

Promoting Social and Civic Engagement

- Creating an Elder-Friendly Community
 - The Maturing of America: Getting Communities on Track for an Aging Population National Association of Area Agencies on Aging, in partnership with the International City/County Management Association, National Association of Counties, National League of Cities and Partners for Livable Communities released the results of a survey they conducted of 10,000 local governments to: determine their aging readiness to provide programs, policies and services that address the needs of older adults and their caregivers; to ensure that their communities are livable for persons of all ages; and to harness the talent, wisdom and experience of older adults to contribute to community at large.
<http://www.n4a.org/pdf/MOAFinalReport.pdf>
 - Background
 - Civic Engagement and Older Adults
<http://www.asaging.org/civicing/aboutcivicing.cfm>
 - Older Worker Training
OLDER WORKER TRAINING: WHAT WE KNOW AND DON'T KNOW (#2006-22) Summarizes the literature on the ability of older persons to learn new skills, training issues and questions related to productive employment of older workers. Results indicate that older adults are able to learn new skills, even those involving new technology. When it comes to training, generally what is best for the young adult is also best for the older adult.
http://www.aarp.org/research/work/issues/2006_22_worker.html
 - Boulder County Data: Excerpts from Strengths and Needs Assessment of Older Adults in Boulder County 2004
http://www.co.boulder.co.us/cs/ag/docs/clc/S&N_Excerpts_Promotes.pdf
 - Targeting and Outreach
 - Common Sources of Information for Older Adults: Excerpt from Strengths and Needs Assessment of Older Adults in Boulder County 2004
http://wwwdev.co.boulder.co.us/cs/ag/docs/clc/Common_Sources.pdf
 - Best Practices, Model Programs, Great Ideas
 - Positive and fun website targeting boomers, focus on healthy, active aging and employment.
<http://www.myboomerang.org/>
- Promoting Civic and Social Engagement
- Promising Practices for Engaging Seniors in Community Service
Two reports released by the National Council on Aging's RespectAbility initiative showcase the most promising practices for involving adults aged 55 and older (55+) in civic engagement efforts.
<http://www.ncoa.org/content.cfm?sectionID=11&detail=1642>
 - Community Action Program: CAP is a volunteer program designed to encourage elders to become actively involved in their communities and to enrich the lives of senior housing residents.
<http://www.ncoa.org/content.cfm?sectionID=240&detail=897>

Labor Force Participation

- Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP)
Authorized by Congress in Title V of the Older Americans Act of 1965 to provide subsidized, part-time, community service work based training for low-income persons age 55 or older who have poor employment prospects.
http://www.doleta.gov/Seniors/html_docs/AboutSCSEP.cfm
- The NCOA Senior Environmental Employment (SEE) program mission is to provide a unique opportunity for individuals 55 years or older to be engaged in meaningful work.
<http://www.ncoa.org/content.cfm?sectionid=346>
- Connecting Employers and Mature Workers
http://www.co.boulder.co.us/cs/ag/docs/clc/Employers_Workers.pdf
- Iowa Workforce Seniors Study: 4-page summary of analysis of the senior labor market and workforce dynamics in Iowa (the full report is also available at this site). This study (a) examines the occupational structures and roles being filled by aging Iowans, (b) identifies variables related to continued workforce participation among aging Iowans, and (c) distinguishes organizations that employ aging Iowans from those that do not.
<http://www.centeronaging.uiowa.edu/WhatWeDo/IowaWorkforceSeniorsStudy-FourPagerFinalOctober31.pdf>

Volunteerism

- Family Friends: matches volunteers 55 years and older with families who have children with disabilities, chronic illnesses, and who are otherwise at risk.
<http://www.family-friends.org/>
- Volunteer Senior Ranger Corps
<http://www.community.ups.com/downloads/pdfs/VSRCbrochure.pdf>

Image of Aging

- Writing competition on “Aging Well” at University of Arkansas.
<http://dailyheadlines.uark.edu/5885.htm>

Other

- ElderHostel Pittsburgh - Enhances the quality of life of elders by adapting an existing program model and capitalizing on local resources.
http://www.vnsny.org/advantage/tools/Advantage_best.pdf#search=%22vnsny%20best%20practices%22 (page 24)
- Stakeholder-Involved Strategies
Mather Café Plus - Reaches older adults who are not interested in traditional senior center offerings by working with older people in the community to design what they want and then implementing it.
http://www.vnsny.org/advantage/tools/Advantage_best.pdf#search=%22vnsny%20best%20practices%22 (page 16)