

# Age-Friendly Communities



Outreach Program

# Interactive Maps for Age-Friendly Planning: User Guide

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# General Information

The Interactive Maps for Age-Friendly Community Planning (Interactive Maps) were designed to help spread promising practices and create opportunities for collaboration between AFCIs in Ontario. There are two maps of Ontario that display (1) the locations of the province's age-friendly community initiatives (AFCIs), as well as their activities being implemented, and (2) the organizations and agencies related to age-friendly principles.

The Interactive Maps are updated regularly and provide over 100 spatial data layers to explore.

## Ontario AFCIs and Age-Friendly Activities – Map 1

This map provides information about the names and locations of the AFCIs currently active in Ontario. This map also features programs, projects, services, and activities currently active and being implemented by AFCIs in Ontario. This map is organized into the following nine layers:

- AFCIs in Ontario
- Outdoor Spaces & Public Buildings
- Transportation
- Housing
- Social Participation
- Respect and Social Inclusion
- Civic Participation and Employment
- Communication and Information
- Community Support and Health Services

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## Ontario AFCIs and Related Organizations – Map 2

This map provides information about the names and locations of the AFCIs currently active in Ontario. It also focuses on the different agencies and organizations related to age-friendly principles. This map is organized into the following five layers:

- Seniors Active Living Centres
- Health Units
- Ontario Aging Programs and Research Centres
- Ontario Councils on Aging
- Seniors' Centre Without Walls

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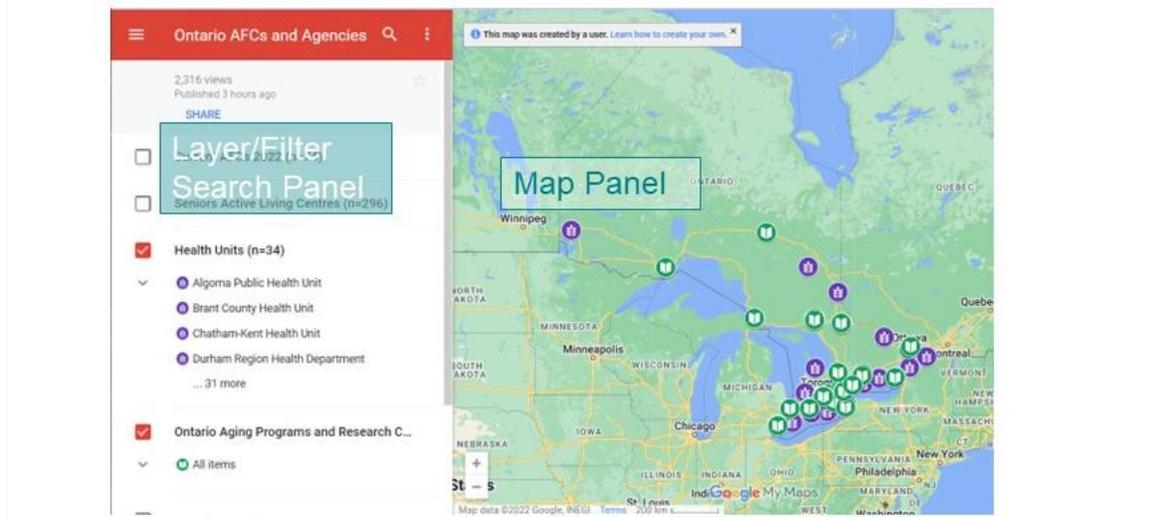
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# Interactive Map Functionality Overview

The interactive maps are split into two sections: Layer Filters/ Search Panel and the Map Panel. Follow this general workflow when using the interactive maps:

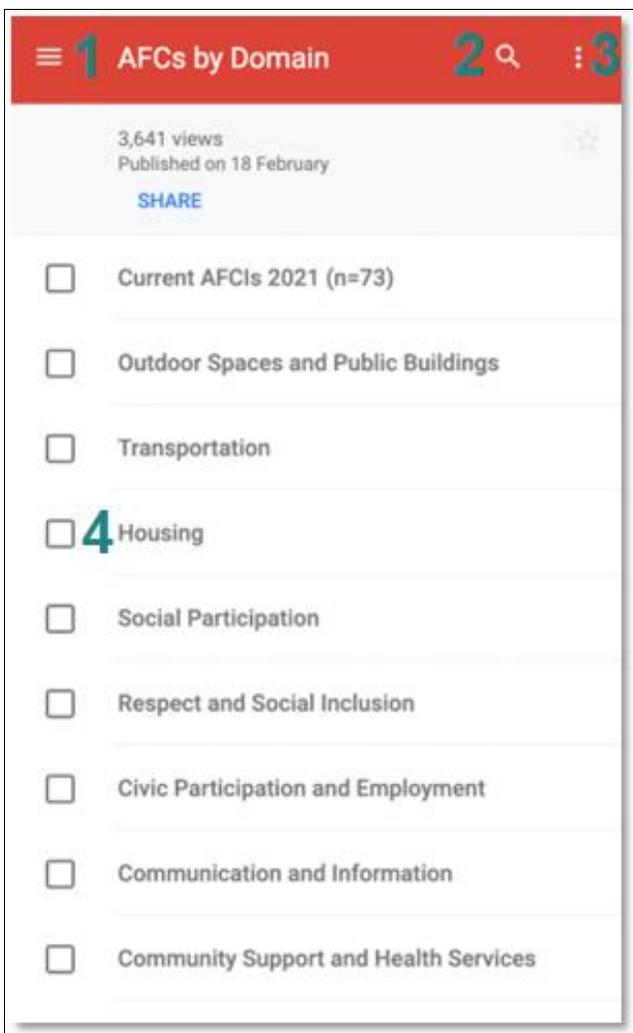
1. Use the Layer Filter/Search Panel to select layers and make them available in the Map Panel
2. Use the tools in the Map Panel to explore and analyze the selected map layers.



This section provides an overview of the features in the panels. Additional detailed instructions on using the features are included in subsequent sections of this document.

## Quick Guide to Using the Layer Filter/ Search Panel

The Layer Filter/ Search Panel contains buttons and a search box to assist in browsing data layers or targeting specific layers to add to the map.



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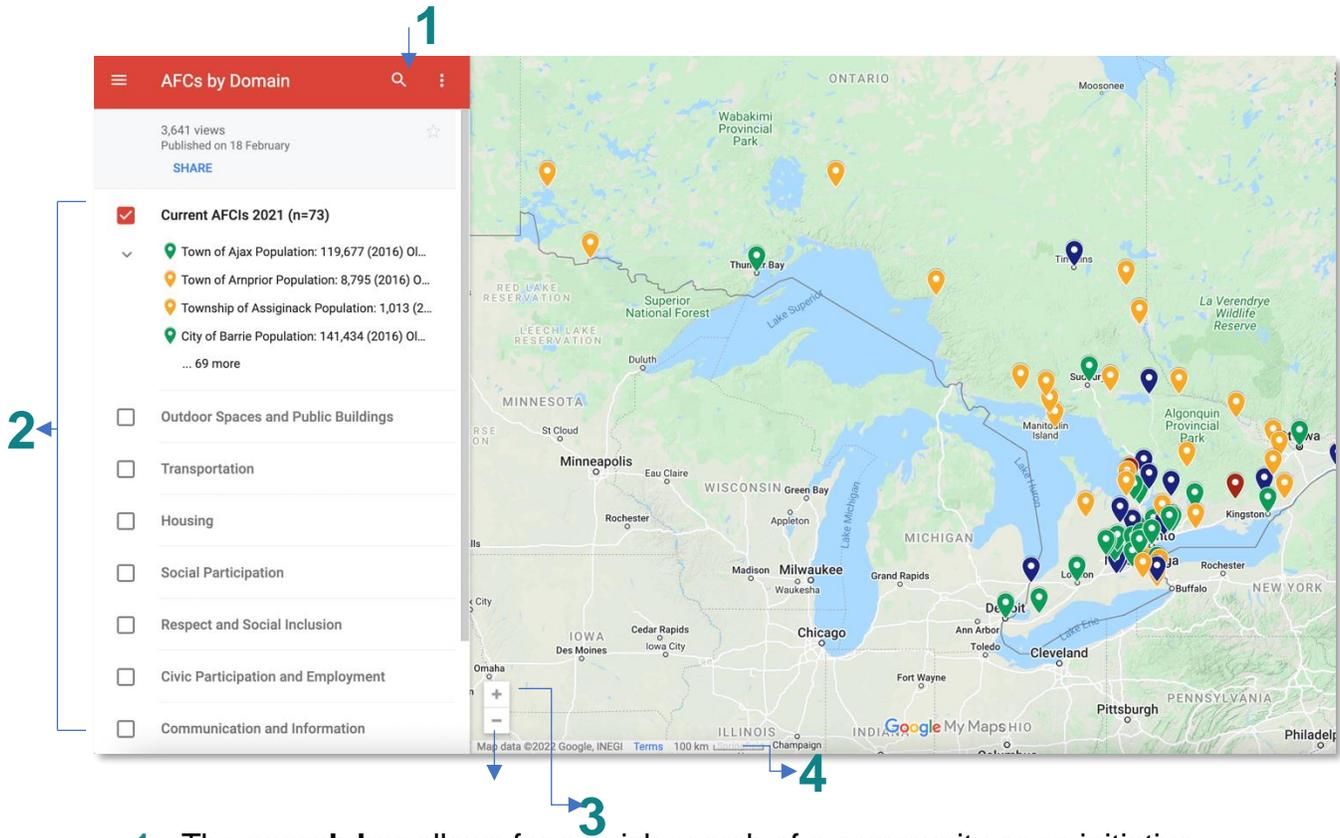
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- Current AFCIs 2021 (n=73)
- Outdoor Spaces and Public Buildings
- Transportation
- 4 Housing
- Social Participation
- Respect and Social Inclusion
- Civic Participation and Employment
- Communication and Information
- Community Support and Health Services

1. Click to access help resources: Share, download or print the map & use the map layers
2. Search map with keywords
3. Use the star to view the map in Google
4. Click to expand each view under that Domain

## Quick Guide to Using the Map Panel

The Map Panel contains the map, map elements, a location search box, and other buttons that provide tools for map navigation, display, and analysis.



1. The **search bar** allows for a quick search of a community or an initiative.
2. The **layer list** button opens a pop-up listing of all operational layers currently on the map. Each layer includes a set of actions that may be taken to change the appearance or obtain more information about the layer]
3. The **Zoom in** button (+) magnifies the map into the center and  
The **Zoom out** button (=) zooms the map out from the center.
4. The **scalebar** shows the distance on the map. This can be adjusted based on the zoom level.

**Note:** If an AFCI is currently implementing more than one activity in different AFC domains, then the icons will automatically layer on top of each other making it difficult to seeing multiple icons. In such a case, deselect map layers to view the icons and initiatives one at a time for a particular community.

# Current AFCIs

The number of AFCIs in Ontario continues to grow across the four regions of the province: north, east, central, and southwest. This layer embedded in each map displays active AFCIs in Ontario.

AFCIs are believed to be a promising way to keep older adults healthy to help foster positive health, social participation, and health equity. This layer aims to help communities of similar size and region connect and compare their structures and services to other areas, thus creating a more accessible and inclusive AFC for older people with varying needs and capacities.

## Current AFCIs

	Large: Population greater than 100,000
	Medium: Population 30,000 to 99,000
	Small: Population 1,000 to 29,000
	Rural: Population less than 999
Statistics Canada, 2015 Source: <a href="https://www150.statcan.gc.ca/n1/pub/92-627-x/2015001/article/00001-eng.htm">Census Dictionary Population Centre</a>	

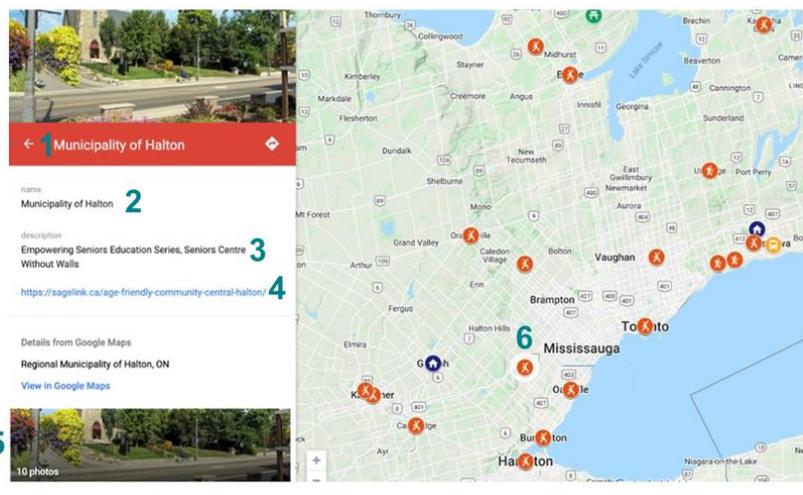
This layer is embedded in each map. It displays active AFCIs in Ontario

This layer provides information on a community's name, population size, and links to the AFCIs profiles. Each AFCI has a color-coded pin to represent the population size, as shown below. There are 73 available layers.

## Accessing More Information (Current AFCIs)

Each layer displays a community's name, the size of the population, and a link to the community's AFCI profile to access more information and a few display pictures if available.

- 1 A **Back Button** to return to the homepage or to go back to the full layer list
- 2 The **communities name** is displayed on the left side of the Search/Filter Panel
- 3 A **descriptive title** of the Activity
- 4 A **Link** to the Communities AFCI Profile
- 5 A **Photo** of the community if available
- 6 A **highlighted pin** shows the area being viewed on the map



# Map 1: Ontario AFCIs and Age-Friendly Activities

The World Health Organization (WHO) has identified eight overlapping domains of community life that affect an individual’s well-being and independence, and active living in physical and social environments. This map shows Ontario communities that have programs, projects, services, or initiatives specific to each AFC domain.

With AFCIs carrying out age-friendly planning and implementation in their local community, the purpose of this map is to allow other communities an opportunity to look at successful promising practices in Ontario, with which they can compare and connect.



## Link to Map 1

[https://www.google.com/maps/d/u/0/viewer?mid=1sPPkYbV6Xc2IWqkSzg\\_f1vrQ9m\\_z1a\\_m&ll=46.16699528542555%2C-84.53127065&z=6](https://www.google.com/maps/d/u/0/viewer?mid=1sPPkYbV6Xc2IWqkSzg_f1vrQ9m_z1a_m&ll=46.16699528542555%2C-84.53127065&z=6)

# Map 2: Ontario AFCIs and Related Organizations

This map features five layers and provides information about the names and locations of the AFCs currently active in Ontario and the different agencies as well as organizations related to age-friendly principles.

We encourage communities to leverage these local partnership ideas to strengthen their efforts. Partnerships with organizations, groups, and networks allow for a response to emerging challenges, facilitate the spread of promising practices, and allow for an opportunity for shared solution-finding.

**AFCI Domain Layers**

- Seniors Active Living Centres (SALC) Health Units
- Ontario Aging Programs & Research Centres
- Ontario Councils on Aging
- Seniors' Centres Without Walls (SCWW)
- English
- French
- Multilingual
- Other Languages

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## Link to Map 2

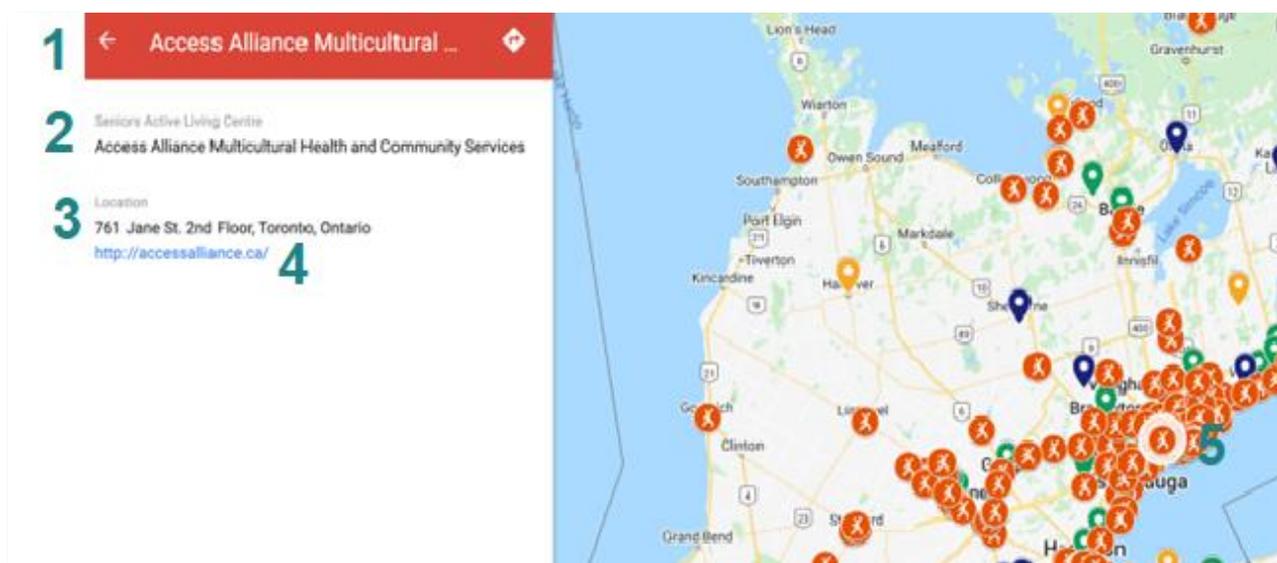
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# Accessing More Information

## AFCIs and Organizations

Each layer displays an organization's name, address, and a link to the organization's AFCI profile to access more information.

Below is an example of exploring the [Access Alliance Multicultural Health and Community Services](#) layer:



### Features

1. [Back button](#) to return to the homepage or to go back to the full layer list
2. The [organization's name](#) is displayed on the left side of the search panel/ layer filter
3. A [primary address](#) is included to pinpoint an organization's location
4. A [link](#) to the community's AFCI profile
5. A [highlighted pin](#) shows the area being viewed on the ap

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