

PROGRESS REPORT January 2021–February 2022

Age-Friendly Delaware County has been hard at work implementing our strategic plan. While COVID-19 set us back on some initiatives, we are making great strides in the community. See inside for highlights.





HOUSING

Collaborative Discussion

- ✓ The Delaware County Housing Alliance earned its nonprofit status.
- ✓ Drafted RFP for a consultant to do a professional housing assessment in the county.







TRANSPORTATION

Mobility Manager Services

- ✓ SourcePoint continues to evolve its partnership with Delaware County Transit.
- In 2022, we will increase access to demand response transportation by increasing the number of trips we subsidize for older adults.



OUTDOOR SPACES & BUILDINGS

Age-Friendly Benches

Preservation Parks replaced and modified
25 benches with an age-friendly design.

Dementia-Friendly Business

- ✓ Worked with Ganzhorn Suites to create framework and employee training.
- Recruited First Citizens National Bank as the first Champion Business to increase awareness of program.







COMMUNITY SUPPORT, HEALTH & SAFETY

Food Insecurity

- In partnership with Helpline and United Church Homes, a community vegetable garden was established at St. Michael's with funding from AARP, an anonymous family foundation, and the Delaware County Master Gardener Program.
- Installed a fence, laid an accessible crushed-gravel path, constructed 6 elevated cedar-garden beds, and engaged community members.



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Positive Aging Campaign

- ✓ With support from Greif, Inc., created a positive aging video: youtu.be/4KPtis6vGcY.
- Launched a social media campaign that defined ageism and highlighted ageist language, ageism in the media, and ageism at work.

Intergenerational Opportunities

Big Impact.

✓ HelpLine expanded its Sages & Seekers program to two local schools.

Safety Awareness

 Hosted Senior Safety Day, which provided free education on scams, identity theft, mental health resources, severe weather preparedness, fire prevention, home safety checks, and driving.

Mental Health Awareness

✓ Created a mental health PSA with Delaware Area Career Center: youtu.be/ip01KAfJ6x4.





COMMUNICATION & INFORMATION

Age-Friendly Awareness

✓ With support from Greif, Inc., created an introductory video to Age-Friendly Delaware County: *MySourcePoint.org/age-friendly*.

Information Technology

 SourcePoint added accessibility features to website, including ability to increase font size, contrast, and readability.



STRATEGY UPDATE

Housing

- Create a directory of legal and financial housing resources and terms.
- Promote awareness, education, and expansion of Nesterly.
- ★ Expand home safety checks.
- Engage in collaborative discussions with community stakeholders relating to affordable and accessible housing.

Transportation

- Update the Mobility Manager website.
- Provide ongoing safety education and training for alternative transportation options.
- Promote awareness of the SourcePoint bus.

Outdoor Spaces & Buildings

- Pilot an Age-Friendly Business program.
- Pilot a Dementia-Friendly Business program.
- ★ Incorporate age-friendly benches with handrails.
- Promote Delaware County trails and parks.
- Identify and expand awareness of age-friendly parking options.
- Promote the safety and walkability of outdoor spaces.

Support, Health & Safety Services

- Educate the community about falls prevention.
- Help prevent senior scams, fraud, and abuse.
- Create a safety awareness toolkit.
- ★ Increase awareness of mental health resources.
- Fight food insecurity.

SourcePoint

 Coordinate services for those on an affordable housing waitlist.

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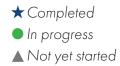
 Expand local clinic hours for underinsured individuals.

Community Engagement

- ★ Promote positive aging.
- Engage community in intergenerational opportunities.
- Provide volunteer opportunities to local 55+ living communities.

Communication & Information

- Increase age-friendly awareness initiative.
- Create an accessible-media toolkit.
- Learn to better communicate with all Delaware County communities.
- Expand audio reading services for low-vision community members.





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