

LTCCC Aging in Community Subcommittee



- Law passed in 2014 & Organized
- Included academics, advocates, consumers, provider/agency staff
- Inventoried current services/resources
- **Input of Seniors to Identify Issues**
- Identified Gaps
- Strategic Plan to promote Aging in Community

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Strategic Plan

Issues



Action Steps



Advocacy

2016 Issues

- Senior Centers highly valued
- Financial concerns present and into the future
- Transportation – Huge concern
- Need Information about Services
- Lack of affordable housing
- Loneliness and “alone-ness”
- Unfriendly (State) customer service
- Lack of Respect for seniors in society
- Want to contribute to community/volunteer



2020 Issues

- #1 Health and Care Issues ✓
- #2 Isolation and Loneliness ✓
- #3 Aging in Community Supports
- #4 Transportation & Loss of Mobility
- #5 Housing Costs and Options
- #6 Income Insufficiency ✓

Long Term Care Concern of Many

Majority want to stay at Home when Care needed!!!

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1. Will I need long term care???

2. What are my Options???

3. Can I afford it???

4. Will careworkers be available???

5. Will my loved ones who help me get support???

✓ After 65+, 3 out of 5 will need some support to stay at home

What are my Options???

- Nursing Home
- Assisted Living
- Home Care
- Adult Day Services
- Nutrition Services (MOW)
- PACE



- Shared Living
- Independent Provider
- Personal Care Attendant
- Volunteer Services
- Family & Friends
 - Provide 80% LTC (ACL)
 - (121,000 RI caregivers, 113Mil hrs. of care valued @\$2.1Bil)



Can I afford it??

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Nursing Home Semi-private	\$113,150
Assisted Living (private, 1BR)	\$81,915
Home Care (40 hrs./week x 52 weeks)	\$62,400
Adult Day Services (5 days/week)	\$21,580

Source: Genworth Cost of Care Report 2021 – Median RI Costs

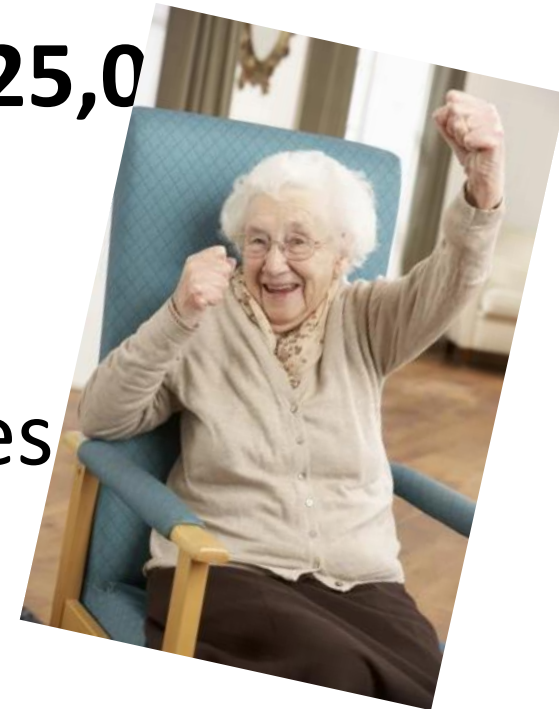
Many RI Seniors Face Economic Insecurity Need help paying for care

- 50% of RI 65+ Households income **LESS THAN \$50,000/yr.**
- 25% RI 65+ Households live on **LESS THAN \$25,000/yr.**

Actions & Advocacy

- Increase Subsidized Home/Community Services
- Expand Medicare Savings Program
- Look at Medicaid eligibility for older adults

Source: *US Census*



Will careworkers be available???

Will my loved ones who help me get support???

Issues

- Healthcare Worker Crisis
- Wait list for Home Care
- Direct care staff wages
- Low Provider Reimbursements
- **Lack of support/information for caregivers**



Action & Advocacy

- Advocacy for Provider Reimbursement
- Advocacy for Direct Care staff wage increases
- Strengthened Information & Navigation Services
- Funding for Respite
- Paid leave for Caregivers

Loneliness & Social Isolation

Issues

Impacts physical + mental health

Increased by Covid Pandemic

2017 study = \$6.7Bil cost to Medicare



Advocacy

Funds for Local Senior Programs

Promote & Support Volunteer programs

Maintain DigiAge Project

“Bring joy + enrichment to older lives”

