017;
⁷Reuben 2013; ⁸Hshieh 2018; ⁹Inouye 2006;

Key Actions of Age-Friendly Hospitals

Assess 4Ms

Act on 4Ms

☐ Ask and document
What Matters

☐ Align care plan with What
Matters

✓ Review for high-risk
medication use

☐ Deprescribe if appropriate

☐ Screen for delirium
every 12 hours

☐ Ensure hydration,
orientation, glasses, hearing
aids, sleep protocol

☐ Screen for mobility
limitations

☐ Mobilize early, frequently,
safely

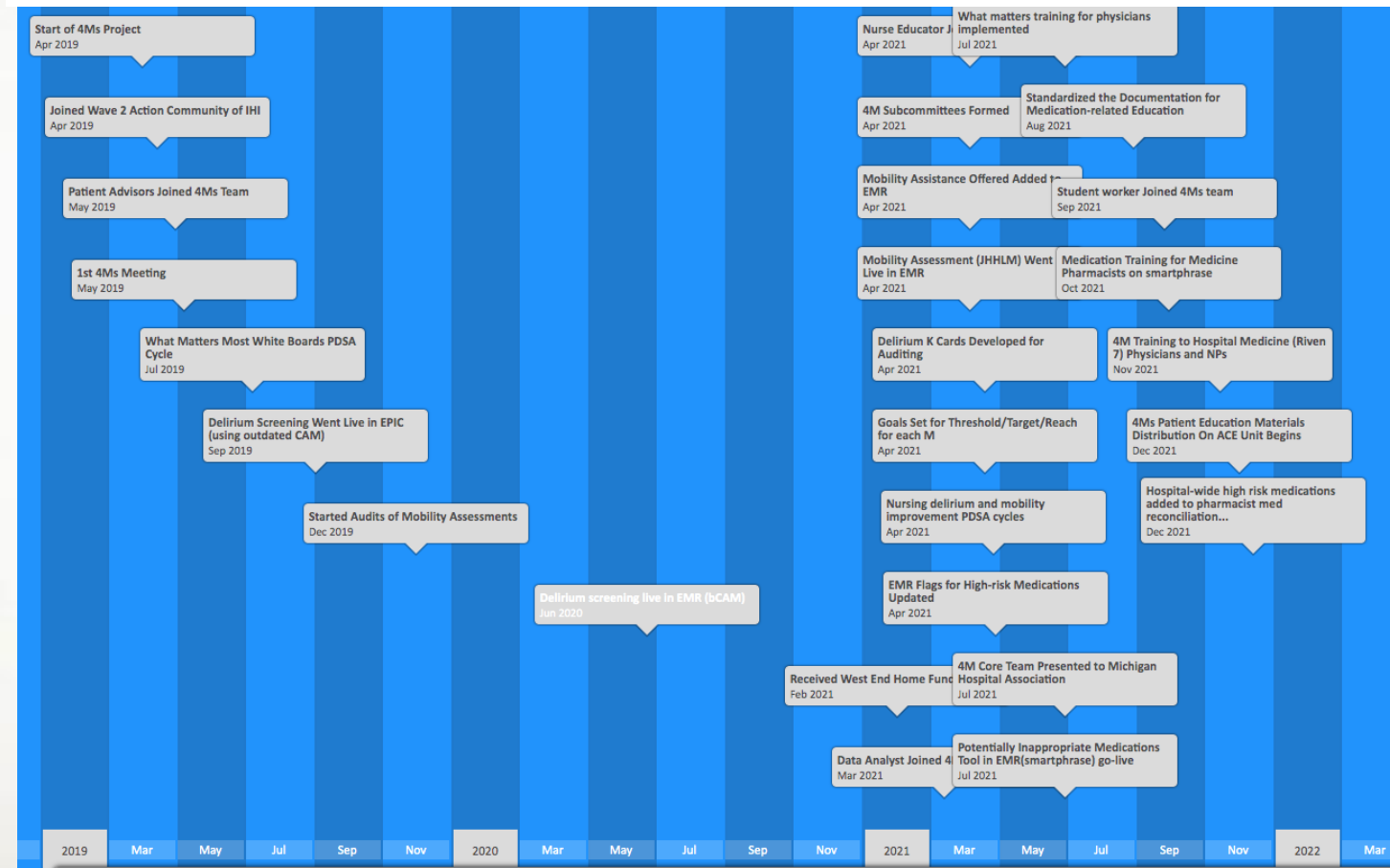
www.ihl.org/engage/initiatives/age-friendly-health-systems

Pilot Site: VUH Acute Care for Elders Unit (ACE)

- 22-bed Acute care for elders (ACE) Unit for medical patients ≥ 65 years
- Daily interdisciplinary bedside rounds (Pharmacy, nursing, clinicians)
- Weekday discharge huddles
 - Case management
 - Social work
 - PT/OT
 - Dietician
 - Discharge coordinator
 - Clinician
- Geriatrician-led provider teams



Project Timeline: Apr 2019 – Mar 2022



Age-Friendly Team

Level 3

Executive Sponsors

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Academic advisors and content experts

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Research Lead

Quality & Safety Advisor

Nursing Lead

Nurse Educator

Data Analyst

Level 1

Frontline IDT

Mobility Lead

Mentation Lead

What Matters Lead

Medications Lead

Administrative partners

EMR Partner

Mobility Subcommittee

Mentation Subcommittee

What Matters Subcommittee

Medications Subcommittee

Level 1: This consists of frontline healthcare workers and support staff who contribute to finding the best way to implement the 4Ms that ensures patient safety and optimizes work/lows. Each subcommittee has at least one lead who coordinates the regular meetings of each subcommittee. The subcommittees decide on the best goals and workflows for each M.

Level 2: This consists of the core team that meets weekly to review 4M data and to plan PDSA cycles. The Nurse Educator coordinates PDSA cycles in regards to each M and trains all nursing staff specifically in mentation and mobility protocols. The Nurse Educator and Data Analyst roles were added with the help of a one-year community grant and have resulted in acceleration of uptake of the 4Ms.

Level 3: This consists of the patient and family advisors, nursing and medical leaders of the inpatient medicine units, and various academic advisors and content experts.

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Mentation



Developed and implemented delirium prevention, screening, and management protocol



ICUDelirium.org | CIBS@vumc.org

Delirium Toolbox

Delirium is a medical condition that increases length of stay, risk of death, functional decline, healthcare cost, caregiver burden, and impaired quality of life. The Delirium Toolbox is low-cost, efficient option of nonpharmacological tools to use in delirium prevention and management.

A Recipe to Build Your Own Toolbox

Sensory Improvement

- Hearing aid batteries
- Eyeglass wipes
- Reader glasses
- Magnifier

Engagement of Family

- Puzzles
- Crayons
- Playing cards
- Large print word search or crossword puzzle
- Stuffed animal

Sleep Promotion

- Eye masks
- Ear plugs
- Relaxation TV channel

Hydration/Nutrition

- Nutritional supplement drinks
- Denture adhesive and cleaner

Mobilize/Manage Pain

- Beers Medication List pocket card

Environment

- Light switch (reminder to turn lights on and open shades during day and turn off/close at night)

Additional Information and Resources

- bCAM badge buddies can be requested from 7RW
- Volunteer Services at VUH has items available such as blankets, activity books, magazines, etc. that are provided free of charge to units
- *Boost Nutritional Supplement* and *Comfort Kits* (includes eye mask and ear plugs) are available on all units
- Hearing aid batteries can be purchased using a Vanderbilt discount at *Batteries and Bulbs*



4Ms Key Actions: Where are we now?

Assess 4Ms

Act on 4Ms

✓ Ask and document
What Matters

✓ Align care plan with What
Matters

✓ Review for high-risk
medication use

✓ Deprescribe if appropriate

✓ Screen for delirium
every 12 hours

✓ Ensure hydration,
orientation, glasses, hearing
aids, sleep protocol

✓ Screen for mobility
limitations

✓ Mobilize early, frequently,
safely

www.ihl.org/engage/initiatives/age-friendly-health-systems



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An initiative of The John A. Hartford Foundation and the Institute for Healthcare Improvement (IHI) in partnership with the American Hospital Association (AHA) and the Catholic Health Association of the United States (CHA).



Resources to Practice Age-Friendly Care

Contents:

1. Getting Started Guides
2. The 4Ms Framework
3. Making the Case for Age-Friendly Health Systems
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Upcoming Action Communities

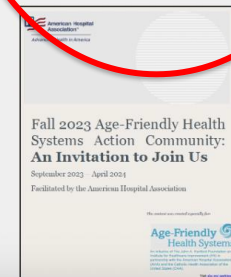
American Hospital Association

Registration Open

Beginning Fall 2023

[Sign up here](#)

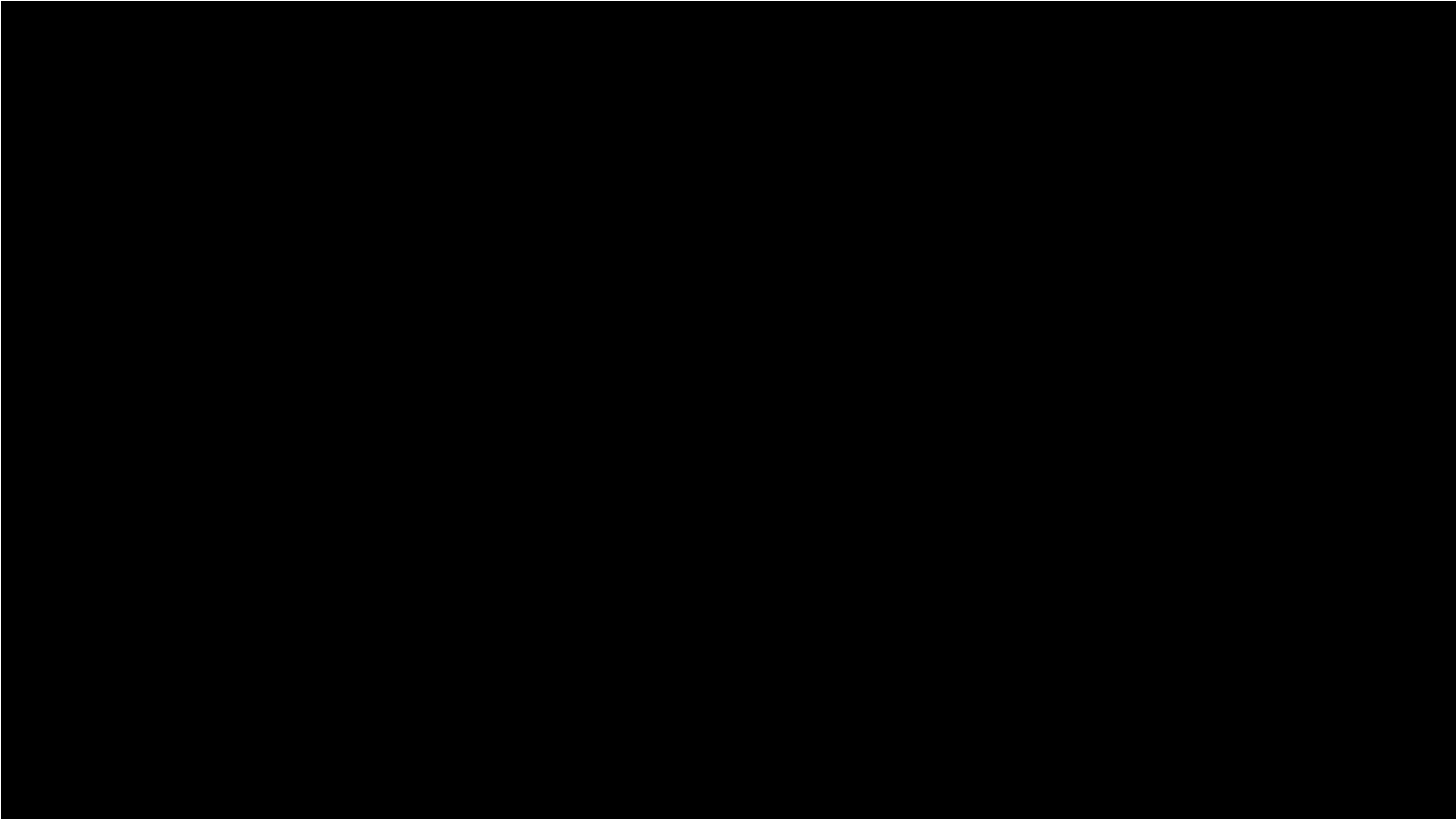
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Questions?



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Supplement

- Workflows
- Protocols
- 4M Run charts

Workflows

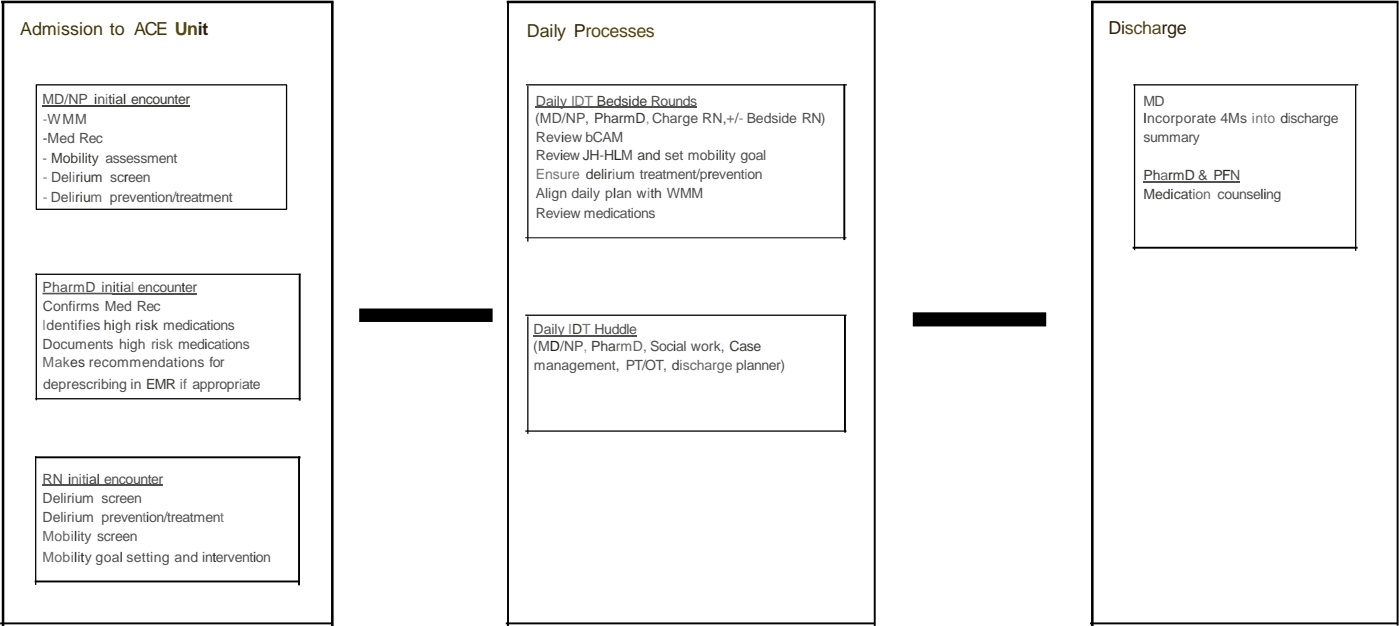
- [Miro Board](#)



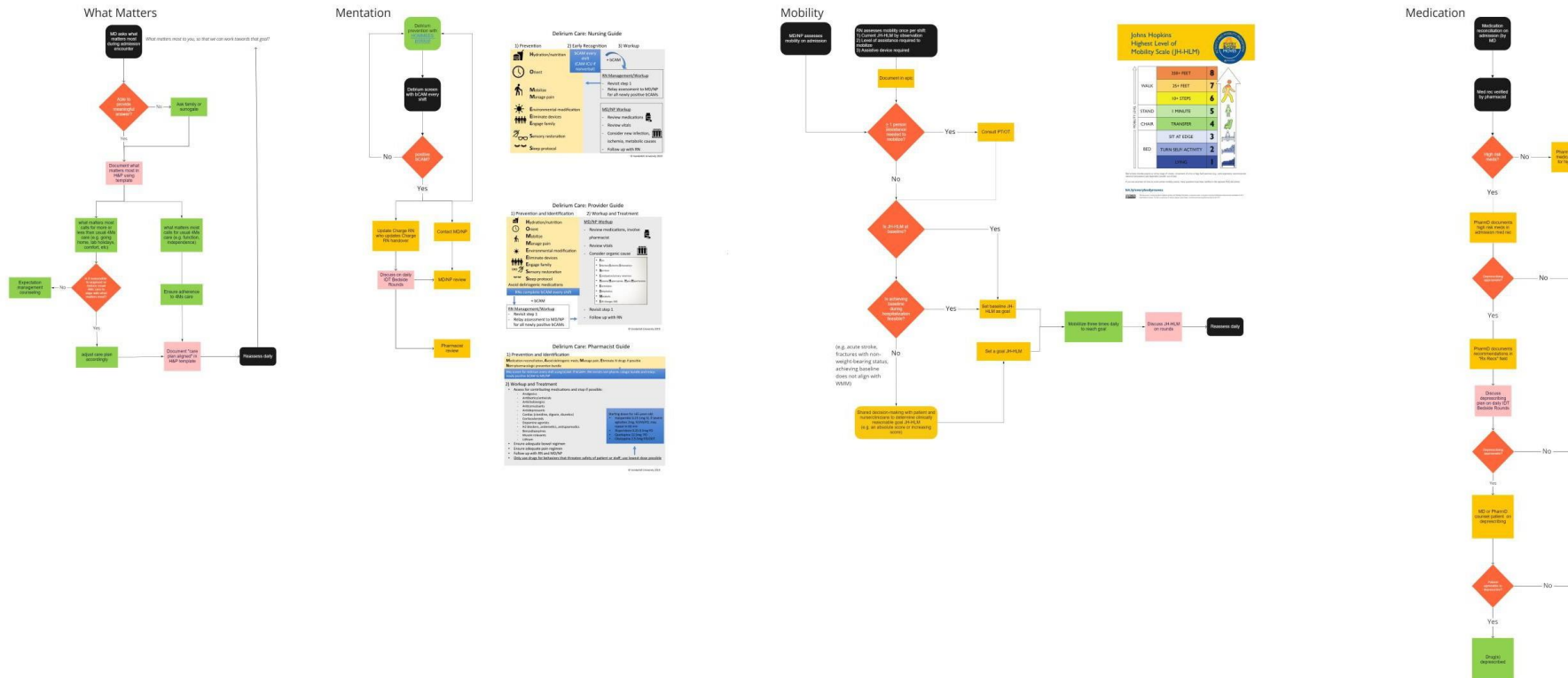
**Scan to access
4M Workflows**

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Overview of 4Ms Workflow



Workflow by each "M"



Delirium Care: Nursing Protocol

1) Prevention



Hydration/nutrition



Orient



Mobilize
Manage pain



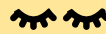
Environmental modification



Eliminate devices
Engage family



Sensory restoration



Sleep protocol

2) Early Recognition

bCAM every
shift
(CAM-ICU if
nonverbal)



3) Workup

+ bCAM

RN Management/Workup

- Revisit step 1
- Relay assessment to MD/NP for all newly positive bCAMs

MD/NP Workup

- Review medications 
- Review vitals
- Consider new infection, ischemia, metabolic causes 
- Follow up with RN

Delirium Care: Pharmacist Protocol

1) Prevention and Identification

Medication-reconciliation, **A**void deliriogenic meds, **M**anage pain, **E**liminate IV drugs if possible

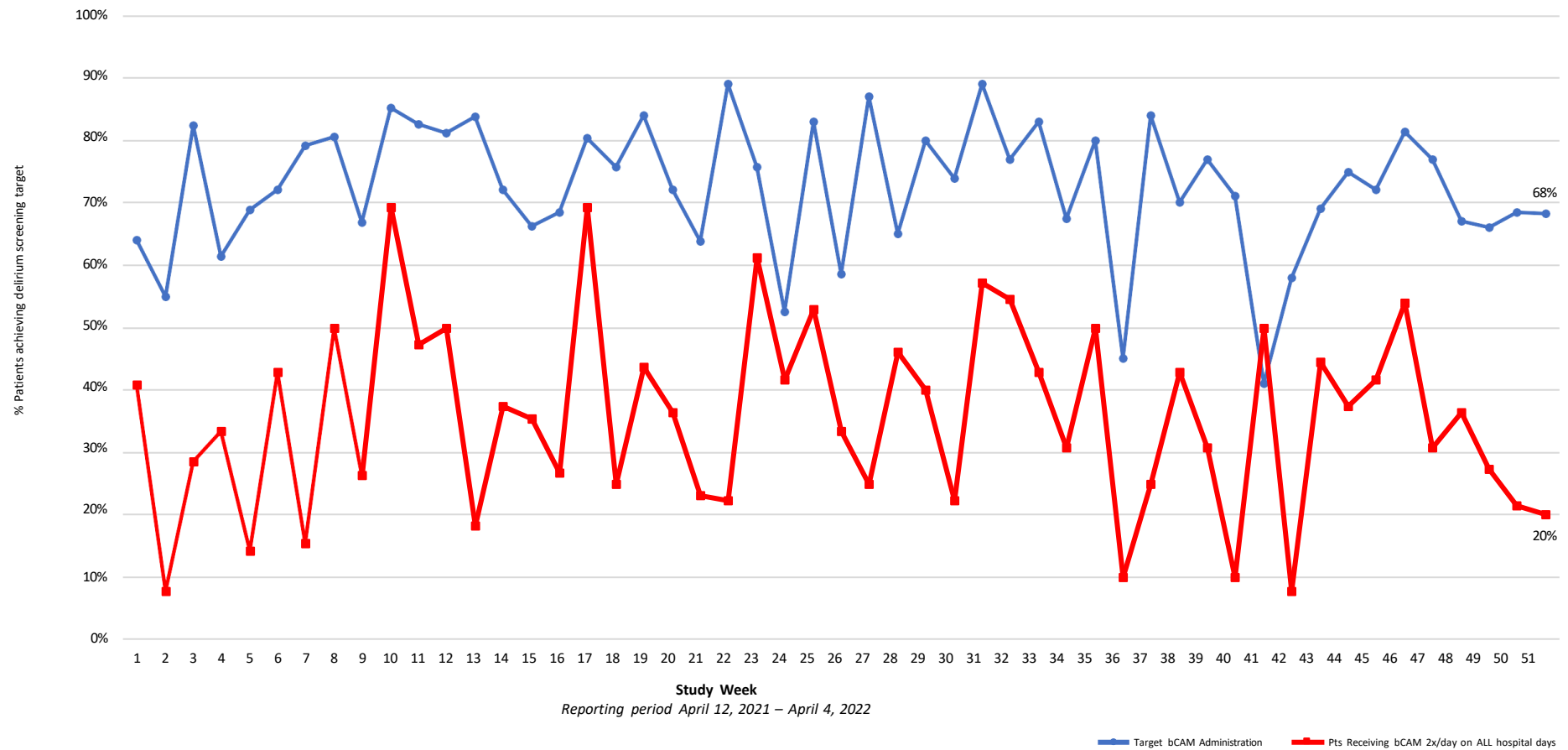
Non-pharmacologic prevention bundle

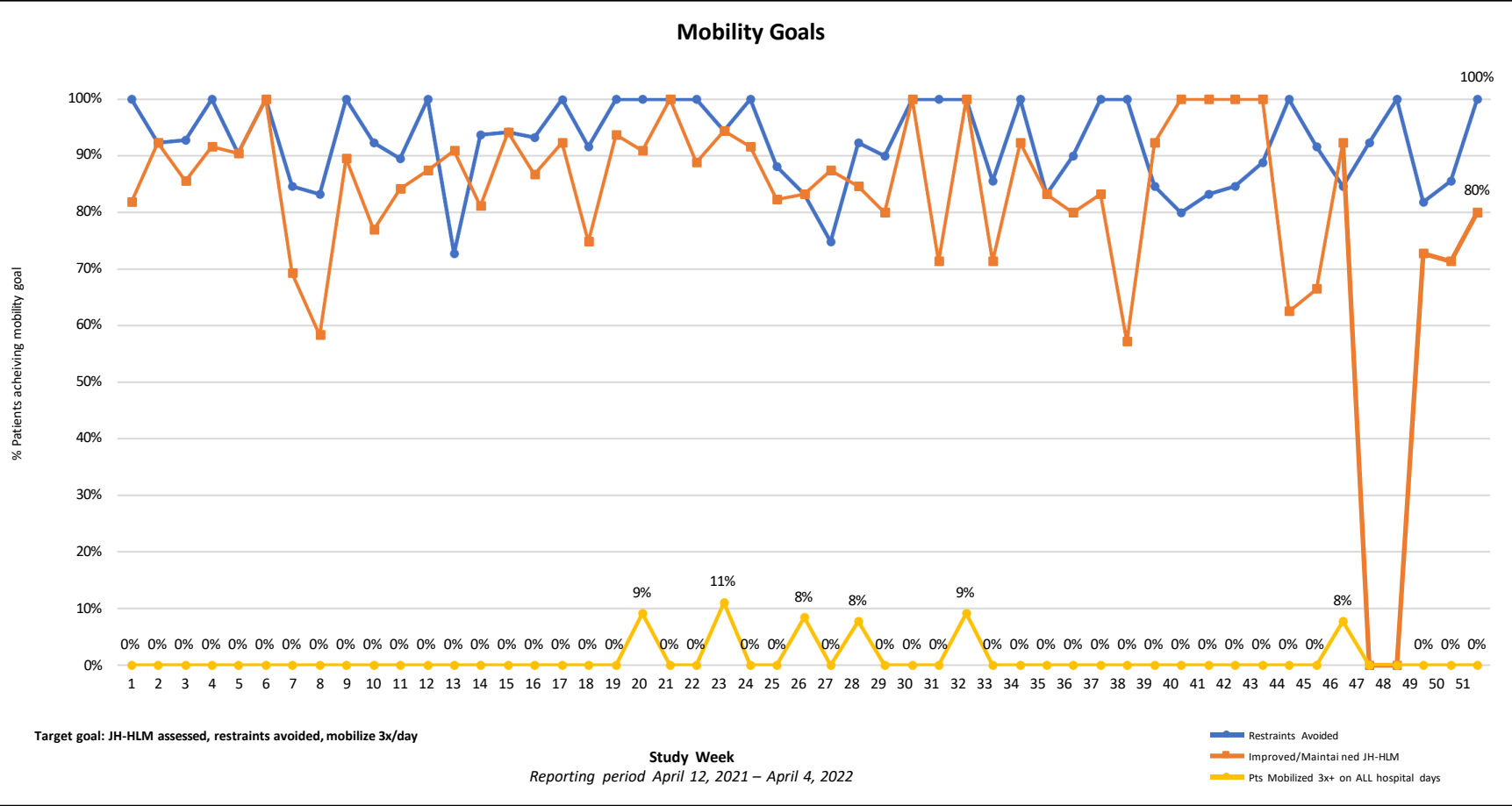
RNs screen for delirium every shift using bCAM. If bCAM+, RN revisits non-pharmacologic bundle and relays newly positive bCAM to MD/NP

2) Workup and Treatment

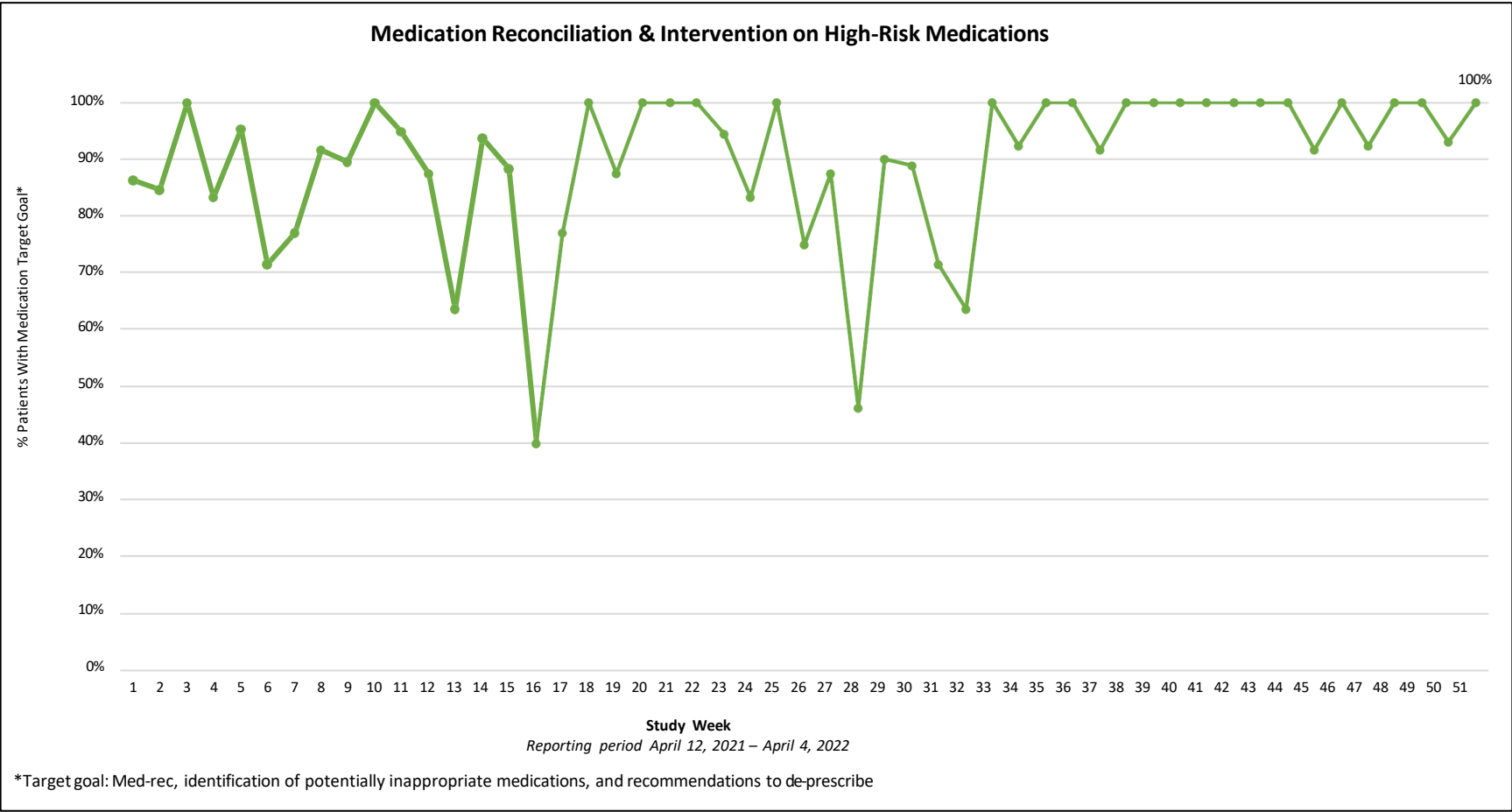
- Assess for contributing medications and stop if possible:
 - Analgesics
 - Antibiotics/antivirals
 - Anticholinergics
 - Anticonvulsants
 - Antidepressants
 - Cardiac (clonidine, digoxin, diuretics)
 - Corticosteroids
 - Dopamine agonists
 - H2 blockers, antiemetics, antispasmodics
 - Benzodiazepines
 - Muscle relaxants
 - Lithium
- Ensure adequate bowel regimen
- Ensure adequate pain regimen
- Follow up with RN and MD/NP
- Only use drugs for behaviors that threaten safety of patient or staff; use lowest dose possible

Mentation: Delirium Screening

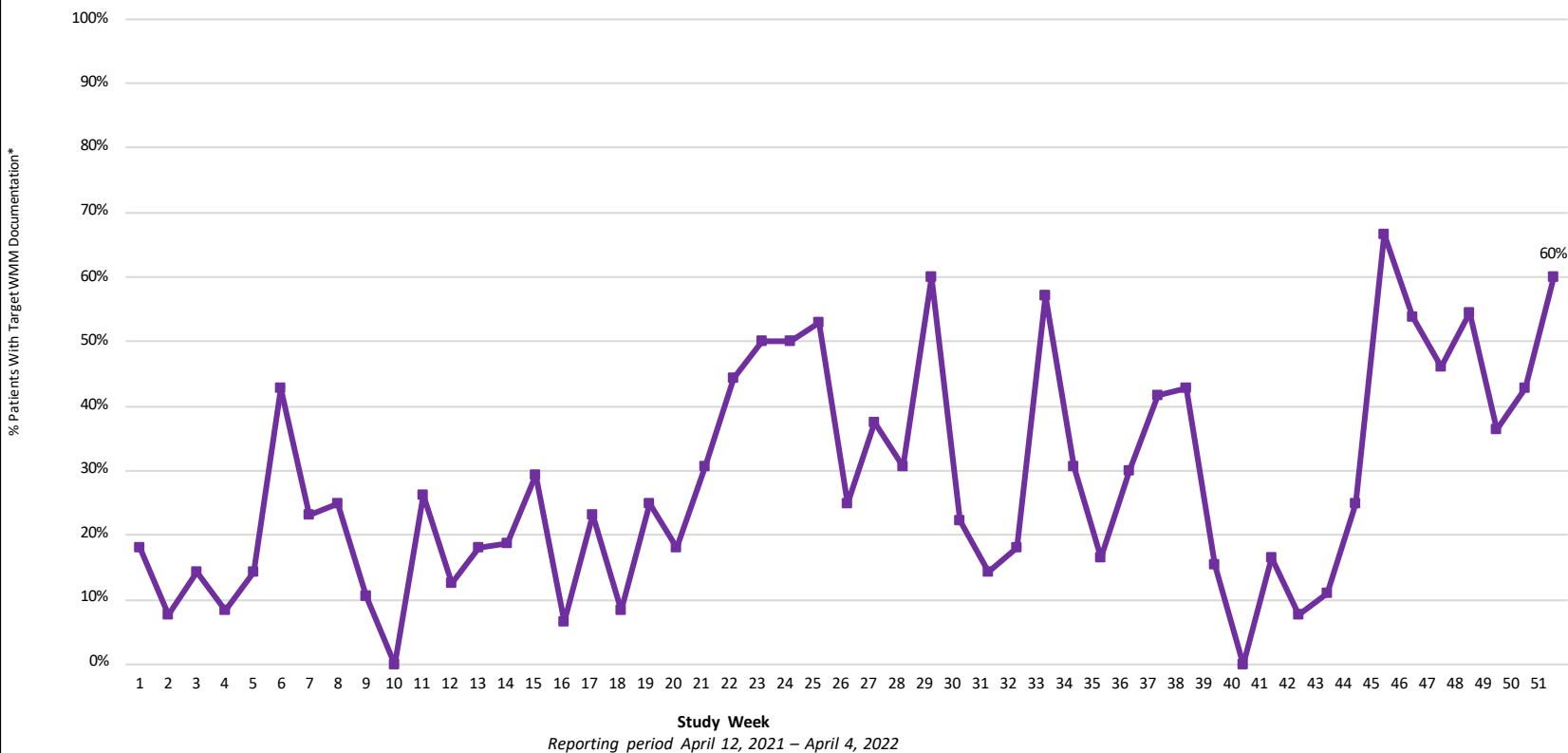




*Due to EMR changes, week 47 and 48 of JHHLM and patient mobilization are omitted



Asking What Matters Most and Aligning Care Plans



*Target goal: Documentation of WMM + care plan alignment

Policy Initiatives to Support Older Adults & Caregivers in the Community

Chris Reeder Young, Memphis Habitat for Humanity

CJ Sentell, Nashville Food Project

Jessica Dauphin, Transit Alliance of Middle TN

Habitat for Humanity of Greater Memphis

Chris Reeder Young, MA

Director of Research and Policy

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Session: Policy Initiatives to Support Older Adults and
Caregivers in the Community

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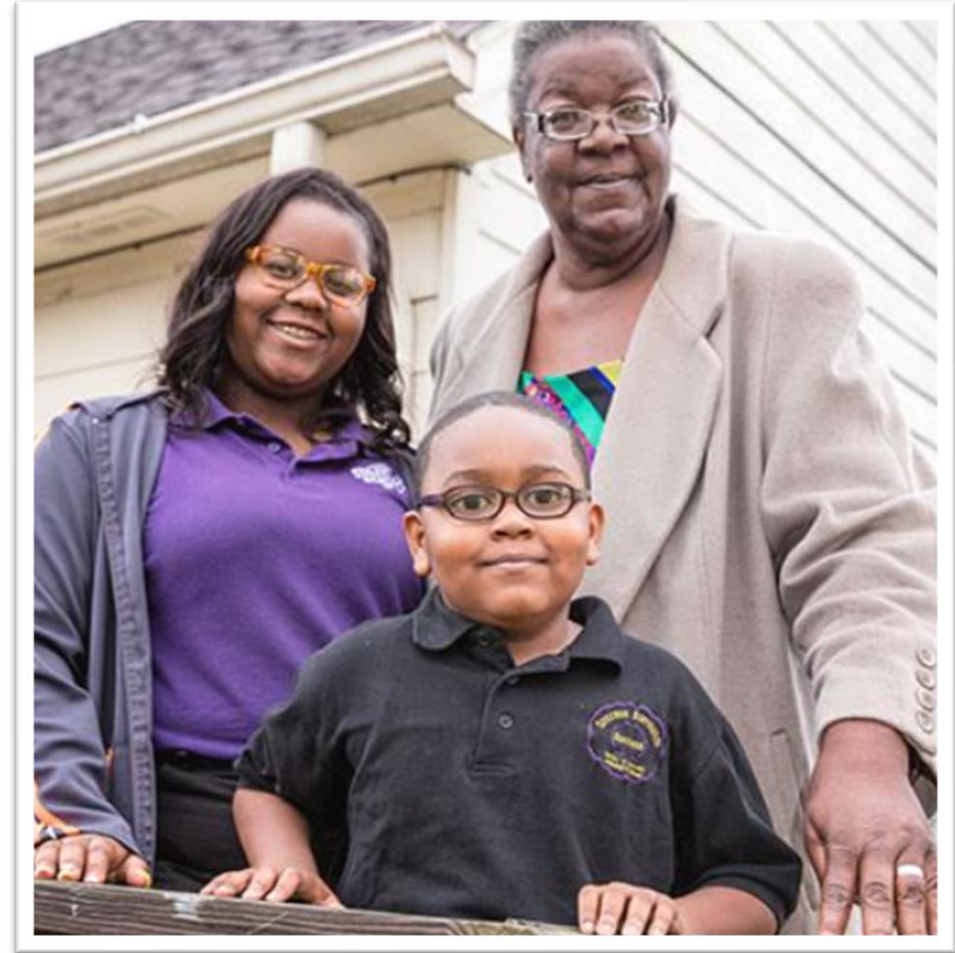
Preserving Affordability, Ensuring Equity, Promoting Policy

1983-Now: Homeownership

- 600+ New Homeowners
- Neighborhood Revitalization
 - Carter Work Project 2015
 - Community business facades & public art
 - Historical and business repairs

2011-Now: Aging In Place

- 1,400+ Older Adults
 - Aging In Place (local)
 - SeniorTrust (statewide)
 - Housing Plus Models





Promoting Better Policy Means Providing Authentic Evidence

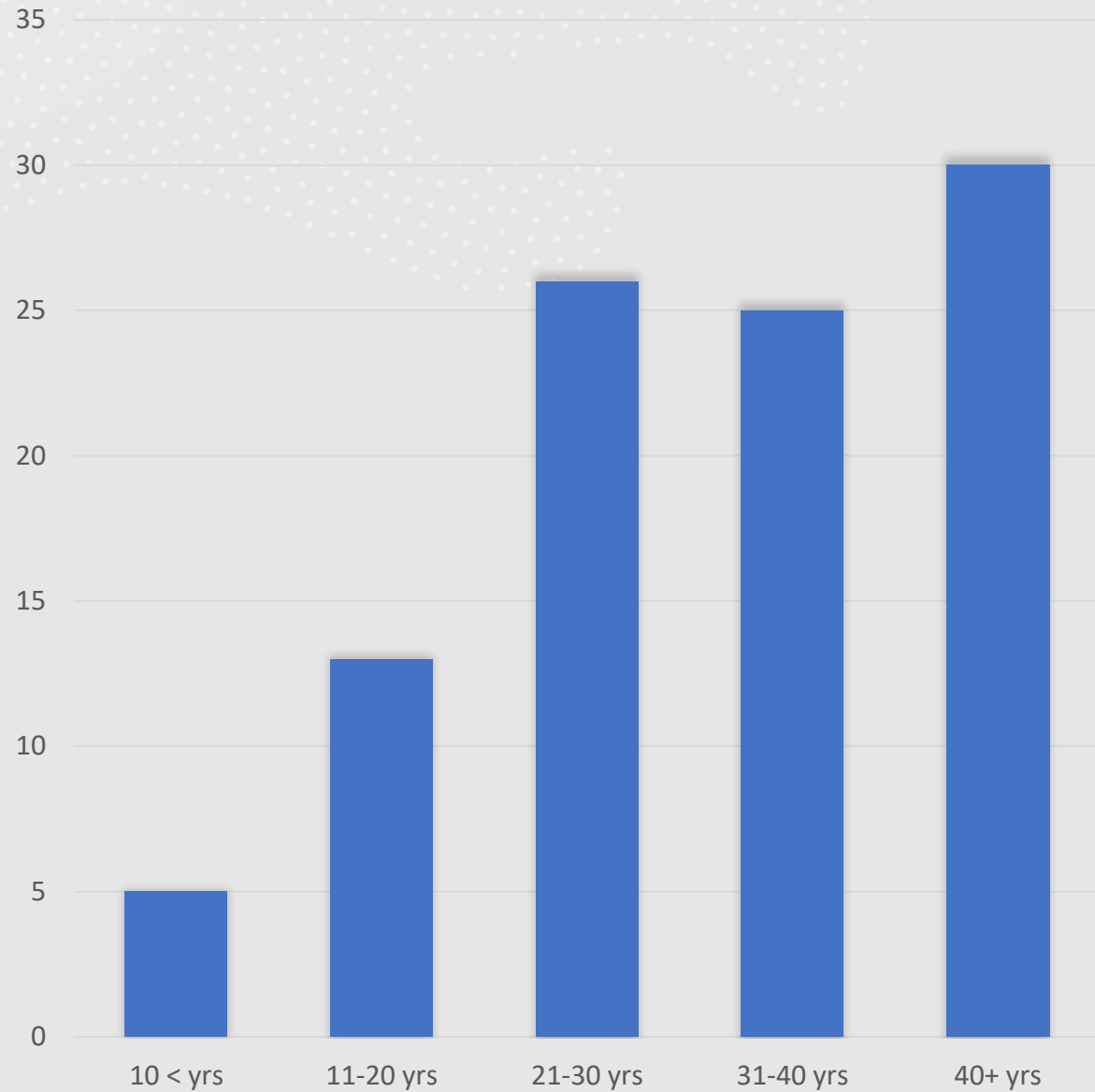
Qualitative + Quantitative Landscapes

Senior Trust: \$13 million grant provided over 1400 statewide seniors with aging in place critical home repairs and accessibility modifications so they could remain in the beloved homes and communities safely.

Habitat conducted 3000 qualitative longitudinal surveys + Green and Healthy Homes Initiative analyzed healthcare utilization data via TennCare + UT in Memphis measured Activities of Daily Living pre/post repairs

Aging In Place also refers to seniors' abilities to remain in their beloved communities. This is where sustainable social capital and connections to anchors and amenities take place. This is pivotal for caretakers who are also managing multi-generational tasks.

YEARS IN COMMUNITY



Exterior Repairs

Roofs, Windows

Water and air leaks

Pests and rodents

High utilities

Mold/Mildew

Too costly to repair

Interior Repairs

Flooring, Ceiling

Social and home sequestration

Falls

Loss of pride

Food prep issues

Electrical Fear

Air Systems

HVAC, Fans

Poor Air Circulation

Odors

High Utilities

Mold/Mildew

Health Issues

Plumbing

Faucets, Toilets

Reduced toileting ability

Reduced hygiene

Sequestration

Food Prep Issues

Interior Access

Grab bars, Knobs

Reduced toileting ability

Falls

Reduced hygiene

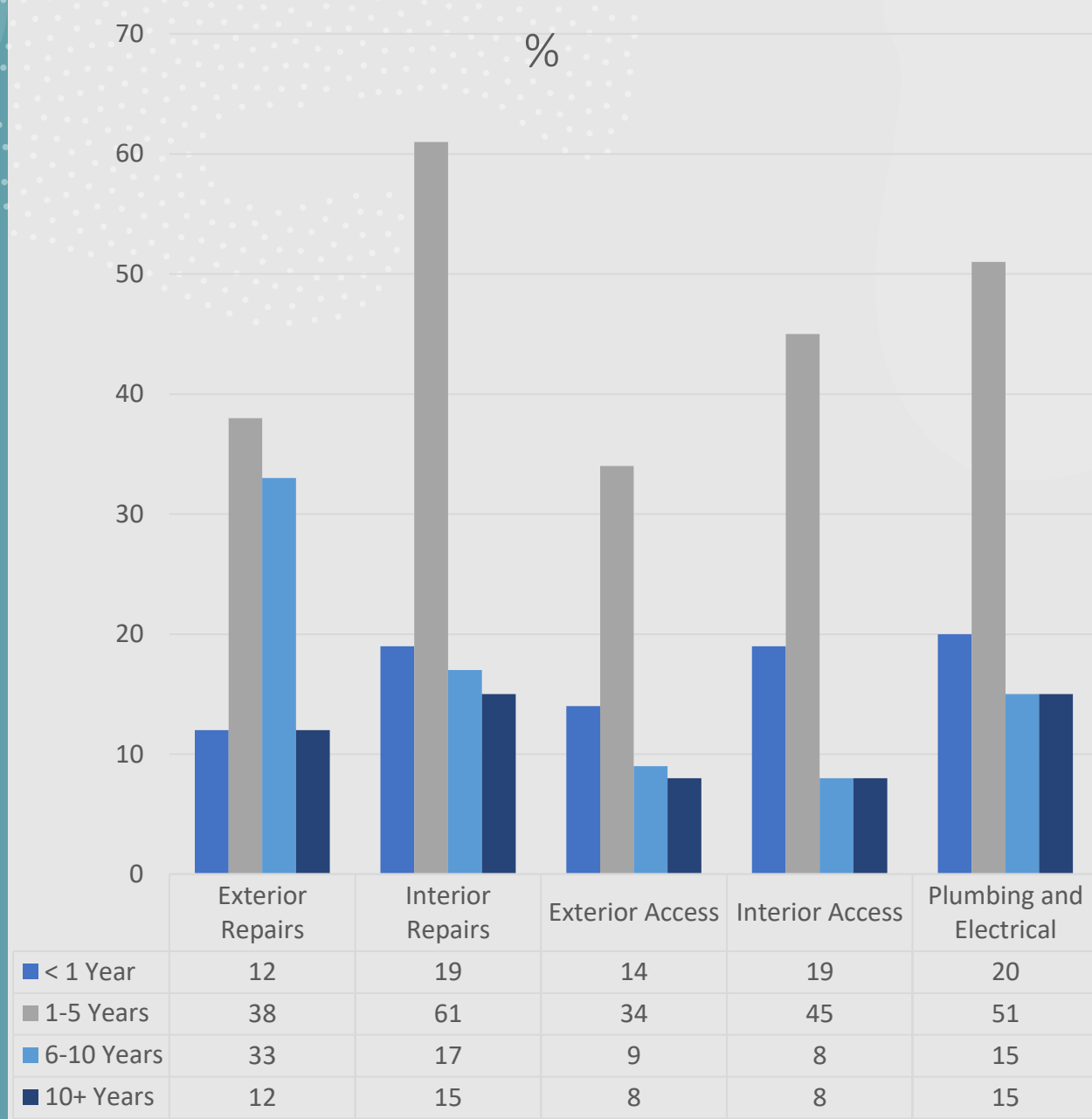
Exterior Access

Ramps

Fall fear

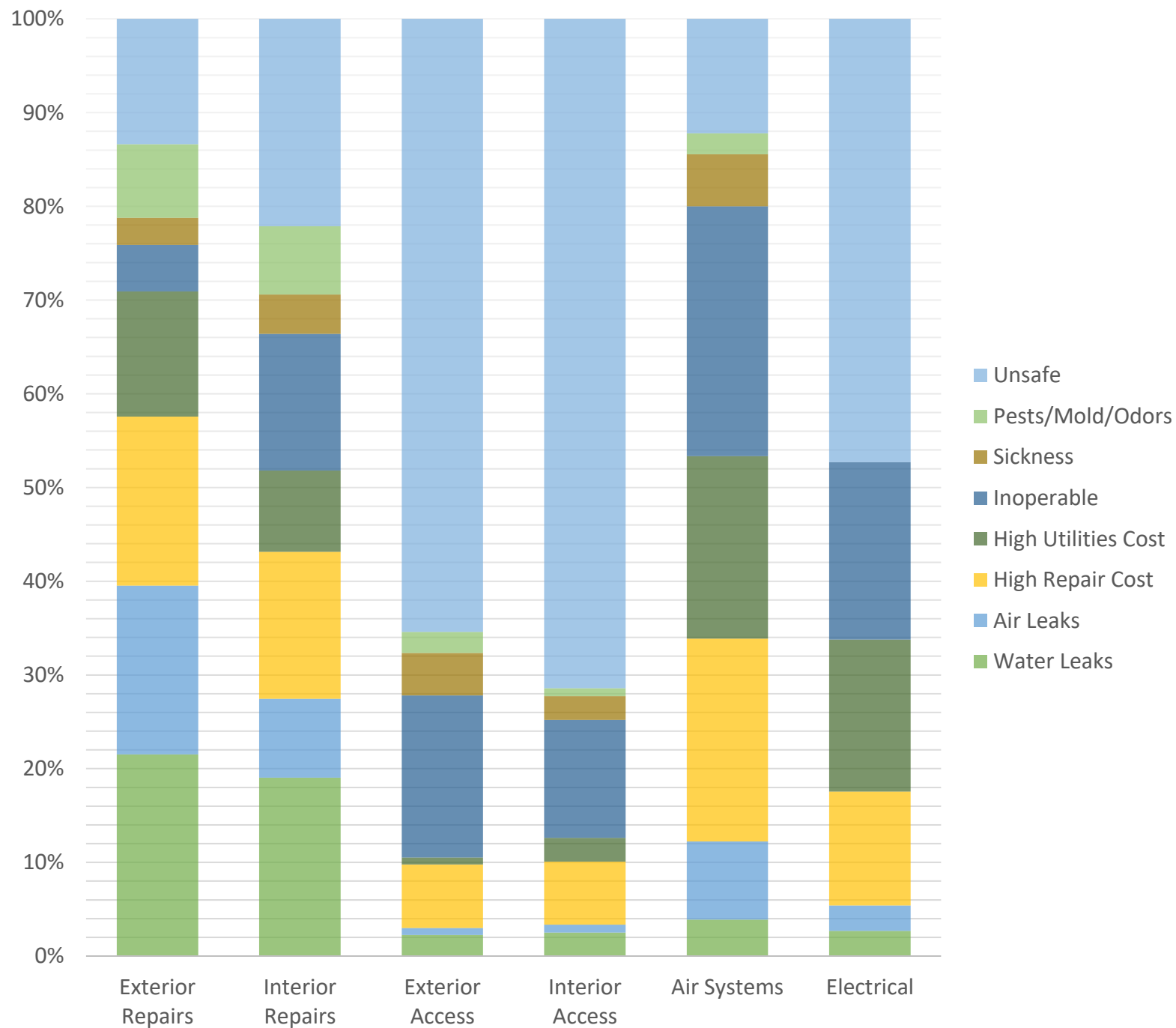
Social sequestration

How many years had
AIP clients been
actively awaiting
repair and
accessibility
assistance?

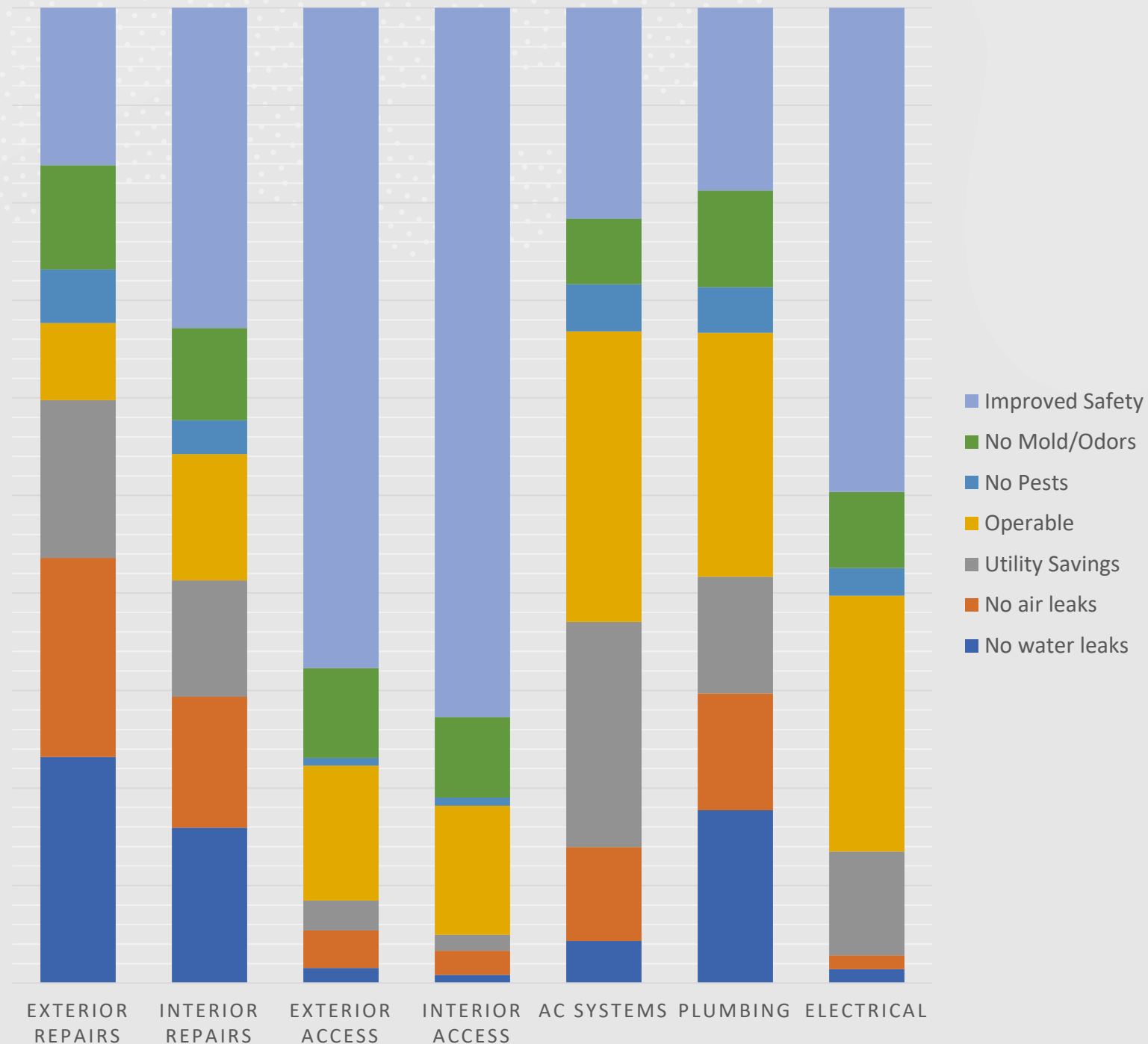


In what ways were deferred repairs and accessibility needs impacting seniors' daily lives?

*non-mutually exclusive impacts

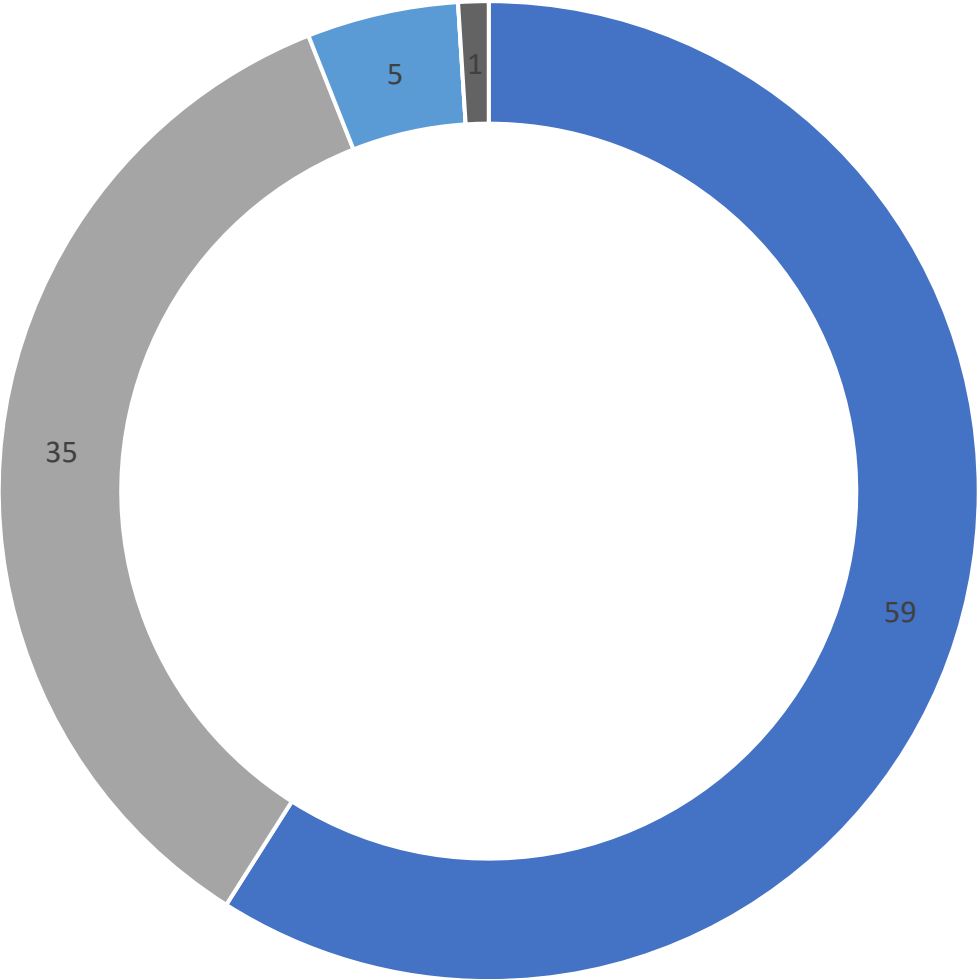


Seniors
experienced
an array of
short and
long term
impacts post-
intervention



| | NEITHER | NA | POSITIVE | NEGATIVE |
|------------------------------|---------|-----|----------|----------|
| –Safer | 0% | 0% | 99% | 1% |
| –Healthier | 1% | 0% | 98% | 1% |
| –Visitor Safety | 2% | 1% | 96% | 1% |
| –Visitor Health | 2% | 1% | 96% | 1% |
| –Remain in Home | 1% | 0% | 98% | 1% |
| –Quality of Work | 1% | 0% | 98% | 1% |
| –Respect/Habitat | 0% | 0% | 100% | 0% |
| –Respect/Contractors | 1% | 1% | 97% | 1% |
| –Pride in Home | 2% | 0% | 97% | 1% |
| –Recommend to others | 0% | 0% | 99% | 1% |
| –Good Community | 5% | 2% | 91% | 2% |
| –More Visitors | 19% | 12% | 56% | 13% |
| –Less Likely to Fall | 2% | 30% | 67% | 1% |
| –Less Likely to Fall Outside | 2% | 66% | 32% | 1% |

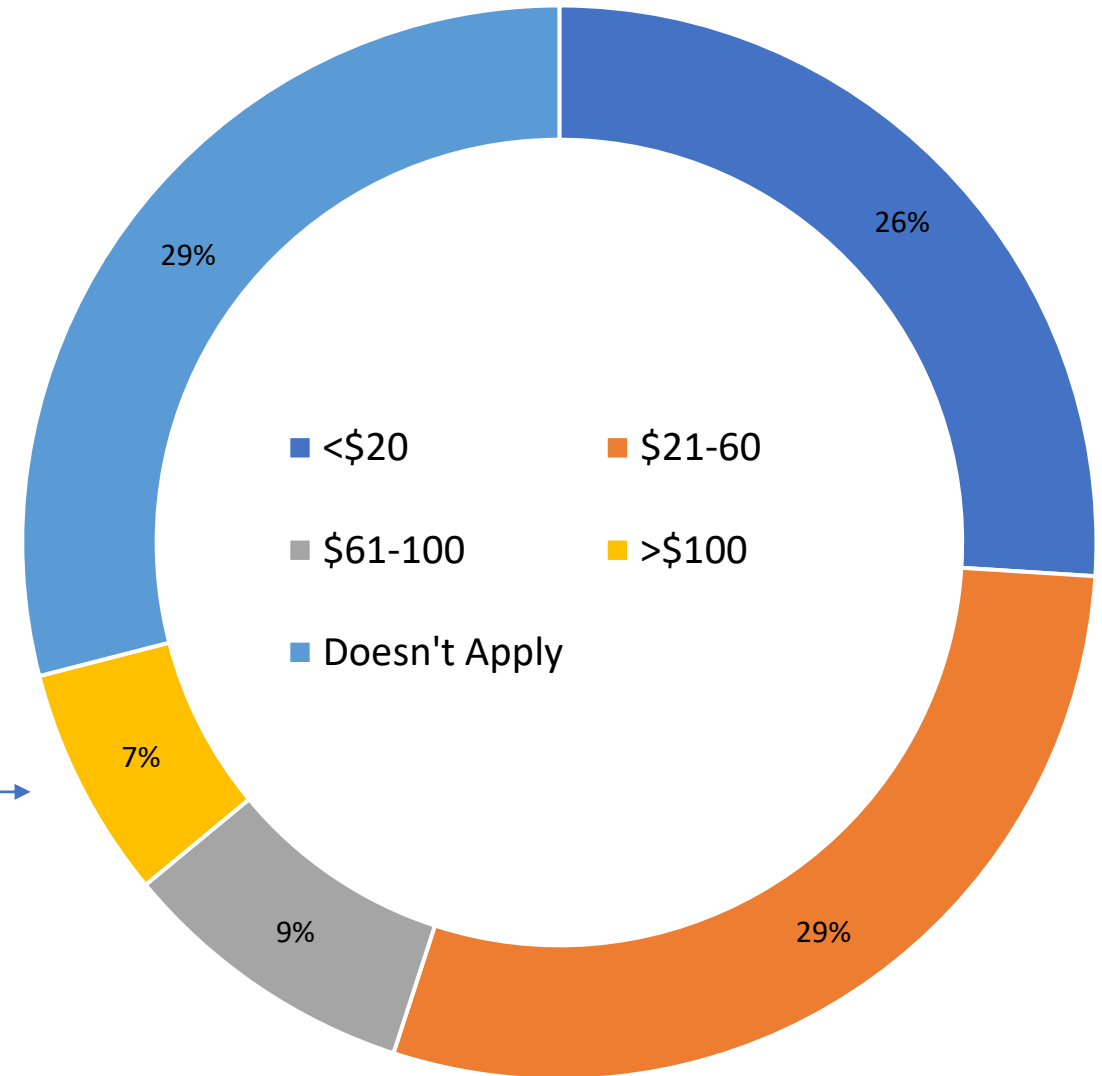
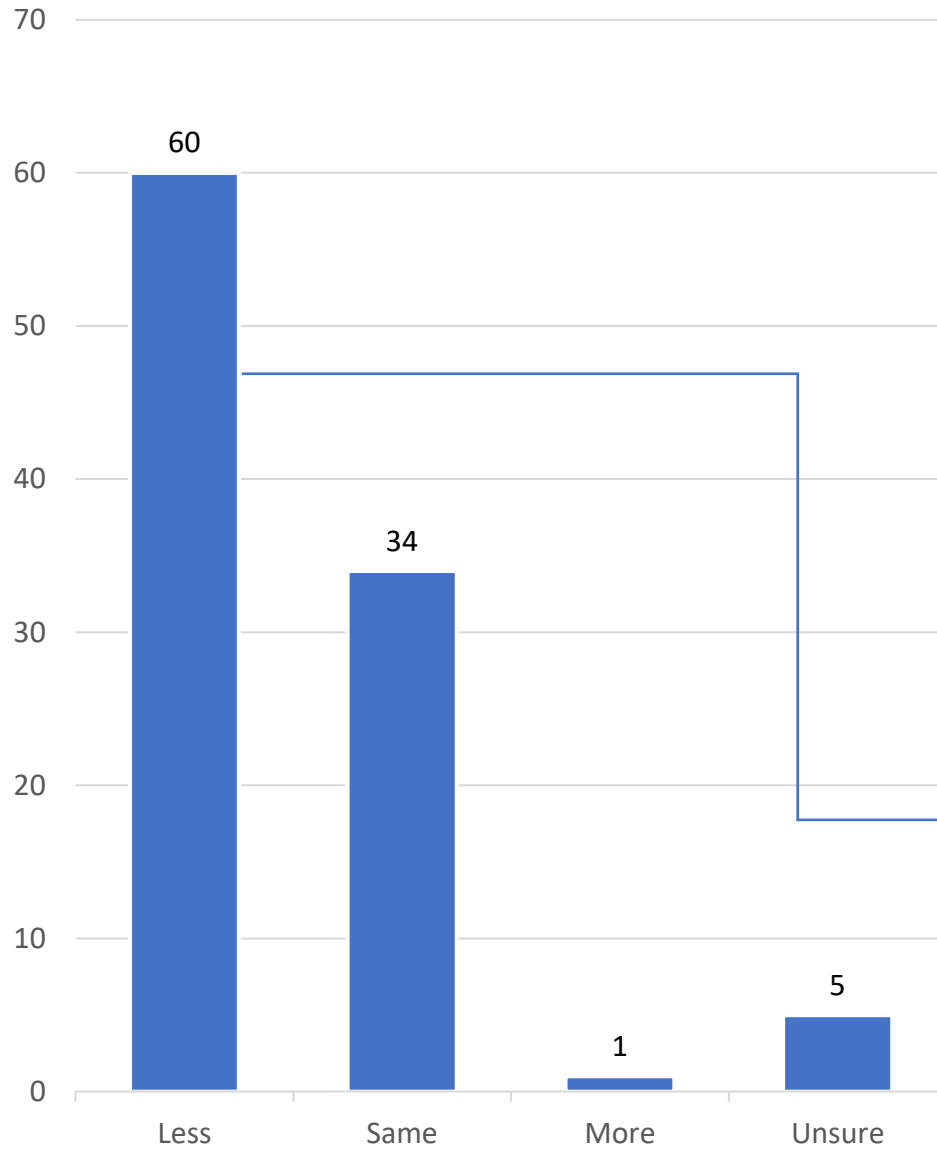
Do you think that your home is a healthier place than it was?



■ Strongly Agree ■ Agree ■ Neither ■ Disagree ■ Strongly Disagree



Heating and Cooling Repairs: 2-Fold Outcome



Alternatives to AIP Programming

No Action



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Another Agency



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Family



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Church

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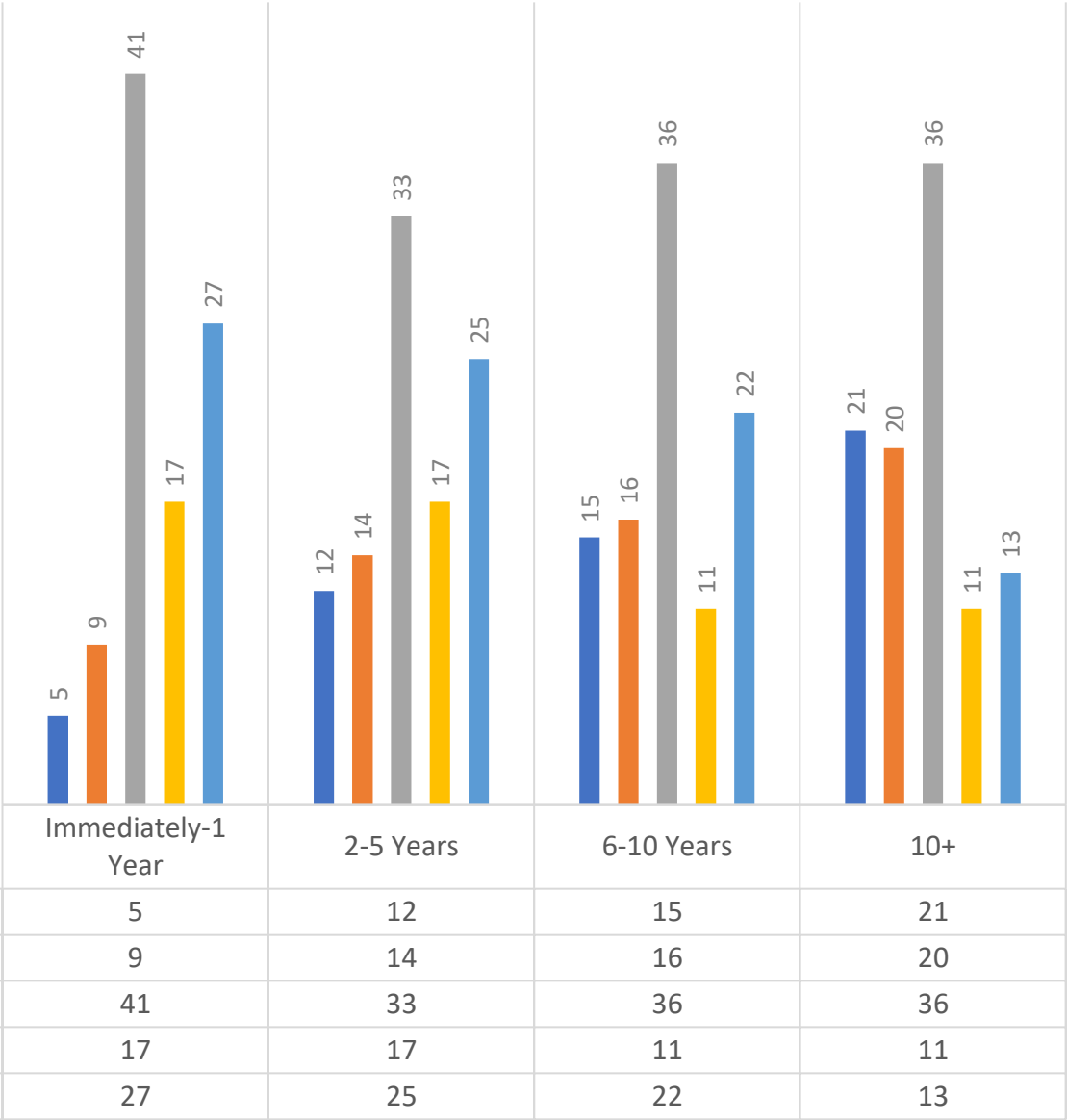
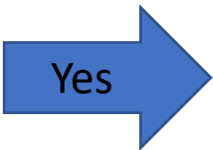
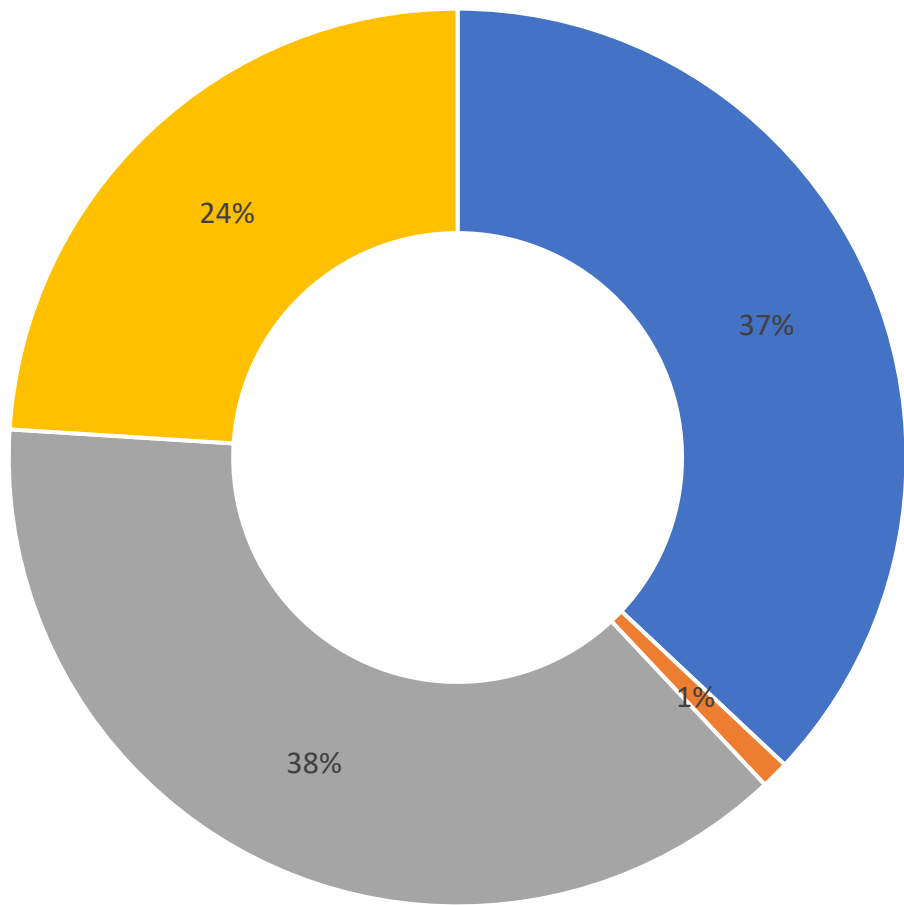
Pay Handyman



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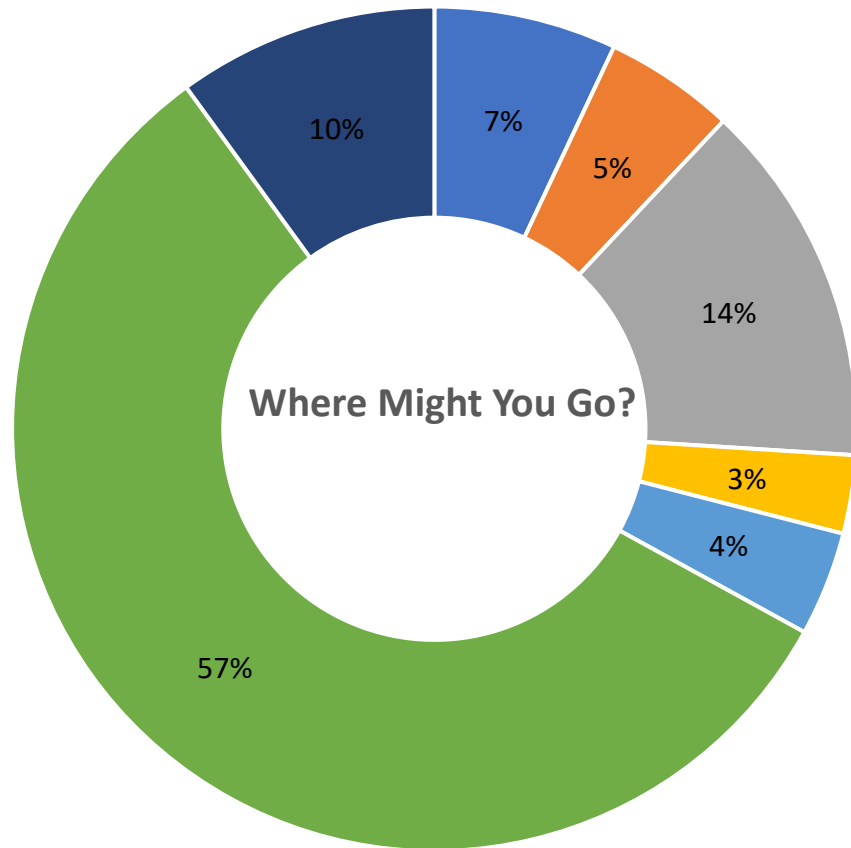
Would You Have to Leave Without AIP?

■ Yes, but wouldn't want to ■ Yes, but would want to ■ No ■ Unsure



Without AIP, 23 seniors thought they were destined for a nursing home within the year

■ Nursing Home ■ Assisted Living ■ With Family ■ New Home
■ Low Income Housing ■ No Option ■ Homelessness



Nursing Home Facility

Semi-Private Room⁵ **\$85,775**

Change Since 2020² **1.07%**

Private Room⁵ **\$91,980**

Change Since 2020² **0.60%**

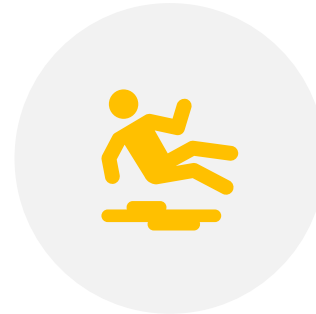
Up to \$2.1 million in TN tax dollars.



"MY BLOOD PRESSURE HAS GONE DOWN SINCE THE REPAIRS, AND MY DOCTOR EVEN NOTICED IT."



"THESE REPAIRS, THEY HELPED MY STRESS. MY GRANDKIDS ARE COMING OVER SINCE IT'S NOT AS DANGEROUS TO LIVE HERE, THEY MAKE ME HAPPY."



"I DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT THE RAIN COMING THROUGH MY ROOF OR MY ASTHMA KICKING UP. I DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT SLIPPING IN MY BATHROOM."



"I AM SO THANKFUL FOR HABITAT. MY WINDOWS ARE SO BEAUTIFUL, AND THEY WORK PERFECTLY. I'M ALL ALONE, AND IT MADE ME FEEL SAFER."

Opportunity for ALL

- Reduced admission to long-term care facility \$ 36 million
- Preventing falls (medical cost savings) \$ 1 million
- Utility bill savings \$ 2 million
- Increased Home Value (Mods) \$ 6 million
- Increased Home Value (Repairs) \$11 million
- Abatement Blight \$12 million

AIP programming provided around 157 full time jobs with \$11.2 million in employee earnings and local spending (who circulate spending where they work)

Cumulative AIP investment: \$17 million+
ROI: 3.1 times locally and statewide

Real World Policy Implications

Our ability to garner funding is based on our ability to stack various capital and connect to creative and compassionate leaders in the fields of health and housing. There is a greater demand coming for larger stacks.

1. How can prescriptions for repairs and accessibility modifications be funded and implemented?
 - What would it look like for Managed Care Organizations, Hospitals, and Gerontologists and supporting healthcare leaders (OT and PT) to work collaboratively with Housing Agencies to provide aging in place modifications and repairs to improve Activities of Daily Living? Can we replicate CAPABLE?
 - Healthy aging housing as a vaccine for older adults and the caretakers who support them
2. How can those who benefit from CHOICES repairs navigate the LOSS of Estate Recapture Policy?
 - Can we advocate for equitable policy to ensure that generational wealth is not being lost just because patients go through insurance to access repairs? Many people who could benefit from the CHOICES repair program skipped it and lived in unhealthy living situations to avoid the recapture policy. Habitat had been their only option* (metro and rural). * Repairs are free and there are no long-term deed restrictions.

Memphis Habitat Statewide Aging in Place



[Habitat for Humanity's Aging In Place Work in Tennessee - YouTube](#)



THE NASHVILLE FOOD PROJECT

37th Geriatric Update Conference



The Nashville Food Project

- In 2022, TNFP served 290,385 meals to some 50 community partners at 70 sites across the city.
 - 54,942 meals, or 19%, were shared with over 2,000 area seniors (65+) through 21 community partners.
 - TNFP's two largest senior-serving partners are St. Luke's Community House and Fifty Forward.
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What we know...

- In 2021, 5.5 million Americans 60 and older faced food and nutrition insecurity. That's 1 in 14, or 7.1%, of all seniors.
 - In 2018, 1-in-5 food insecure households included an adult 65 or older.
 - Seniors who identify as Black, Latino, or Native American, or those with lower incomes and/or a disability, are significantly more likely to experience food and nutrition insecurity.
 - The main federal program supporting seniors experiencing food and nutrition insecurity is the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). Other programs include the Congregate Nutrition Program and the Home-Delivered Nutrition Program.
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What we know...

Food insecurity among older adults is going up.

Between 2007 and 2016, Leung and Wolfson (2021) report that food insecurity among seniors increase significantly, from 5.5% to 12.4%.

According to *The State of Senior Hunger in America in 2020* (Feeding America), food insecurity disproportionately affects older adults who:

- Have lower incomes
- Are relatively younger, e.g., ages 60-69
- Rent rather than own their homes

Effects of Food Insecurity



Lower nutrient
intakes

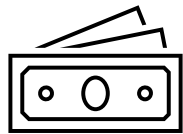


Poorer health
outcomes



Mental health
issues

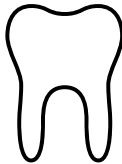
Barriers to Food Access



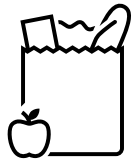
- Finances



- Physical Mobility



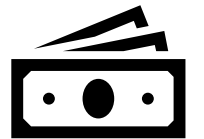
- Dental Issues



- Food Deserts

Nested and Overlapping Issues

- Lack of Affordable Housing
- High Healthcare Expenses
- Social Isolation
- Systemic Racism
- Generational Poverty
- Health Inequities





United Way of
Middle Tennessee
Helpline

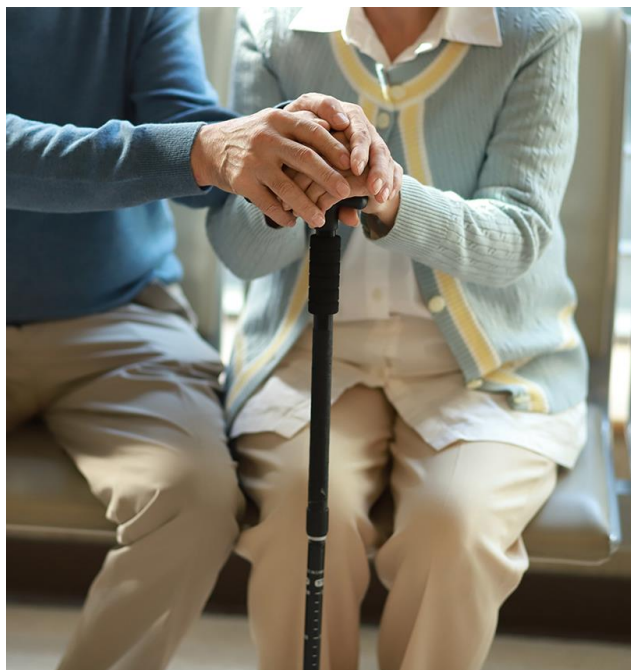
In 2022, there were 7,361 total requests to the 211 helpline.



The Power to Age Gracefully-- We're Worth It:

Empowering Older Adults and
their Caregivers in Nashville
through Investments in Mobility





Mobility Empowers Older Adults & Caregivers

- Quality of life relies on Mobility and Infrastructure: Impacts on Older and Adults include Affordability, Climate, Social Isolation, Access to Food . . .
- What is available today?
- How can we improve transportation and mobility for the future of aging in Nashville?

The Costs & Challenges of Aging in Nashville

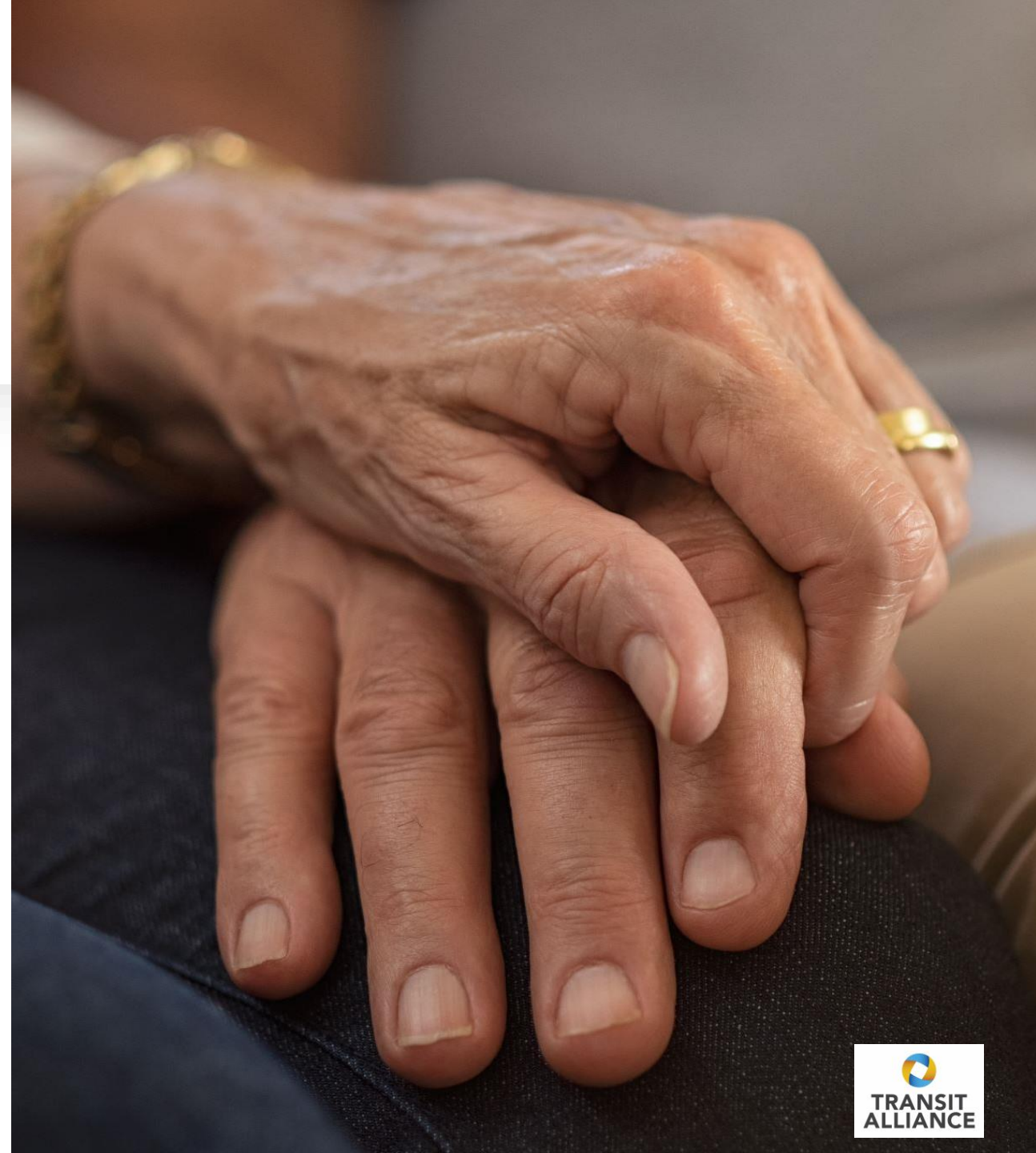
2022 Community Needs Evaluation: The State of Economic and Social Wellbeing Nashville-Davidson County

By Metropolitan Social Services Strategic Planning and Research

POPULATION: 703,953

13.2% 65 or older

33.5% of those over age 65 live with a disability



COMPARE LIVABILITY

| | | |
|--------------|--------------|----|
| Higher Score | Denver | 61 |
| | Cincinnati | 59 |
| | Raleigh | 57 |
| | St. Louis | 54 |
| | New Orleans | 54 |
| | Austin | 53 |
| | Charlotte | 52 |
| | Atlanta | 52 |
| | Indianapolis | 51 |
| | Louisville | 51 |
| Lower Score | Nashville | 49 |

Source: Elder Index, 2022

IMPACT: Quality of Life

Considering the requirements for a livable income in Nashville and the low, fixed income of older persons, ***it is possible that more than half of the city's population over age 65 is likewise in Livable Income Poverty.***



Cost burden for housing for Nashville seniors is very high

52.8% of Nashville's older renters pay more than a third of their income for housing

Transportation, Transit, and Mobility

Nashville Metro Area ranked **second most car-dependent large metro** in the U.S.

https://www.thecentersquare.com/national/analysis-tennessee-cities-among-the-most-car-dependent-in-america/article_db86a66c-3827-5b6d-9599-7ccc395d6929.html

Tennessee is **9th most dangerous state** to drive in.

Source: 1-800 Injured

It costs \$5,500-\$14,500 per year for transportation depending on living situation



IMPACT: Quality of Life

Lack of access to easy
and safe mobility
creates disconnection
from healthy social
fabric

“Poverty is clearly one source of
emotional suffering, but there are
others, **like loneliness.**”

--Daniel Kahneman



Loneliness

shortens life by 15 years
is more dangerous than obesity
is the equivalent of smoking 15
cigarettes a day.

Source: Loneliness and Social Isolation as Risk Factors for
Mortality: A Meta-Analytic Review

Tennessee ranks **11th worst
state** for risk of social isolation.

Source: United Health Foundation, American's Health Ranking, 2022

**social isolation
increases risk of
dementia by 50%**

Access to Mobility Can Make All the Difference

<https://t4america.org/docs/SeniorsMobilityCrisis.pdf>

The typical American adult makes 3.4 trips per day, or more than 1,200 per year.

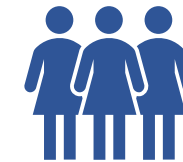
Lynott, Jana and Carlos Figueiredo (2011) "How the Travel Patterns of Older Adults Are Changing: Highlights from the 2009 National Household Travel Survey" AARP Public Policy Institute, Washington, D.C.



6 years/6,408+ trips

A study in the American Journal of Public Health found that people in their early 70s who stop driving will need access to transportation alternatives.

Foley, Daniel, Heimovitz, Harley, Guralnik, Jack and Dwight Brock "Driving Life Expectancy of Persons Aged 70 Years and Older in the United States" American Journal of Public Health, August 2002, Vol 92, No. 8



10 years/10,680+ trips

Transportation: A Prerequisite for Aging in Place

85%

Nashville's older adults, 65-79, have poor access to public transit

70% of respondents aged 65+ ranked being near where they want to go (grocery stores, doctor's offices, the library and social or religious organizations) as **extremely or very important.**

Keenan, Teresa A. (2010), "Home and Community Preferences of the 45+ Population" AARP, Washington, D.C.

Seniors are increasingly taking more of their trips on public transportation.

Lynott, Jana and Carlos Figueiredo (2011) "How the Travel Patterns of Older Adults Are Changing: Highlights from the 2009 National Household Travel Survey" AARP Public Policy Institute, Washington, D.C.

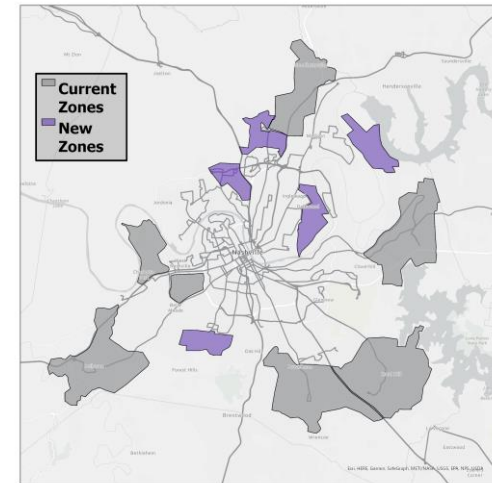
> 20% of seniors ages 65 and older – nearly 7 million people – do not drive at all.

Bailey, Linda (2004), "Aging Americans: Stranded without Options" Surface Transportation Policy Project, Washington, D.C.

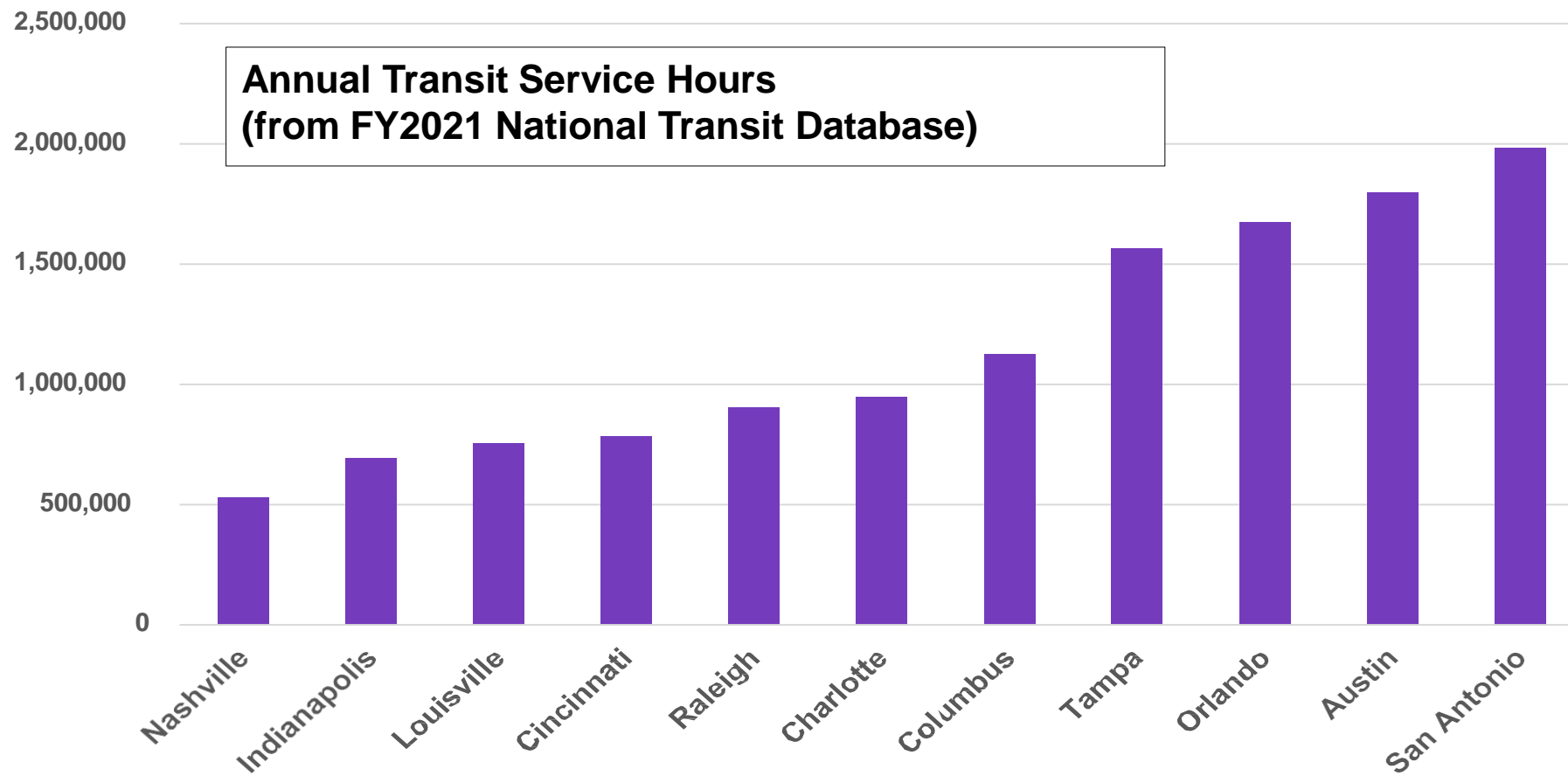
"A developed country is not a place where the poor have cars, it's where the rich ride public transportation."
Anonymous

Mobility Options Now

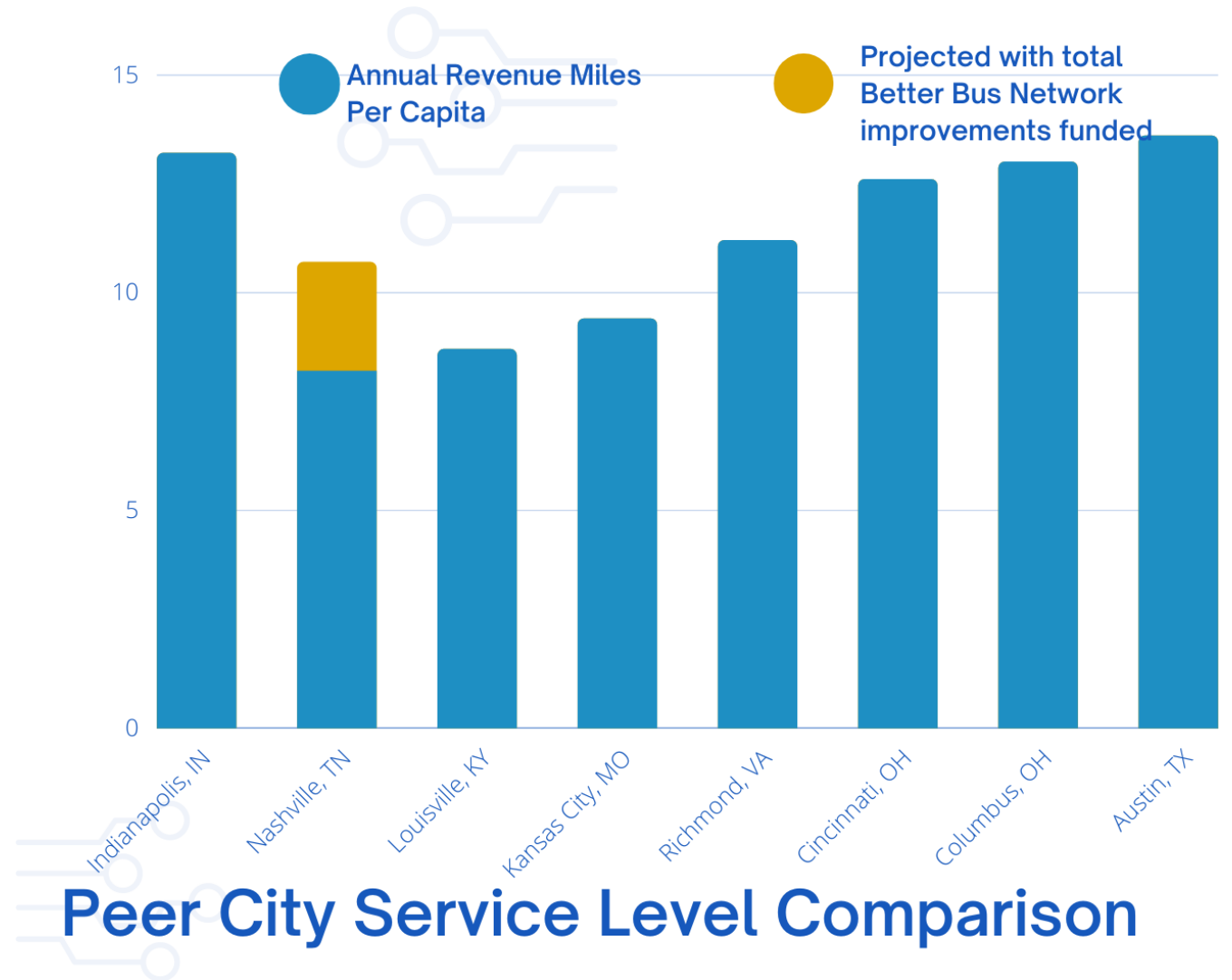
- WeGo Public Transit (MTA & RTA)
 - Bus, frequent/daily
 - Regional Express
 - Commuter Rail
 - Paratransit
 - Wego Link Zones
- Vanpool



Comparison to Peer Cities



Funding Comparison



| MPO Area | Agency Name | Service Population | Funding (Billions) | Plan Life | Annual Average Funding / Capita | Compared to Nashville |
|---------------|---|--------------------|--------------------|-----------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Denver | Denver Regional Council of Governments | 3,139,500 | \$106.0 | 21 | \$1,607.78 | 640% |
| Atlanta | Atlanta Regional Commission | 5,591,600 | \$107.0 | 21 | \$911.23 | 319% |
| Austin | Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization | 1,759,024 | \$35.1 | 25 | \$798.28 | 267% |
| Kansas City | Mid-America Regional Council | 1,895,595 | \$33.0 | 25 | \$696.35 | 220% |
| Columbus | Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission | 1,450,000 | \$19.6 | 24 | \$563.22 | 159% |
| Jacksonville | North Florida Transportation Planning Organization | 1,419,332 | \$20.7 | 26 | \$560.91 | 158% |
| Pittsburgh | Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission | 2,600,000 | \$31.7 | 26 | \$468.93 | 116% |
| Oklahoma City | Association of Central Oklahoma Governments | 1,142,407 | \$10.4 | 24 | \$380.17 | 75% |
| Indianapolis | Indianapolis MPO | 1,970,000 | \$20.4 | 28 | \$370.65 | 71% |
| Louisville | Kentuckiana Regional Planning and Development Agency | 1,069,677 | \$7.1 | 20 | \$331.88 | 53% |
| Cincinnati | OKI Regional Council of Governments | 1,999,474 | \$15.7 | 24 | \$326.59 | 50% |
| Orlando | MetroPlan Orlando | 2,065,321 | \$15.1 | 24 | \$304.06 | 40% |
| Memphis | Memphis MPO | 1,382,091 | \$12.1 | 31 | \$282.63 | 30% |
| Birmingham | Regional Planning Commission of Greater Birmingham | 1,121,223 | \$8.2 | 26 | \$281.29 | 29% |
| Charlotte | Charlotte Regional Transportation Planning Organization | 1,394,800 | \$8.5 | 27 | \$225.71 | 4% |
| Nashville | Greater Nashville Regional Council | 1,686,745 | \$8.8 | 24 | \$217.39 | - |



Denver received a livability score of **61**.



Nashville received a **49**.



Empower Older Adults through Investments in Transit

- As adults age and give up driving, they will need access to adequate transportation alternatives.
- Caretakers will need access to affordable, convenient transit.
- *To address the mobility needs of seniors, communities, local elected officials and planners must confront the assumption that people would always be able to rely on the automobile as their primary mode of transport.*

NASHVILLE, TN

Transit Timeline

Recent background on the transit story.

2009

TAMT

Transit Alliance of
Middle TN formed
alongside the

THE AMP (R.I.P.)

The plan for a 7.1
mile bus-only lane
from 5-points to St.
Thomas West.

2014

2018

**LET'S MOVE
NASHVILLE
(R.I.P.)**

Mayor Barry's
transit-funding
referendum.

2023

HERE WE ARE

Modest updates to transit
service since 2018.

East Bank

Multimodal Spine w/Transit Priority
Mobility Center
Affordable Housing
Improved network connectivity

Connect Downtown

Transit Priority
Transit /mobility centers
Transit priority corridors
Used by multiple routes
Improved network connectivity

Murfreesboro Pike

Highest ridership route
~ 4,000 rides per day
Fast growing corridor
Connection to airport
Corridor redevelopment opportunity



Policy





What You Can Do

- Email or call your councilperson and discuss how important transit and mobility is to you and the clients you serve.
 - [615-862-6780](tel:6158626780)
 - councilmembers@nashville.gov
- Ride transit yourself so you can help your clients if needed.
 - [615-880-3597](tel:6158803597)
 - Learn how to ride with [WeGo on Youtube!](#)
[@NashvilleMTA](#)





Thank You!

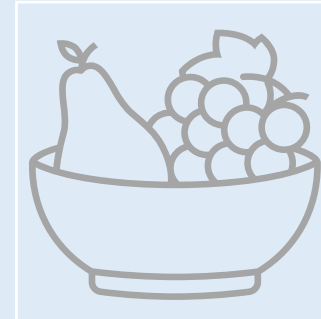
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The Nashville Food Project: [Nashville Food Project](http://thenashvillefoodproject.org)
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