



Public Health Roles in Addressing HIV in Older Adults

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Training Goals and Objectives

- Understand the Age-Friendly Public Health Systems (AFPHS) movement
- Identify the 6Cs of the AFPHS Framework
- Describe strategies for applying the Framework to your work or sector

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Independent, non-partisan, public health and prevention focus:

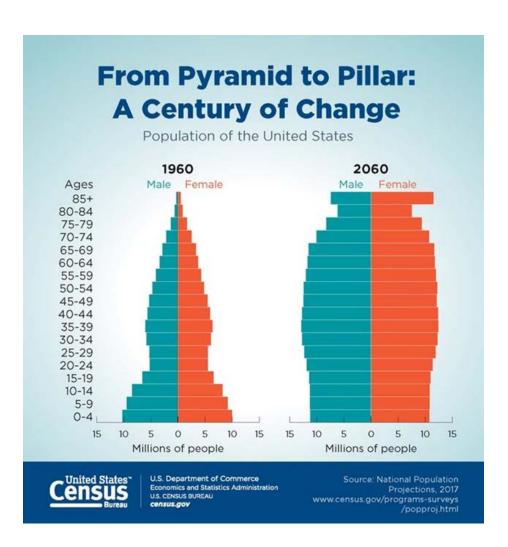
- Advancing evidence-based policy and advocacy with an equity focus
- Improving the health of every community
- Making disease prevention a national priority







Changing Demographics



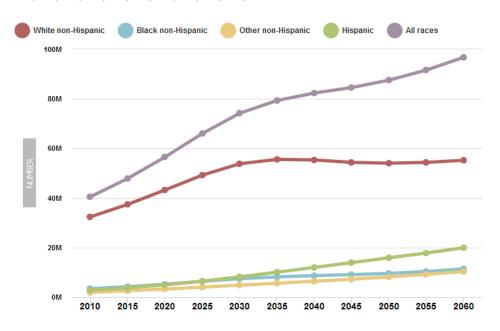




Population Projections by Age, Sex, and Race/Ethnicity

Both Sexes; 65+; United States;

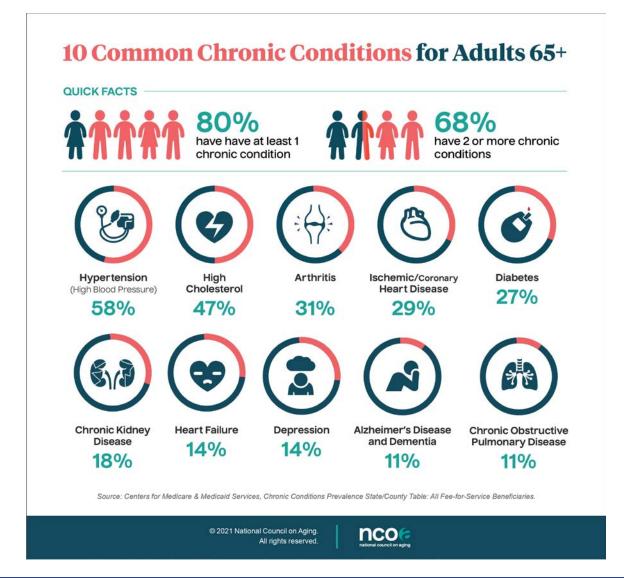
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Source: AARP Public Policy Institute calculations based on Regional Economic Models Inc, eREMI 3.7.0 (build 4042) standard regional control.

AARP DataExplorer, http://dataexplorer.aarp.org/indicator/156/population-projections-by-age-sex-and-raceethnicity#/trend? primarygrp=dist2&dist5=31&dist2=2,6,8,9,10&dist1=13&loc=1&tf=38,37,36,35,34,33,32,31,30,16,11&fmt=496

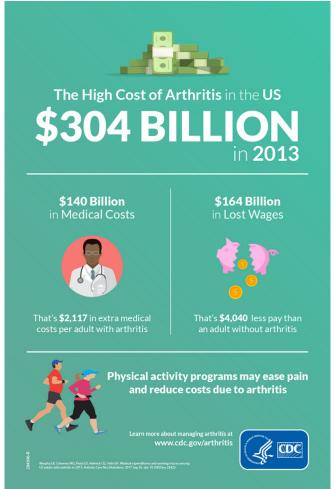
Multiple Health Needs of Older Adults







Pre-COVID-19: Limited Public Health Focus on Older Adults











Falls are Preventable.

















What Is An Age-Friendly Public Health Department?

- Leadership and dedicated staffing
- Dedicated funding for broad healthy aging programs
- State Health Improvement Plan prioritizes healthy aging
- Formal collaboration required across agencies
- Data dashboard includes older adult health information
- Emergency preparedness planning includes older adults





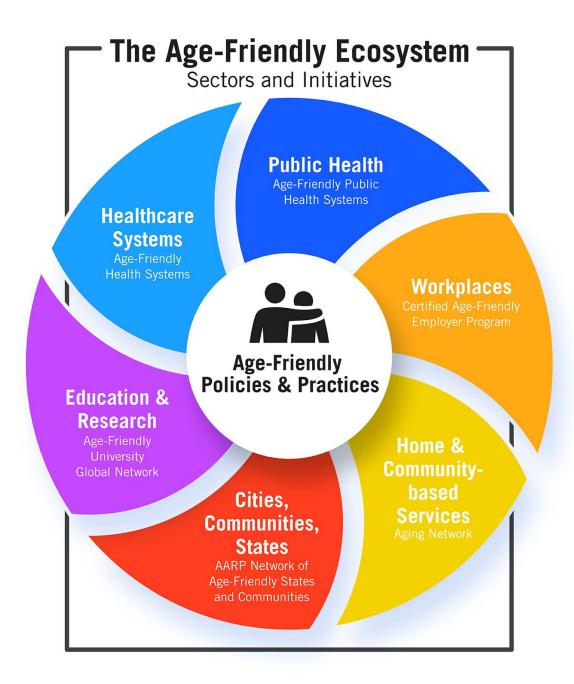
The 6Cs for Creating Age-Friendly Public Health Systems















C1: Creating and Leading Change

- Improve risk reduction and spread of HIV prevention messaging
- Provide workforce training on HIV and aging challenges and solutions, including addressing stigma and mental health
- Include HIV and aging strategies in State and Community Health Improvement Planning
- Work across the age-friendly ecosystem to better align policies and programs that support older people living with HIV (e.g., Multi-sector Plans for Aging)



C2: Connecting and Convening Partners

- Establish or strengthen partnerships across sectors (public health, health care, aging services), specifically to
 - Disseminate prevention messaging (e.g., CDC's <u>Regional</u> <u>Community Engagement Town Halls</u>)
 - Enhance accessibility to screening/testing services
 - Identify and promote mental health supports



C3: Coordinate Existing Supports and Services

- Coordinate care systems from home to community to hospital
- Enhance social supports like transportation and communication
- Assess and expand mental health supports and services
- Identify funding and research needs for advocacy
- Disseminate opportunities for capacity building around prevention (e.g., CDC's <u>Capacity Building Assistance</u> program)



C4: Collecting, Analyzing, and Sharing Data

- Identify data points needed for accurate assessment of the health conditions and challenges of older adults living with HIV
- Develop informational pieces to educate policymakers and the public on the needs of older adults living with HIV
- Assess screening strategies to ensure equitable access to quality health care



C5: Communicating Important Public Health Information

- Develop messaging to reduce stigma and the impact of ageism on older adults living with HIV
- Disseminate suicide prevention resources
- Ensure information about screening/testing services is available in multiple languages and is culturally sensitive
- Invite community residents living with HIV to share their challenges and needs with public health decisionmakers





C6: Complementing Existing Health Promoting Programs

- Ensure consideration of the needs of older people living with HIV in all public health programs and services, such as nutrition education, heart health, diabetes prevention, physical activity and balance classes, and vaccine availability
- Analyze existing public health policies to ensure health equity is woven into all existing programs and services
- Include older adults living with HIV in emergency preparedness planning



Age-Friendly Public Health Systems Resources

- AFPHS Phase III: Public Health Institutes, State Snapshots
- https://afphs.org/resources
- AFPHS monthly trainings
- Public health capacity building and TA
- Other topics
 - Ageism
 - Caregiving
 - Elder abuse
 - Equity
 - Healthy aging in rural settings









Thank You!

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