

ONTARIO AGE-FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES



NETWORK EXCHANGE

JUNE 2018

Hello,

It's June - which means it's [Seniors Month!](#) This year we are celebrating the 34th annual Seniors Month featuring the motivating theme: "Now's the time to start something new."

This issue is packed with news stories and resources including highlights from the [Canadian Longitudinal Study](#).

Happy reading!

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Spotlight

In the News

- [Funding for seniors program in South Glengarry](#)
- [Durham's age-friendly strategy moving ahead](#)
- [Rural transportation service coming to Selwyn thanks to nearly \\$1.5M grant](#)
- [A case for businesses to help mobilize asset-based community development \(ABCD\)](#)
- [Hamilton joins age-friendly cities network](#)
- [Canadian Longitudinal Study on Aging releases first report on health and aging in Canada](#)
- [Bench Project helping to make Guelph age-friendly](#)

Upcoming Events

Conferences and Workshops

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

Webinars

- June 14, 1:00 - 2:00 PM | [Taking Charge: New Models for Aging in Place: Taking Charge: New models for Aging in Place, Designed by Seniors, for Seniors](#)
- June 19, 12:00 - 1:00 PM | [Inclusive Design and Age-Friendly Communities](#)
- June 28, 1:00 - 2:00 PM | [Naturally Occurring Retirement Communities - the OASIS Model](#)
- June 28, 1:30 - 2:30 PM | [Fall Prevention Month 2017: We all have a role to play- success stories from across Canada](#)

Resources

- [Resource] [Why Companies are Hiring the Older Job Seeker: Tips to Help Employers](#)
- [Resource] [Strategies For Success For The Older Job Seeker: Tips To Help You Find Employment](#)
- [Resource] [Assisting the Older Job Seeker: Tips to Help Employment Service Providers](#)
- [Resource] [Connecting Memories with Nature: Opportunities for residents of long-term care facilities in mid-sized cities](#)
- [Resource] [Identifying Built Barriers: Where do our most vulnerable older adults live in Ontario's mid-sized cities?](#)
- [Resource] [Physical Activity Toolkit for Older Adults](#)
- [Resource] [Is migration in later life good for wellbeing? A longitudinal study of ageing and selectivity of internal migration](#)
- [Resource] [Thorold Age-Friendly Business Guide and Assessment Tool](#)
- [Resource] [Towards a dementia plan: A WHO guide](#)
- [Resource] [Loop: Fall Prevention Community of Practice](#): Please sign up for a free Falls Loop account to access this and future evidence summaries on fall prevention.
- [Resource] [BC's Office of the Seniors Advocate Report on Seniors Transportation](#)
- [Website] [Age-Friendly Communities Provincial Website](#)

Announcements

General Announcements

- [June 15 is World Elder Abuse Awareness Day](#)
- [Ontario Age-Friendly Community Recognition Award Recipients](#)
- [Seniors Community Grant Program: Capacity Building Stream Recipients 2017-2019](#)
- [IFA Conference Call for Volunteers](#): An opportunity to expand your networks and receive complimentary attendance to a select number of sessions.

Funding Announcements

- [SEED Funding for Affordable Housing](#) [currently accepting proposals]
- [Affordable Rental Innovation Fund](#) [currently accepting proposals]
- [New Horizons for Seniors Program](#) [deadline is June 15 at 11.59 p.m]

Stay Connected

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.

