



AGE FRIENDLY INITIATIVE
Miami-Dade County

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“An Age-friendly city is an inclusive and accessible ¹ urban environment that promotes active aging”

The Miami-Dade Age-Friendly Initiative is a collaborative effort focused on sustainable changes and efforts in order to create a community where older adults of all ages can stay active, engaged, and healthy with dignity and enjoyment.

WHY ARE WE HERE TODAY?

FOCUS ON HOUSING

- Demonstrate the need for investment and focus on age-friendly housing that is affordable, adaptable, and accessible
- Share strategies you may be able to implement within your own communities
- Discuss opportunities and barriers to changes at the local level



NEED FOR AN AGE-FRIENDLY FOCUS

- Across the globe, people are living longer and our populations are growing older.
- Miami-Dade has the largest population of older adults in the State of Florida with over half a million older adults age 60 and over in the County.
- That population is expected to continue to grow to over 800,000 by 2040, representing 25% of the total population of Miami-Dade.

Older adults are a PRIZED DEMOGRAPHIC with an active voting record, significant buying power, and a wealth of job experience.



**THEY ARE AN IMPORTANT PART
OF WHAT MAKES MIAMI-DADE
DIVERSE AND DYNAMIC.**

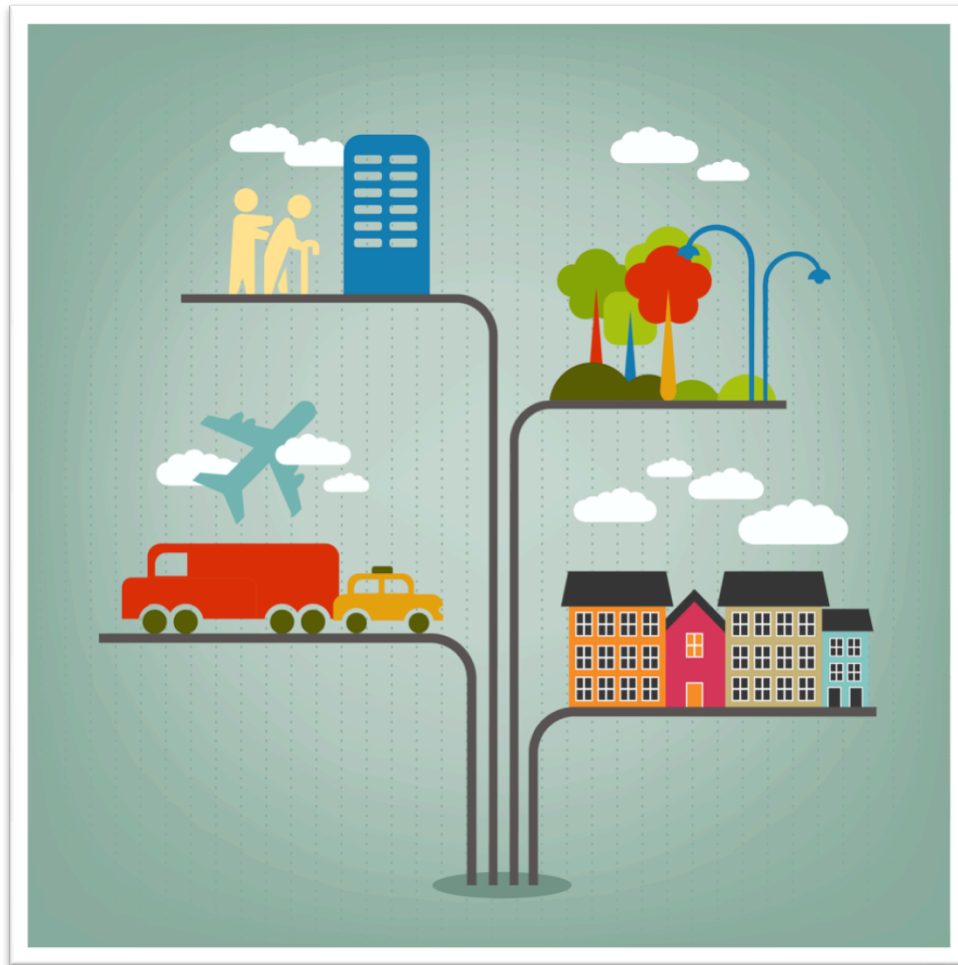
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- But, **most communities were not built for this shift in demographics.** Our economies, policies, and communities were not built to accommodate an aging population or aging in place.
- **How well Miami-Dade responds to the aging phenomenon and meets the needs of older adults will depend on how well we prepare our communities to do so;**
- **And how we can work collectively toward sustainable change to ensure our community is a place where people of all ages can live with the quality of life that they need and deserve.**

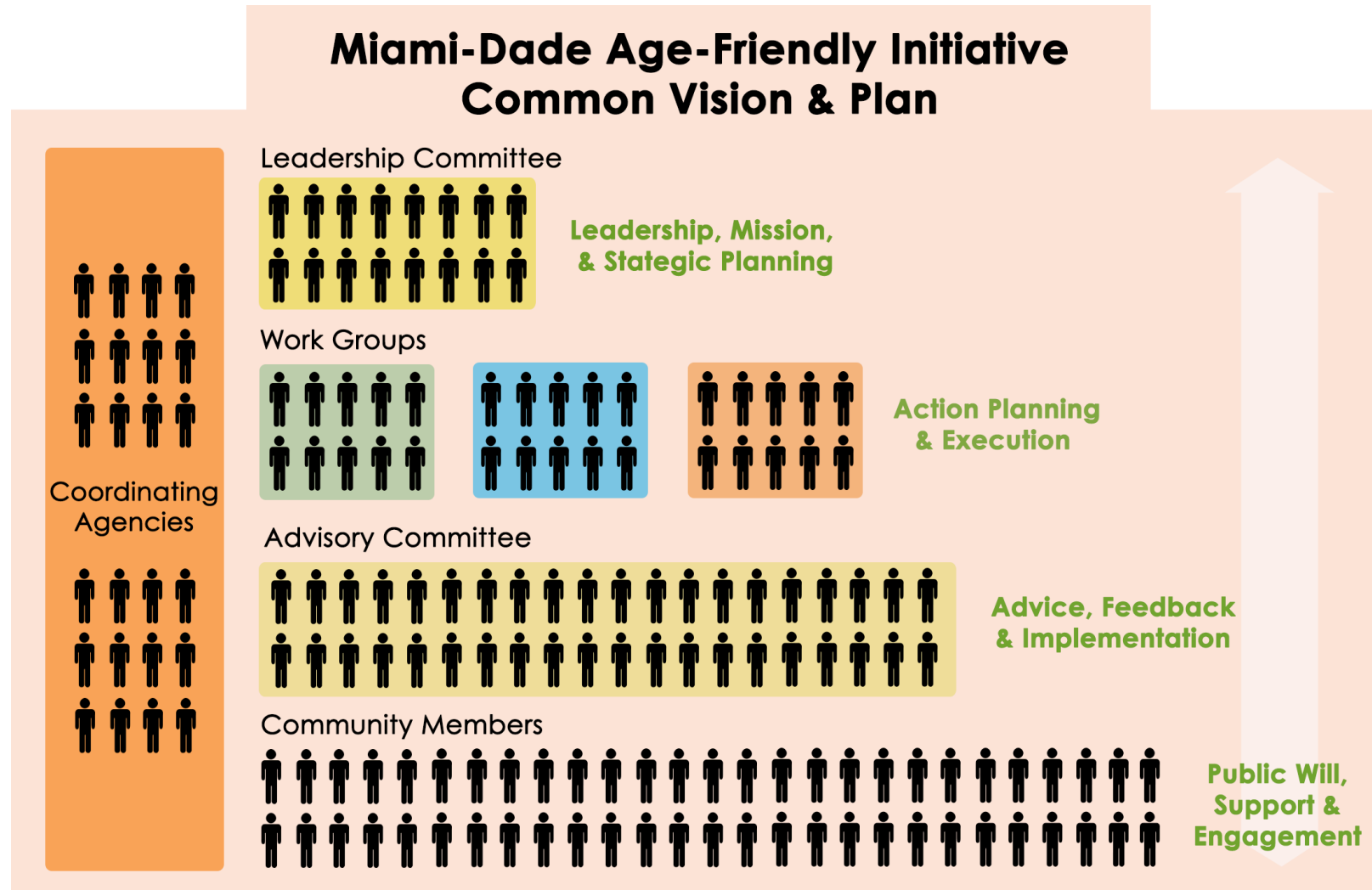


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The Advantage: Age-friendly communities are good for **everyone!**



Age-Friendly Initiative: Collaboration



MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Age-Friendly Policy Modifications
 - Comprehensive Development Master Plan
 - Long Range Transportation Plan
- Age-Friendly Parks & Standards
- Safe Routes to Aging In Place
- Age Friendly Business District
- Study of community leader views and attitudes
- Summit & Awareness Campaign
- **Action Plan**

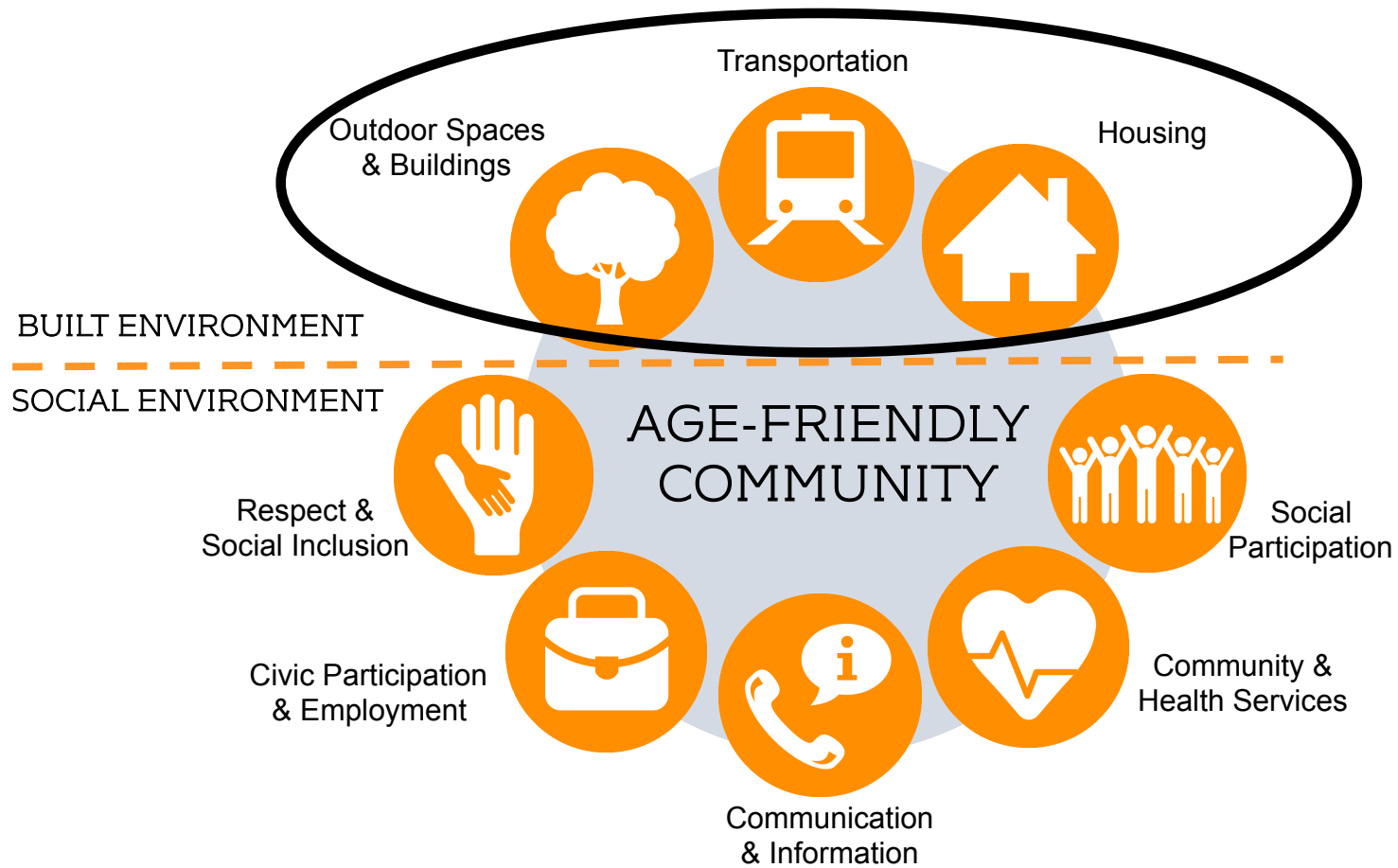


Priorities & Action Plan

- Developed multi-sectorial work group to develop plan using RBA framework
- Created *Action Plan for an Age-Friendly Miami-Dade* (available at **www.agefriendlymiami.org/actionplan**)
- Identified three initial priority areas



AGE-FRIENDLY DOMAINS



Adapted from: Suzanne Garon, University of Sherbrooke



*Priority
domain*

HOUSING



Our Vision

Housing for older adults is affordable, accessible, and adapted to older adult needs and interests.

Why?

For older adults aging in the community, living conditions can promote health, enhance coping, and reduce disablement.¹



Housing Strategies

- **OLDER ADULT ENGAGEMENT:** Engage older adults in the planning and implementation process of strategies related to housing.
- **OLDER ADULTS IN ALL POLICIES:** Review policies related to housing in order to determine if older adults are considered or should be considered and included in the policies.
- **OLDER ADULT REPRESENTATION:** Identify boards related to housing that should include an older adult advocate on the committee or council.
- **AFFORDABILITY:** Provide affordable housing options and availability to older adults through: education, policy, increase in stock of affordable options.
- **ACCESSIBILITY & ADAPTABILITY:** Ensure that older adults are able to live in homes that are: accessible, able to be modified and adaptable to their needs.
- **PROGRAMS & SERVICES:** Ensure that services and programs meet the housing needs of older adults.



LEARN MORE ABOUT MAKING YOUR COMMUNITY MORE AGE-FRIENDLY IN OUR ACTION PLAN FOR AN AGE-FRIENDLY MIAMI-DADE AT WWW.AGEFRIENDLYMIAMI.ORG

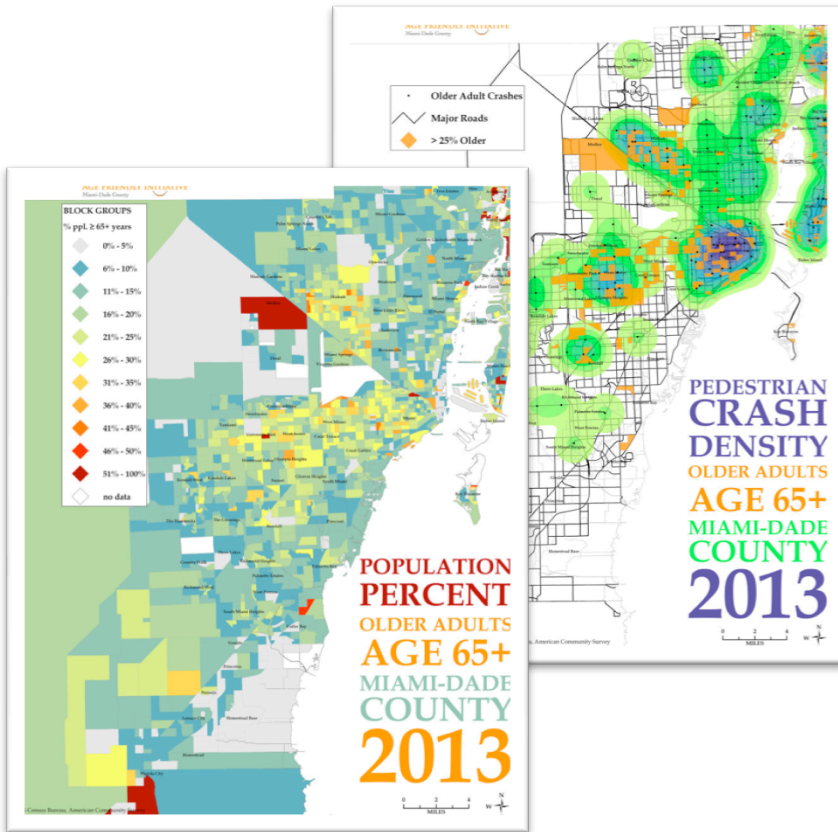
WHAT ELSE ARE WE WORKING ON?



Steps You Can Take

- Sign the pledge to take steps toward making your community more age-friendly
- Download and review our Action Plan
- Access resources and tools on our website
- Reach out to us via email, phone, or on our website
- Join our Advisory Committee, which works at the County level
- Assign a municipal staff person to focus on older adult issues or train staff to consider older adults throughout their planning processes
- Become an Age-Friendly Ambassador

RESOURCES



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