

White House Conference on Aging Minnesota's Recommendations

Minnesota Gerontological Society Webinar
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White House Conference on Aging (WHCOA) Purpose

The White House Conference on Aging is a decennial event held to develop recommendations for the President and Congress on issues, policy and research in the field of aging.

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WHCOA History

The 2015 White House Conference on Aging will be the sixth conference held.

Previous WHCOAs were in 1961, 1971, 1981, 1995 and 2005.

WHCOA History

Past conferences contributed to the establishment of key aging programs such as:

- Medicare and Medicaid (enacted 1965)
- The Older Americans Act (enacted 1965)
- Supplemental Security Income Program
- Social Security reforms (1961)
- Creation of a national nutrition program for older persons (1971)
- Establishment of the national aging network (1971)
- Booming dynamics (2005)

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Report Development Process

WHCOA established themes & guidelines

MBA Planning Committee formed

Local sessions conducted

Input integrated

Comments/revisions

FEDERAL report submitted



Local Sessions (12)

LeadingAge Minnesota

Rochester

St. Cloud

Moose Lake

Aitkin

MN Gerontological Society

Redwood Falls

World Elder Abuse

Awareness Day

Odyssey Conference (x2)

Maple Grove

Moorhead



2015 WHCOA Themes

- Retirement Security
- Healthy Aging
- Long-term Services and Supports
- Elder Justice

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Retirement Security

- Maintain and strengthen Social Security.
- Encourage greater private investment to save for retirement.
- Increase support for continued employment of older workers.
- Educate people of all ages about saving for retirement.
- Make health care and housing more affordable for older adults.

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Healthy Aging

- Encourage older adults to take action to be healthy.
- Improve the physical, social and service infrastructures of communities to support older adults aging in their community.
- Increase capacity at all levels to identify and treat mental illnesses in older adults.

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Long-Term Services and Supports

- Support unpaid, informal caregivers.
- Improve LTSS through new payment models.
- Streamline LTSS and increase coordination with other services needed by older adults.
- Address the increasing LTSS workforce shortage.

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Elder Justice

- Increase funding for elder abuse prevention and response
- Conduct public awareness campaign
- Combat financial scams against older adults

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