



Pathways for Older Adults

Town Conversation on Aging Questionnaire

- A. Organization convening the Conversation on Aging; name, title, phone and e-mail for the contact person/individual completing the questionnaire:

- B. Date and location of Conversation on Aging:

- C. Number of Conversation participants. Please provide names of groups and organizations represented.

- D. Briefly describe the group response to the Conversation process. What worked well? Do you have any suggestions for other groups who do this in the future?

Group Discussion Areas

Note: We request that the following areas be included in the Conversation, but the format of the event is to be determined by the convening organization or group.

- 1. **Define 'older adult' for purposes of this Conversation.** What does the group know about the size, demographic trends and other key characteristics of the town's older adult population?

- 2. **Complete the following asset inventory.** List existing resources that help older adults to age successfully in your community. What are the important gaps and needs?

| Core Areas | Current Resources: Programs, Services, Staff, Volunteers, Other Assets | Major Gaps and Needs in This Area? |
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| A. Connecting older adults with benefit and service information | | |
| B. Accessible, affordable, convenient transportation | | |
| C. Appropriate and affordable housing | | |

| Core Areas (cont.) | Resources: Programs, Services, Staff, Volunteers, Collaborators, Other Assets | Major Gaps and Needs in This Area? |
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| D. Chore, home services and home maintenance programs | | |
| E. Safety in the home and community | | |
| F. Nutrition options and programs | | |
| G. Activities and services to enhance fitness, health and mental health | | |
| H. Opportunities and places to interact and develop relationships | | |
| I. Employment and volunteer opportunities | | |
| J. Intergenerational programs and opportunities | | |
| K. Outreach to isolated or homebound seniors | | |
| L. Support and education for caregivers | | |
| M. Benches, parks, walkable areas and other physical assets | | |
| N. Other local assets and gaps | | |

3. Based on the information gathered above, determine the **major needs and service gaps impacting older adults** in your community. **Using group input, please list the top three.**

4. What **major challenges** face the community in addressing these needs? Is more information needed to help address these needs?

5. List **key action steps** the group wants to pursue over the next 2-3 years to address one or more of the priority needs and service gaps.

6. In addition to those participating in the Conversation, are there **other organizations or individuals** who could help in implementing the action steps?



Town Conversation on Aging Project/Budget Update

1. Budget expended to conduct the Town Conversation on Aging. Please itemize.

2. Briefly describe how the remainder of the \$2,000 grant will be used to help implement one or more of the action steps that have been identified.

3. When do you expect that the remainder of your \$2,000 grant will be expended?

Next Steps

- Submit the Town Conversation on Aging Questionnaire, project/budget update and any relevant articles or photos to grants@conncf.org. Please submit all information electronically.

- When grant funds are fully expended, please let us know. Send a brief email update describing your progress on the action steps to grants@conncf.org.

- Please contact Deborah Stein, Pathways Program Officer, with any questions. She may be reached at 203.753.1315 ext. 103 or dstein@conncf.org

Thank you for working to build a more age-friendly community!