# AGING IN PLACE AND THE ROLE OF THE KANSAS AAA NETWORK

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### Aging in Place

#### According to a 2021 AARP Survey 77% of adults 50 and older want to remain in their home "for the long term"

### The Value and Benefits of Aging in Place

- Maintain a high level of control over their life
- People find great value in staying close to their possessions, living where they are comfortable
- Encourages people to remain active by taking care of their own needs/household

- Live on their own terms improves their happiness and increases independence
- Allows people to stay connected with their community/circle of friends that have become important to them
- Contribute to better quality of life

#### Aging in Place and the Importance of Maintaining Connection

- Risk of Isolation and Ioneliness
- Surgeon General –a critical public health concern
- Increased risk of heart disease, stroke, depression, cognitive decline/dementia...
- Ability to conduct ADL/IADLs
- Medication and treatment adherence

Social Connections Benefits

- Less likely to die prematurely
- Enjoy better health and have a better immune system
- Healthier eating habits
- Better coping mechanisms
- Maintain independence

# Tips for Aging in Place

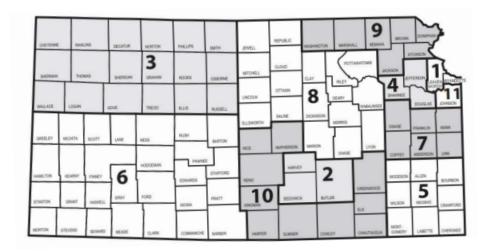
**Plan Ahead** 

- Accessible home bathroom, bedroom, laundry, repairs
- Address fall risks/safety concerns
- Build or maintain a support system
- Make social interactions a daily routine
- Physical Health/Activity Use it or lose it!

Seeking Support when Needed

- Transportation
- Support during Medical Appts.
- Housekeeping/shopping
- Yard work
- Address hearing issues
- Mental Wellness
- Ask for Help

#### How Can AAA's Help?



1. Wyandotte-Leavenworth ADRC: Kansas City Information 913-573-8531 or 888-661-1444 Legal Services 913-621-0200 Website: www.wycokck.org

2. Central Plains ADRC: Wichita Information 316-660-5120 or 800-367-7298 Legal Services 888-353-5337 Website: www.cpaaa.org

3. Northwest Kansas ADRC: Hays Information 785-628-8204 or 800-432-7422 Legal Services 785-625-4514 Website: www.nwkaaa.com

4. Jayhawk ADRC: Topeka Information 785-235-1367 or 800-798-1366 Legal Services 785-354-8531 Website: www.jhawkaaa.org 5. Southeast Kansas ADRC: Chanute Information 620-431-2980 or 800-794-2440 Legal Services 620-232-1330 Website: www.sekaaa.com

6. Southwest Kansas ADRC: Dodge City Information 620-225-8230 or 800-742-9531 Legal Services 888-353-5337 Website: www.swkaaa.org

7. East Central Kansas ADRC: Ottawa Information 785-242-7200 or 800-633-5621 Legal Services 800-479-6520 Website: www.eckaaa.org

8. North Central/Flint Hills ADRC: Manhattan Information 785-776-9294 or 800-432-2703 Legal Services 785-537-2943 Website: www.ncfhaaa.com 9. Northeast Kansas ADRC: Hiawatha Information 785-742-7152 or 800-883-2549 Legal Services 785-336-6016 Website: www.nekaaa.org

10. South Central Kansas ADRC: Arkansas City Information 620-442-0268 or 800-362-0264 Legal Services 888-353-5337 Website: www.sckaaa.org

11. Johnson County ADRC: Olathe Aging Info Line 913-715-8861 or Information 888-214-4404 Legal Services 913-621-0200 Website: www.jocogov.org

### AAAs Have a Variety of Services/Resources

- Information and Assistance
- Caregiver programs caregivers of any age caring for 60+, 60 adults caring for grandchildren and caregivers caring for adults 18+ with a disability
- Transportation
- In home services SCA
- Minor Home Repair
- Case management
- Nutrition Home Delivered Meals/Congregate Meals
- Health and Wellness in person and virtual
- Assessment for HCBS FE, PD, BI and PACE
- Connection to Community Resources
  Services available at the AAAs may vary.

## Who is eligible

- Older Americans Act funded programs- 60 and Older
- SCA -60 and older
- Caregiver at least age 18, caring for an adult 60+; caring for adults 18+ with a disability
- Grandparents 60+ raising grandchildren
  Some programs may require an assessment to determine eligibility

#### Additional Services Provided by AAAs

CARE Program

Administrative Case Management

Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC)

- Options Counseling
- Assessment for Medicaid Waiver programs:
  - FE, PD, BI and PACE
- Statewide Call Center

Medicare Program (SHICK, MIPPA, SMP)

#### Questions from the Audience?

#### Support When You Need It.

Our knowledgeable staff help answer questions and offer options to older adults, persons with disabilities and caregivers. We're just a call, email or chat away.

855-200-2372 info-kadrc@cpaaa.org



Call 1.855.200.ADRC (2372) KANSAS AGING & DISABILITY Resource Center

#### **Presentation Sources**

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