

ONTARIO AGE-FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES



NETWORK EXCHANGE

AUGUST 2018

Hello,

What an exciting summer it has been - Canada has a newly appointed Minister of Seniors, innovations such as the HomeShare program are being tested in other communities, and researchers are publishing findings based on data from the Canadian Longitudinal Study on Aging. Read about all of this, and more, in this issue of the Ontario Age-Friendly Communities Network Exchange.

I hope you are all staying cool in this heat wave!

Kind regards,

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Spotlight

In the News

- [U of T researcher helping to build 'age-friendly' city](#)
- [Seniors key to Automated Driving Future](#)
- [Canada's Senior Homeowners To Buyers: Back Off, We're Not Going Anywhere](#)
- [Toronto-based app "Aminro" aims to connect people age 50+](#)
- [Seniors have too much house. Millennials have none. And a business model is born](#)
- [Hamilton-area MP Filomena Tassi promises to bring passion to new seniors portfolio](#)
- [Canada's Loneliest People](#)

Upcoming Events

Conferences and Workshops

- August 8-10 | [International Federation on Aging](#) [Conference, Toronto]
 - [Preliminary Conference Program](#)
 - [IFA Conference Program ONTARIO Speakers Highlighted](#)
- October 1-4 | [Community Change Festival: Ideas to Practice to Impact](#) [Festival, Toronto]
- October 18-20 | [Canadian Association on Gerontology](#) [Conference, Vancouver]

Resources

- [Resource] [GoHere Washroom Locator App](#)
- [Resource] Ageism and Media Resources - Province of Saskatchewan
 - [Pocket Guide for Media](#)
 - [Media and Ageism Monitoring Highlights Booklet](#)
 - [Media and Ageism Monitoring Final Report](#)
- [Resource] [Capital Aging Special Report 2018](#)
- [Resource] [Aminro - Friendship-Making Website and App](#)
- [Website] [Age-Friendly Communities Provincial Website](#)

Announcements

General Announcements

- **IFA Conference Call for Volunteers:** The [call for volunteers](#) is an opportunity to expand your networks and receive complimentary attendance to a select number of sessions at the International Federation on Ageing in Toronto August 8-10, 2018.
- **Arts Participation in Ontario Survey** - The Sheridan Centre for Elder Research is looking for individuals **aged 55 and older** to complete a new survey that will help us to learn more about 1) how older individuals in Ontario take part in arts-based programming, such as dancing and painting classes, and 2) their attendance at arts-related institutions and events, such as art galleries and book launches. [Click here to complete the survey.](#)
- **New Journal Article-** ["Physical and mental health inequalities among aging lesbian, gay, and bisexual Canadians: cross-sectional results from the Canadian Longitudinal Study on Aging \(CLSA\)"](#)
- **New Journal Article-** ["From Social Integration to Social Isolation: The Relationship Between Social Network Types and Perceived Availability of Social Support in a National Sample of Older Canadians"](#)
- **New Journal Article -**["The Social Construction of "Emerging Elders": Implications for Age-Friendly Community Assessments"](#)
- **Volunteers needed** for a Research Study to understand the Barriers to Physical Activity for People Living with Mild Cognitive Impairment or Dementia
 - [Recruitment Poster](#)
 - [DICE Brochure](#)
- **Fall Prevention Month:** [November is Fall Prevention Month](#). Organizations and individuals in Canada and beyond are encouraged to come together to coordinate fall prevention efforts for a larger impact. Now in its fourth year, the Fall Prevention Partners have planned the campaign by creating and updating the Toolkit to enable individuals and organizations to participate by planning activities and sharing evidence-informed information. New this year is a section on childhood falls (ages 0-6). The motto says it all "It takes a community to prevent a fall: We all have a role to play". Learn more by checking out the [toolkit](#) and by joining the [Fall Prevention Community of Practice](#) and checking out the [Loop](#) website. Stay connected! Follow us on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#). [Join our mailing list](#).

Funding Announcements

- [SEED Funding for Affordable Housing](#) [currently accepting proposals]
- [Affordable Rental Innovation Fund](#) [currently accepting proposals]
- [NHS Research and Planning Fund](#) [currently accepting proposals]

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To stay 'in the know' about new AFC resources, upcoming webinars and community profiles....

- Join our provincial AFC [Distribution List](#)
- Contact [Sarah Webster](#), the Ontario AFC Knowledge Broker
- Visit the AFC [English](#) or [French](#) Website

Age-Friendly Community Outreach Program Background

The [Ministry Seniors and Accessibility](#) has partnered with the University of Waterloo, Queen's University, Huntington/Laurentian University, the Ontario Interdisciplinary Council for Aging and Health (OICAH), and the Seniors Health Knowledge Network (SHKN) to administer the Age-Friendly Community (AFC) Outreach Program.

This program is designed to help communities, including AFC Planning Grant recipients:

- increase awareness of age-friendly planning principles,
- share best practices,
- and start, continue, evaluate and improve on their AFC action plans.

The AFC Outreach Program builds on and complements the [AFC Planning Guide](#) and the [AFC Planning Grant Program](#).

The program aims to increase awareness about AFCs connectivity within and between AFCs, and capacity for local planning and implementation.

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