

# A Community Approach to Aging: How the SAPGA Can Help

*Research for the Strategic Action Planning Group on Aging*

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# Initial Charge: Highlight Programs

What **evidence-based programs** offer services and supports that help residents to independently age in place?

# Revised Charge: **Highlight Strategies**

What **critical success factors** contribute to successful community-based programs that support aging in place?

# Research Approach



STEP 1

**Identify** the needs of older adults in Colorado.



STEP 2

**Select** promising programs that address seniors' needs.



STEP 3

**Develop** a framework for successful implementation of programs that support aging in place.



STEP 4

**Highlight** policy levers and strategies to support community-based aging programs.

# Areas of Need Among Colorado's Older Adults



# A Framework for Implementing Healthy Aging Programs in Colorado Communities

1. Understand the Needs of Older Adults in the Community

2. Choose the Right Program

3. Develop Community Partnerships

4. Measure Impact

5. Create Financial Sustainability

# Opportunities for the SAPGA

- Disseminate Findings
- Convene Community Leaders
- Encourage Funding Prioritization
- Fund Planning Grants and Technical Assistance
- Enhance State and Local Data Collection
- Align and Collaborate with Colorado's No Wrong Door Initiative



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