CLARK COUNTY COMMISSION on AGING

2021 ANNUAL REPORT

Agenda

- Commission charge
- 2021 focus
- Findings & recommendations
- Aging Readiness Plan implementation
- 2022 work plan
- Discussion

Commission on Aging

- Provide leadership in addressing the special needs of the aging population
- Manage and assist with implementation of the Aging Readiness Plan

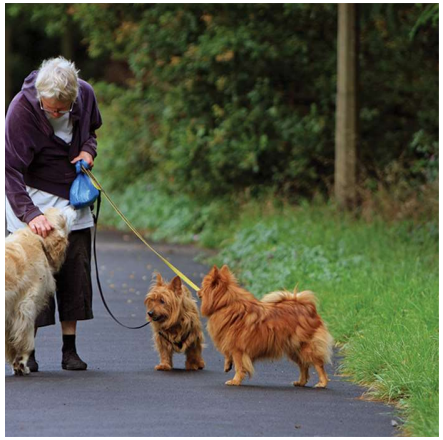
Focus Areas

Housing 2016

Supportive Services 2017

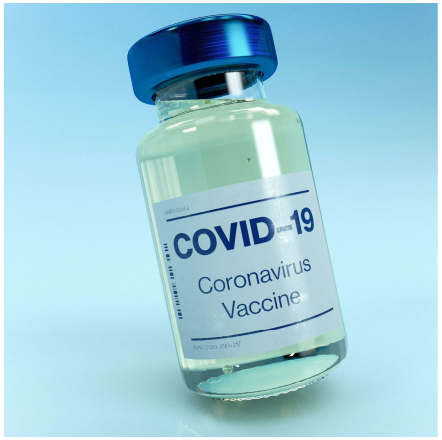
Transportation 2018

Healthy Communities 2019



COVID-19 Impacts 2020

Road to Recovery from COVID-19 2021



Road to Recovery from COVID-19

- Kick-off
- First and early responders
- Serious illness and caregiver support
- Food as medicine
- Social determinants of health
- Housing and homelessness
- Personal economics/financial recovery

Findings & Recommendations: Community Engagement

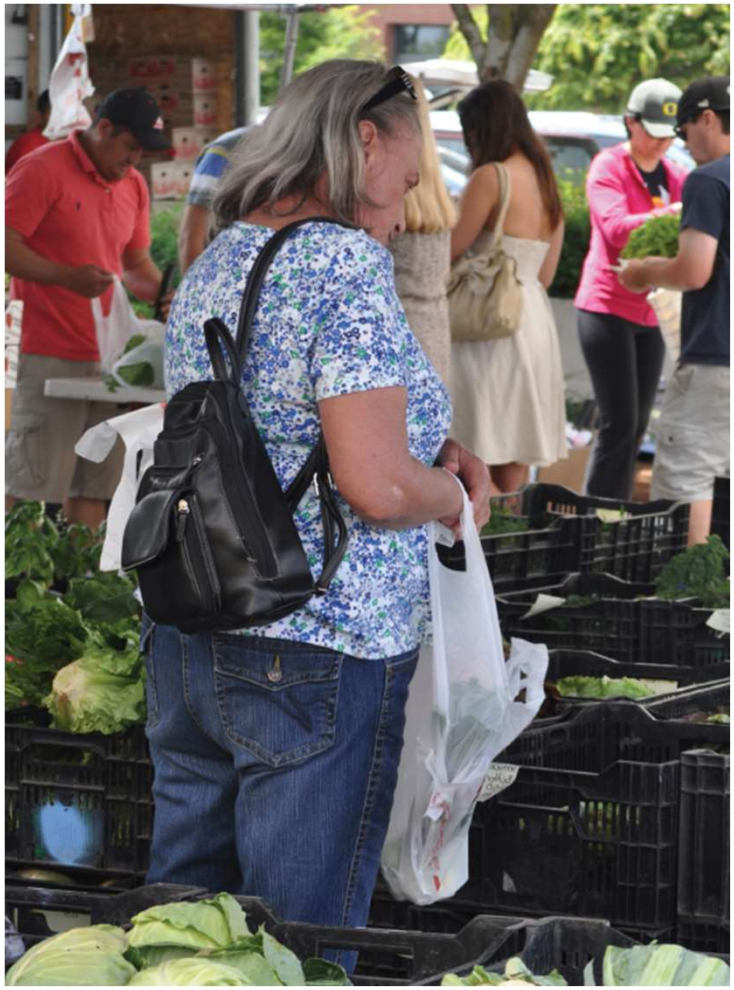
- Finding
  - Phone and video calls helped but could not replace in-person connection
  - Many examples of innovation
- Recommendation
  - Share best practices for communicating with older adults

Findings & Recommendations: Supportive Services

- Finding
  - Significant impacts to professional and family caregivers
- Recommendation
  - Employers can better support caregivers through review and revision of HR policies
  - Examples provided in Recognize, Assist, Include, Support, & Engage (RAISE) Family Caregivers Act Initial Report to Congress

Findings & Recommendations: Healthy Communities

- Finding
  - Healthy food and lifestyles could increase resiliency in future health pandemics
  - Racial disparities in health outcomes
- Recommendations
  - Build relationships and trust with underserved community members
  - Schools, workplaces, and hospitals can promote healthy eating and lifestyle options

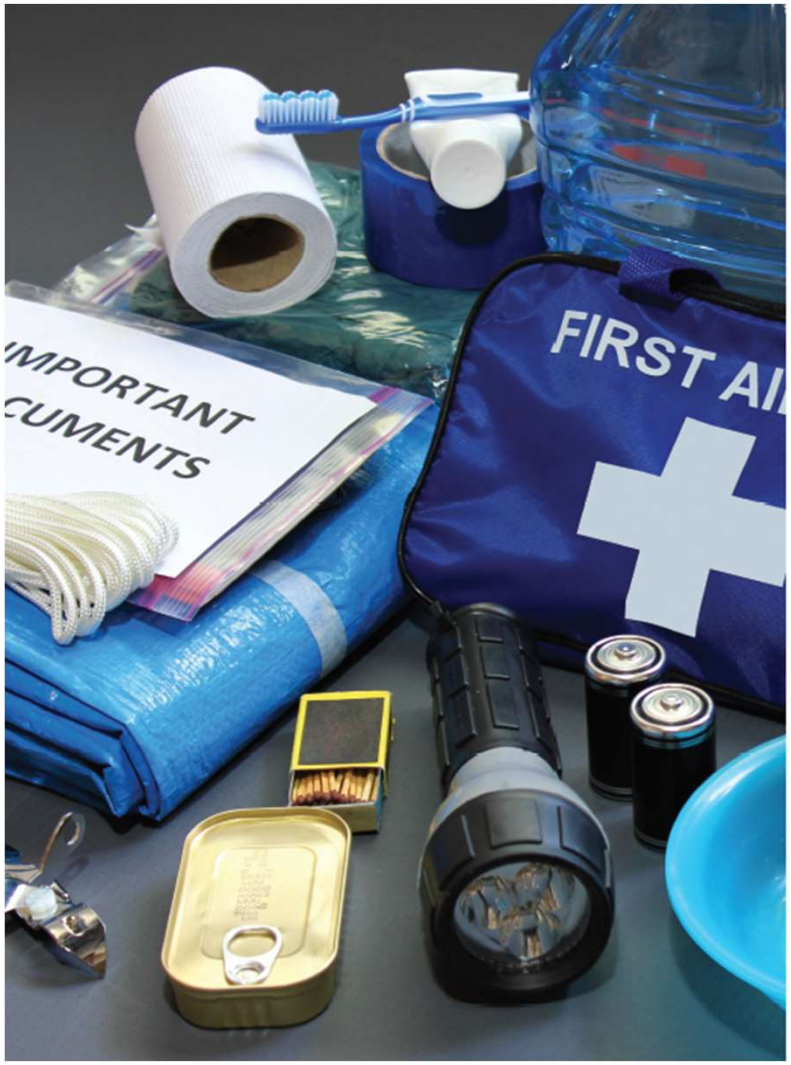


Findings & Recommendations: Housing

- Finding
  - Housing challenges existed before the pandemic and the pandemic has exacerbated housing challenges for some families
- Recommendation
  - Create policy and adopt development code to remove barriers for non-profits, housing authorities and mission-driven housing developers to build housing affordable to people priced out of market-rate housing

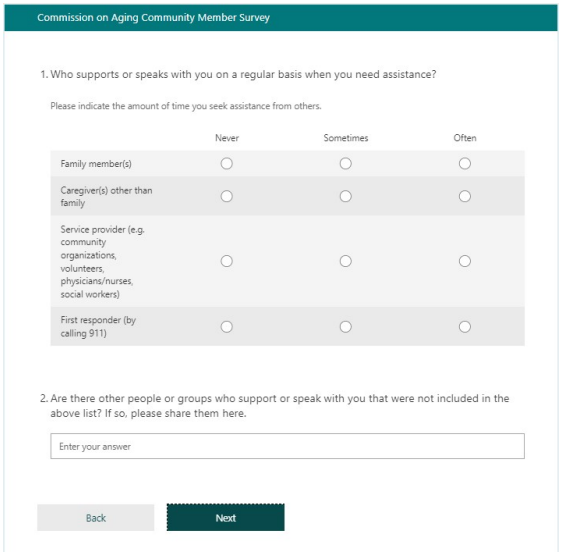
Findings & Recommendations: Emergency Preparedness

- Finding
  - Being prepared for a wide range of emergencies can help during a crisis
- Recommendations
  - Emergency Preparedness presentations and trainings from CRESA
  - Add Emergency Preparedness chapter to the Aging Readiness Plan in 2022



Aging Readiness Plan Implementation Updates

- North County Shuttle Service
- Housing projects
- Silver Citizen Award
- Community member survey



Commission on Aging Community Member Survey

1. Who supports or speaks with you on a regular basis when you need assistance?

Please indicate the amount of time you seek assistance from others.

	Never	Sometimes	Often
Family member(s)	○	○	○
Caregiver(s) other than family	○	○	○
Service provider (e.g. community organizations, volunteers, physicians/nurses, social workers)	○	○	○
First responder (by calling 911)	○	○	○

2. Are there other people or groups who support or speak with you that were not included in the above list? If so, please share them here.

Enter your answer

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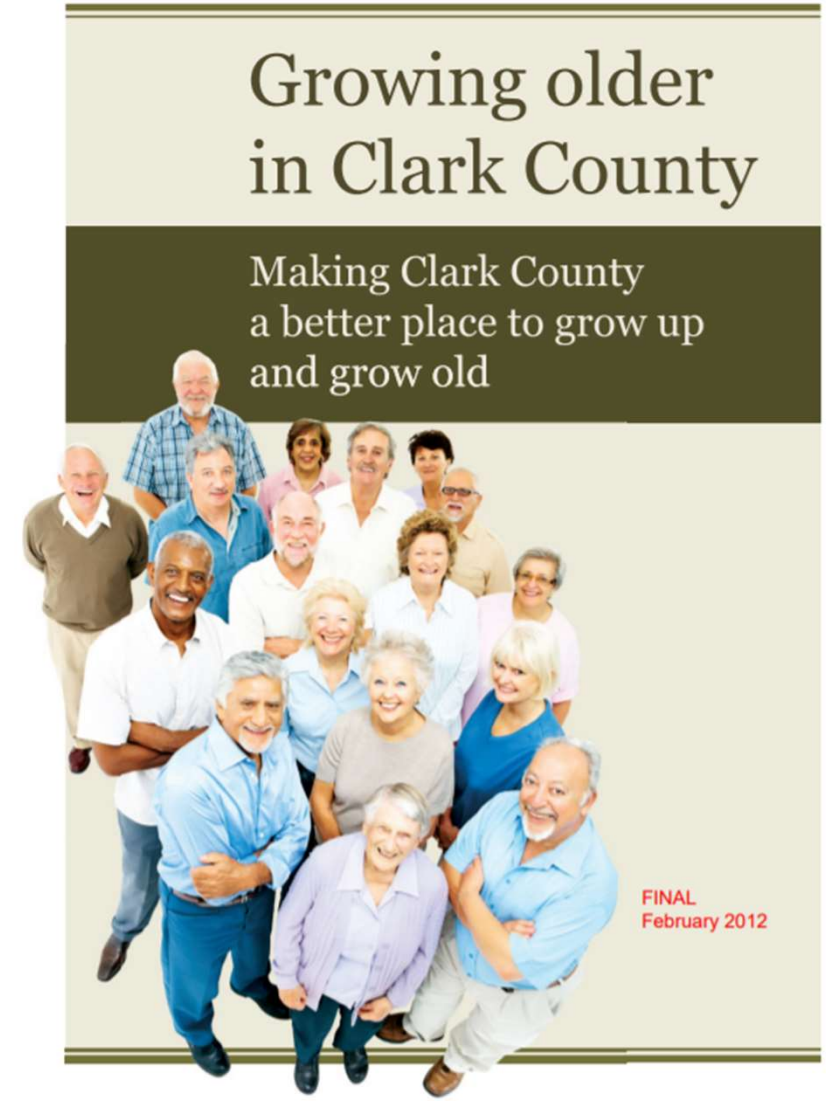
2022 Work Plan

- Innovation through Connection
  - Fireside chats
  - Program of the month
- Aging Readiness Plan Update



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Comments and questions

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