



Future Needs for an Aging and Diverse Population

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Quiet Crisis

- By 2030, 1 in 5 (80million) termed Elderly
- Unprecedented Demands on already strained social service, housing and transportation programs
- One-Size **Does Not** Fit All Aging Model



Define the Problem

- People Living Longer
- Consequences are Multi-Faceted
- Housing, Transportation, and Quality of Life
- Process of Aging Crosses Racial, Jurisdictional, and Socio-Economic Boundaries



People Living Longer

- Progress in Public Health, Nutrition, Sanitation
- Decline in infant mortality
- Preventive Medical Care
- Acute Medical Care
- Public Support Programs
- Decreasing Poverty



Population Changes

- The next 30 years will bring very rapid growth in the older population
- Meanwhile, the younger population's growth is **slowing**... and will begin **declining** in 2015



Numbers Set to Explode as Baby Boom “Crosses Over”

- After 40 years of concern about “2011” we remain mostly unprepared
- Legislative and budgetary thinking tends to have 2 year horizon
- “The Numbers” are only part of the story
- Think about ways Boomers differ from the “older generation” of elders



Key Differences: Boomers and their Elders

- Cultural, Generational Differences
- Boomers more likely to be either married or divorced (few widowed)
- Boomers are much less likely than older adults to have a disability
- Boomers have more formal education
- Boomers have higher income



A Few Notes on Income...

- Boomers have **higher** incomes
- Boomers have **more** wealth*
- HOWEVER, **low-income** Boomers have few assets*
- Boomers **without high school diplomas** show declining net worth*
- More Boomers than any previous age group say they'll never retire*

*Congressional Budget Office report on Boomers' finances, 11/03



Consequences

- About 35% live alone or in institutions
- About 30% live in or near poverty
- About 37% have one or more disability
- One of the forces behind rising health care cost is lack of preventive care



Housing

- 89% of Boomers want to grow old in own home
- Many seniors go from house to nursing home
- 2001, 21.8 million households headed by 65 or older
- Retrofitting homes for safety
- Individual health and mobility
- Diversity, vitality and independence
- Design “livable communities”



Transportation

- Transportation supports people's needs
- Majority of programs not integrated
- Gaps in service
- Adequate Public Transportation and other Mobility Alternatives



Quality of Life

- Move from a health care system that focuses on treating illness to one that stresses prevention
- Maintain safe walking paths for older adults
- Least Restrictive Settings
- Keep them active



Where the Issues Will Have to be Addressed First!

Top Ten: Fastest-Growing Older Populations

Rank	County	Total 65+	Total 65+	Number Added	Percent Growth
		2000	2030	2000-2030	2000-2030
1	St. Croix	6,221	18,156	11,935	192%
2	Menominee	386	1,120	734	190%
3	Pierce	3,539	9,531	5,992	169%
4	Dane	39,869	103,021	63,152	158%
5	Washington	13,212	32,206	18,994	144%
6	Calumet	4,370	10,561	6,191	142%
7	Portage	7,354	17,600	10,246	139%
8	Dunn	4,475	10,448	5,973	133%
9	Door	5,235	12,090	6,855	131%
10	Polk	6,247	13,841	7,594	122%

Statewide Growth, 65+ Population, 2000-2030

90%



*What can **you** do with this information??*

- Get local-level numbers on many topics, including age-specific projections through 2030
- Analyze them for program planning and budgeting
- Build arguments for grant funding
- Get to know your population!



*How **you** can get this information??*

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