

Aging Services Coalition of Northwest Colorado

Summary of activity and initiatives

2020-21

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Coalition overview

Northwest Colorado Health initiative, funded by Next50

Grand, Jackson, Moffat, Rio Blanco and Routt Counties

Objective:

- Assess existing gaps and barriers to older adult services
- Create a collaborative environment for addressing identified needs

We built a community of 50 individuals representing 30 agencies/organizations

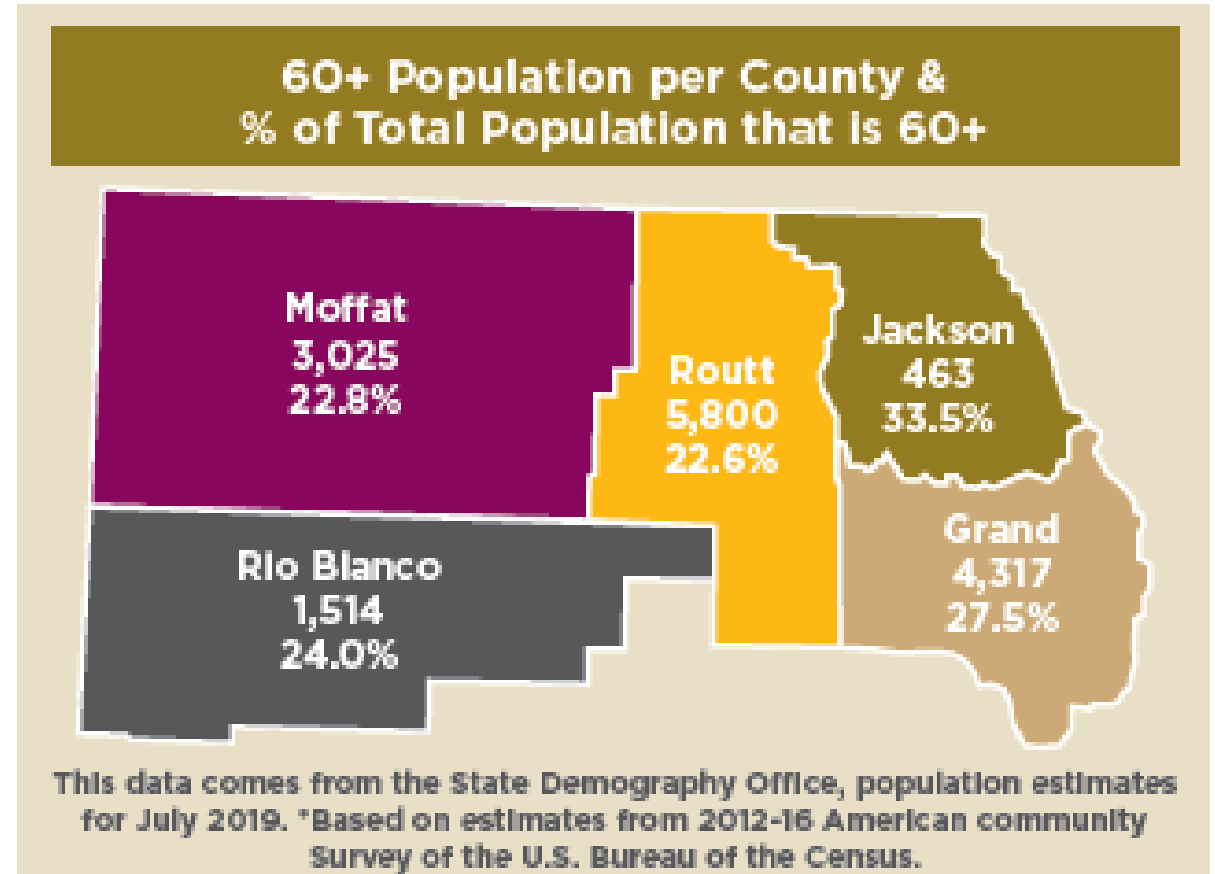
Time frame: Nov. 2019 – Nov. 2021



Population served

- *24% older adults live alone vs. 9% overall population
- 57% of respondents live alone
 - Meal programs
 - Senior living
 - Senior centers

* per CHI survey

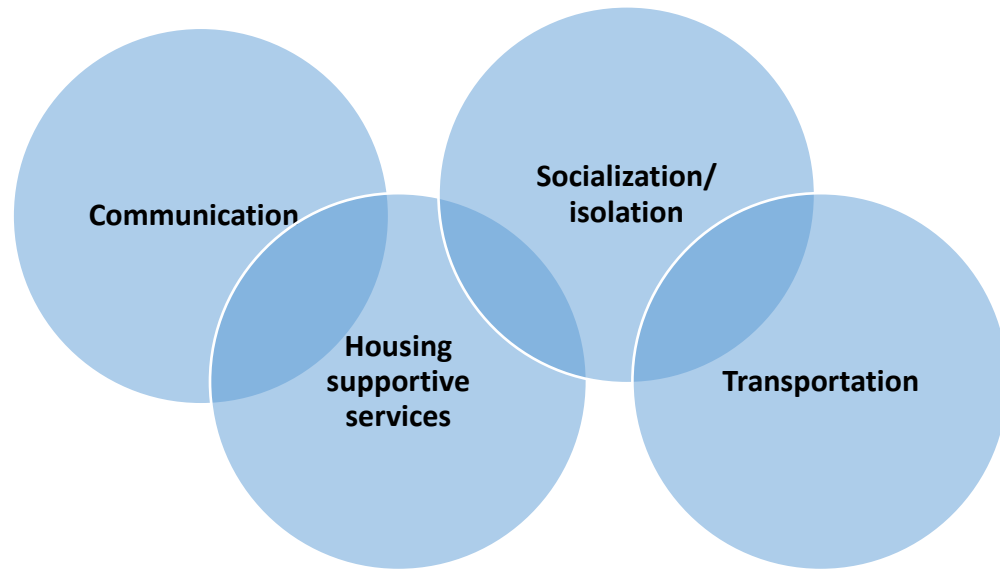


Service providers

Service	Available	Not Available
AAA	Region 11: Moffat, Rio Blanco, Routt* Region 12: Grand and Jackson	
ADRC	Region 11	Most services provided through Vintage
Council on Aging	Grand, Jackson, Routt	Moffat, Rio Blanco
Senior Centers	Craig, Granby, Walden, Steamboat Springs	None in Rio Blanco
Senior Housing Communities	Grand, Moffat, Rio Blanco & Routt	None in Jackson
Housing Authority resource	Grand, Routt (YVHA)	Jackson, Moffat, Rio Blanco
Food delivery/services	All	
Transportation	All*	*Meeker – losing drivers

Needs assessment survey

- Which services are needed to remain living independently?
- What are barriers to accessing services?
- Awareness of services



Key takeaways from survey...

- Significant need to make people aware of resources (social, transportation, supportive services)
 - Rely on local senior centers & local news papers
 - Paper, online and phone options all important
- Independent community
 - 73% drive themselves
 - Where to find, how to use and what is available are obstacles
- Housing supportive services needed
 - Handyman
 - Home modifications
 - Chore services
 - Person to help identify resources

Initiatives to address identified needs

- Aging Services Hub:
first stop for older adult services, resources and referrals
- Identify & implement resources
 - *Seniors Blue Book*
 - *2-1-1*
 - *Housing Resource Guide*
- Promote and educate community, providers, policy makers, leaders creating an older adults mindset



Next for the Aging Services Coalition

Work as a collaborative unit identifying creative solutions for communities working with limited resources

- Solidify hubs in each community
- Identify resources for SBB
- Develop resources for older adults
- Create older adults mindset in county, town and community leadership

Everyone deserves to age with dignity!