# Cabinet on Aging Overarching Goal

We can all age safely, affordably, and in ways and settings that best meet our needs.

# Cabinet on Aging Focus Areas

Support sustainable living for older adults in communities.

Support
community
connections to
improve quality
of life, inclusion,
and engagement
of adults

Engage older adults in active retirement by supporting work and volunteer opportunities.

### **Proposed Priorities**

#### Sustainable Living

Areas	of	Focus
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#### Cabinet on Aging Strategies (2023-2026)

Support sustainable living for older adults in communities

- Map the Community Continuum of Care to identify capacity and projected need for long-term services and supports and community resources at the county level.
   Increase access to affordable housing and housing with services options.
- Improve access to energy efficient housing, weatherization, and heating assistance.
- Increase access to home repair and home modification services and home safety.
- Reduce food insecurity for older adults.
- Promote financial literacy that develops skills and knowledge to help people with informed decisions about resources.
- Support elder justice strategies that improve prevention, detection, and response to abuse and exploitation.
- Elevate strategies that attract and build direct care workforce capacity.
- Expand supportive services to informal caregivers.
- Pilot delivery of non-emergency transportation to older adults.

## Proposed Priorities

#### **Community Connections**

Areas of Focus

Cabinet on Aging Strategies (2023-2026)

Support community connections that improve quality of life, inclusion, and engagement of older adults

- Improve coordination with volunteer networks for transportation needs.
- Partner with communities to strengthen information and referral systems and navigation services to connect people to resources.
- Engage with municipalities on local and regional housing needs.
- Support community interventions that address social isolation/loneliness.
- Promote digital literacy and affordable access to the internet.

### **Proposed Priorities**

#### **Active Retirement and Work**

Areas of Focus

Cabinet on Aging Strategies (2023-2026)

Engage older residents in active retirement by supporting work and volunteer opportunities.

- Explore and promote strategies for retaining and attracting older workers in the workforce to leverage skills and experience.
- Support/promote volunteerism and community service.
- Lead by example as an age friendly employer.