Who's Who: Four Age-Friendly Organizations to Understand

Age-Friendly Minnesota Council



This Governor-appointed Council is comprised of nine state agencies and six public members. They lead collaborative efforts to make state systems and communities more inclusive of and responsive to older adults, including work with state agencies, investments in community grants, and supports for Minnesota's Multisector Blueprint on Aging. Established in 2019 and reauthorized through June 30, 2027 by the Legislature in the 2021 Special Session.

Minnesota Board on Aging



This Governor-appointed Board is comprised of 25 public volunteers. As Minnesota's federally designated State Unit on Aging, they work to ensure government plans for Older American's Act meet all requirements as well as administer state and federal funds, provide technical assistance, and support activities that advance the best interests of older Minnesotans.

Minnesota Leadership Council on Aging



This non-profit, non-partisan, statewide organization includes 34 organizations in the state's aging sector. Uniting leaders to advance equitable opportunities for all Minnesotans as we age, they build strong relationships, host powerful convenings, and mobilize collective efforts to advance age-friendly policy and initiatives.

AARP Minnesota



As the state chapter of AARP - the nation's largest non-profit, non-partisan organization dedicated to empowering people 50 and older - AARP Minnesota serves more than 620,000 Minnesota members to support legislation that strengthens communities, older people and their families. Minnesota was the 10th state to join the AARP Network of Age-Friendly States and Communities.

Clarification: Two State Plans of Note

Minnesota's State Plan on Aging

The Minnesota State Plan on Aging is a document mandated by the federal Older Americans Act. The current plan, submitted to the federal government spans 2023-2027 outlines how services and supports will be given to people 60 years or older. The plan details how federal Older Americans Act dollars will be utilized in the state. It also documents achievements, planned activities, and provides a state framework related to programs, activities and services for older Minnesotans.



Minnesota's Multisector Blueprint on Aging

Co-created by over 3,500 Minnesotans and community organizations by the Age-Friendly Minnesota Council, this plan spans 2025-2035 and is a strategic, cross-sector framework for improving lives of all Minnesotans as we age. The plan includes four domains: 1) Connected Communities, 2) Emergency Preparedness, Individual Rights and Safety, 3) Optimized Health and Longevity, and 4) Economic Security and Vitality

