

Opportunities for Implementation – Year 5 and Beyond

- **AGE-FRIENDLY ADVOCATES**
 - Objective: Train older adults and community members to become advocates for their needs.
 - Outcomes: Community members will be equipped and empowered to identify their needs, and utilize knowledge and resources to advocate for and enact change.
- **BUILDING AN ECONOMIC CASE**
 - Objective:
 - Develop an economic case for older adults in Miami-Dade County by developing an Economic Impact of the Aging Population study. This will look at the numbers and expected increase in older adults in Miami-Dade and how this will affect the economy, as well as ways to take advantage of the opportunities these changes create.
 - The results will be presented to key groups within Miami-Dade including the Chamber of Commerce and Board of County Commissioners as well as culminate in a morning or afternoon summit to bring business leaders together to discuss this topic.
 - Outcomes: Community leaders, residents, and businesses will be educated about the economic impact of the aging population and ways to take advantage of opportunities of changes in demographics.
- **ELDER AFFAIRS ADVISORY BOARD**
 - Objective:
 - Encourage Miami-Dade County to create an Elder Affairs or Older Adult Affairs Board as part of the Office of Community Advocacy (OCA). This office is charged with making Miami-Dade County "One Community" that embraces its diversity enriched and unique population. It includes an Asian-American Advisory Board, Black Affairs Advisory Board, Commission for Women Advisory Board, Community Relations Board, Hispanic Affairs Advisory Board, and Military Affairs Advisory Board.
 - These boards were created to work in an advisory capacity to the Board of County Commissioners, administration, community, and all agencies in Miami-Dade County with respect to matters pertaining to issues related to that population in Miami-Dade.
 - Outcomes: Miami-Dade County leaders will have a board to advise them on older adult issues and help ensure that their needs are being considered and met.
- **PARKS SCORE STUDY**
 - Objective:
 - Develop a study to identify targeted neighborhoods where parks are needed (not serving older adults within a half-mile radius) and where more age-friendly amenities are needed based on the age-friendly parks toolkit and the Trust for Public Land's Park Score tool.
 - Utilize results to identify priority areas for parks additions and improvements and to apply for funding based on need.
 - Outcomes: Increased attention on parks in most need of age-friendly amenities as well as long-term outcomes of increased number of parks and amenities in areas of most need.

- **AGE-FRIENDLY BUSINESSES**
 - Objective:
 - Increase the number of age-friendly businesses in Miami-Dade County by educating the community about the availability of the Miami-Dade Age-Friendly Business District Toolkit and provide technical assistance to communities that are interested in developing similar age-friendly business districts.
 - Explore the possibility of finding a countywide sponsor who will grant businesses in other districts an age-friendly business designation
 - Outcomes: More businesses will have amenities that consider the needs of older adults and make Miami-Dade a place for residents to age in place in their communities
- **COMMUNITY WALKING AUDITS**
 - Objective:
 - Conduct an audit of routes within communities commonly used by older adults in order to obtain an accurate understanding of the difficulty of certain routes and what can be done to make them easier and safer and safer to navigate
 - Report findings and recommendations to key transportation leaders to address concerns and catalyze change
 - Outcomes: Improved walking routes in communities that serve older adults
- **TRANSIT TRAINING & CULTURAL PROMOTION**
 - Objective:
 - Work with Golden Passport, Golden Ticket, and Elder Mobility for Life Coalition to create a toolkit for transit training to teach older adults to utilize transit safely in order to reach daily needs as well as for social and cultural participation.
 - Train older adults to take transit from their homes to cultural centers where they can use both the golden passport for free transportation and golden pass for free tickets to events.
 - Outcomes: Older adults are empowered to use transit and enjoy Miami-Dade offerings that are accessible to them.
- **CROSSWALK IMPROVEMENTS**
 - Objective:
 - Identify the most dangerous streets and crossings for older adults within communities utilizing existing data (local studies, crash data or walking audits) to identify intersections in need of change
 - Work with Miami-Dade Public Works to expand the crosswalk time at intersections that are dangerous and heavily used by older adults
 - Implement additional crosswalk improvements where needed such as shorter crossings, flashing lights, and audible crosswalks
 - Outcomes: Older adults can utilize streets and crossings safely to reach their destinations
- **OLDER ADULT HACK-A-THON**
 - Objective:
 - Provide grants, stipends or “hack-a-thon” events to develop ideas, cultivate individuals to champion ideas, and develop programming to address older adult needs in the community
 - Outcomes: Miami-Dade residents are working toward building tools to address older adult needs.

- **TRANSIT-ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT**
 - Objective:
 - Advocate for transit-oriented development of affordable housing
 - Outcomes: Older adults have more access to affordable housing options as a result of affordable housing being built near transit in order to reduce cost burdens resulting from both housing and transportation costs
- **AGE-FRIENDLY REVIEW OF LOCAL HOUSING ASSISTANCE PLAN / PUBLIC HOUSING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PLANS**
 - Objective:
 - Review and provide recommendations to include age-friendly language and considerations in the Miami-Dade County Local Housing Assistance Plan and/or Public Housing Community Development Plans
 - Outcomes: Future planning documents consider and outline needs of older adults and will help outline future age-friendly housing practices
- **AGE-FRIENDLY HOUSING STANDARDS**
 - Objective:
 - Create and/or promote age-friendly standards for older adult housing
 - Implement a systematic older adult home environment assessment program using checklists such as *Check for Safety: A Home Fall Prevention Checklist for Older Adults* (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) and *Older Adult Fall Prevention Checklist* (National Safety Council) and others
 - Outcomes: Older adults have access to housing that is safe and suited to their needs