

ONTARIO AGE-FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES



NETWORK EXCHANGE

JULY 2018

Hello,

Seniors Month was comprised of many community activities and generated lots of energy to continue our work together making communities more age-friendly.

The last few months our AFC Outreach Program has hosted several webinars on topics such as social isolation, alternative housing models, and the intersect between dementia-friendly, age-friendly and compassionate communities. To view the webinar slides, recording, and resources please refer to the [provincial website!](#)

Hope everyone's Canada Day was enjoyable.

Kind regards,

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Spotlight

In the News

- [Bradford seniors get life-saving information at wellness fair](#)
- [Age-Friendly Sarnia hosts inaugural Access to Rec event](#)
- [Government of Canada investing \\$75 million in seniors' health](#)
- [Full list of Doug Ford's new cabinet in Ontario](#)
- ['We're going back into the closet': LGBTQ seniors wary of being 'out' in long-term care facilities](#)

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](#)
- [Website] [Age-Friendly Communities Provincial Website](#)

Announcements

General Announcements

- [IFA Conference Call for Volunteers](#): An opportunity to expand your networks and receive complimentary attendance to a select number of sessions.
- [Opportunity to participate in the Senior to Senior Bullying Survey](#)
- [Request for Proposal for Consulting Services for an Age Friendly Community Plan](#) [accepting proposals until July 18]

Funding Announcements

- [SEED Funding for Affordable Housing](#) [currently accepting proposals]
- [Affordable Rental Innovation Fund](#) [currently accepting proposals]
- [NHS Demonstrations Initiative and the Expressions of Interest for the Solutions Labs](#) [deadline is July 16, 2018]
- [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 of Seniors Affairs](#) 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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