

Greater Phoenix Aging in Place Network
Principles and Goals

Guiding Principles

The network will

1. Leverage, promote, and support existing aging in place efforts and agencies.
2. Be driven by community engagement.
3. Empower people to make their own choices.
4. Assist people to age in place safely and with dignity.
5. Offer multigenerational options.
6. Coordinate regional activity in a way that maximizes resources, respects the autonomy of individual communities and entities, provides value, and reduces the burden of other agencies to provide services.
7. Approach each community and person as having assets to contribute as well needs to be met.
8. Operate in a fiscally realistic and sound manner that works to become financially sustainable in the near and long-term.
9. Collaborate with a range of diverse partners to address aging services in a holistic manner.
10. Ensure the leadership for the project reflects the communities it serves.
11. Result in a tangible impact such as reducing readmission rates to hospitals, calls for emergency service, reports of loneliness, and increases social connections with peers and social cohesion within the community.
12. Reach out to people in a manner that best suits their ability and interests.

Goals

1. Implement village pilot sites in Phoenix, Tempe, and the northwest valley. Additional pilot sites will be implemented building on this foundation.
2. In the long-term, provide a range of interventions tailored to each community's assets, needs, and priorities. The range may include senior centers without walls and project connects.
3. Establish a rigorous evaluation plan that documents examples of excellence to be replicated appropriately in other areas and identifies areas needing technical assistance.
4. Develop a website that is applicable to people of all ages, targeted for people aged 55 to 70 years, designed to be accessible and age-appropriate, and provides a range of features such as interactive mapping, videoconferencing, streaming webinars, and a calendar of events.
5. Facilitate training and a peer-to-peer network within the pilot sites and for the general public to build institutional capacity to implement aging in place models throughout the region.
6. Promote the lessons learned and successes to be celebrated with the general public and beyond. This will occur through training events, the outreach video, and the website.