

Minnesota Gerontological Society 2015 Conference

White House Conference on Aging Listening Session

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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.



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.



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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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2015 WHCOA Themes

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



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2015 WHCOA Website

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