



Age Friendly Initiative Presentation: Housing Workshop

Best Practices in Housing: Town of Miami Lakes

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Communities for a Lifetime

State of Florida Department of Elder Affairs

- Communities for a Lifetime (CFAL) is a statewide initiative, begun in 1999, that assists Florida cities, towns, and counties in planning and implementing improvements that benefit their residents, youthful or elder.
- Over 28 Counties, and over 120 municipalities participating in the initiative throughout Florida (Miami Dade County, Miami Gardens, Miami Beach, South Miami, Cutler Bay, Miami Lakes)



Action Steps for Municipalities

- Established through resolution in municipalities throughout Florida
- Identifies key Community stakeholders and constituents
- Completes a community assessment to identify needs and opportunities to serve constituents
- Identifies Community inventory
- Meets regularly to address identified needs and work plan towards addressing the needs identified.



Town of Miami Lakes Elderly Affairs Committee

- Needs Assessment was implemented in 2 phases
 - Demographic data and trends
 - Focus groups/charets
- Through the need identification process, a need was identified due to lack of housing specific for seniors in the community.
 - Our community was displacing its most valuable resource and longest living residents



Public / Private Stakeholders Addressing Need

- Based on the findings of the needs assessment, private sector/develop south to address the needs
- Vacant parcel is now in initial development phase for senior living community
 - 200 independent senior specific apartments
 - Including partnership to address long term care needs with assisted living and skilled nursing facility



References

- Department of Elder Affairs: Communities for a Lifetime
www.elderaffairs.state.fl.us/doea.cfal.php
- Town of Miami Lakes: Elderly Affairs Committee
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