

#### **Department of Aging and Adult Services** Dignity Fund Community Needs Assessment (DFCNA)

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**Population Survey Findings** 







## **Overall Goals and Objectives**

Conduct a participatory DFCNA process rooted in robust data collection that will identify the strengths, opportunities, challenges, and gaps present in the current services landscape to support an equitable and data-informed Service and Allocation Plan

Review literature and conduct initial research	Conduct community forums, survey, and focus groups	Complete equity and gaps analysis	Create DFCNA to support the Fund's Plan
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#### What was the purpose of the survey?

#### Service engagement

 What services are consumers engaged in, how do they rate them, and what keeps them from accessing services?

## Health and well-being

 What types of activities do consumers engage in and how frequently? What are their concerns?

#### **Unmet needs**

 What do consumers, caregivers, and service providers see as needs in the community?



### How was the survey administered?



- Contracted with Davis Research
- Probability sample

Online & Paper Survey

- Extensive outreach by DAAS and partners
- Survey link emailed to forum and early focus group attendees
- Convenience sample







### Who took the consumer survey? (1 of 5)

1,127 individuals completed the survey



170 via phone



957 via online and paper



#### Who took the consumer survey? (2 of 5)





#### Who took the consumer survey? (3 of 5)

#### Primary Language (N = 1,100)



#### Sexual Orientation (N = 1,071)





#### Who took the consumer survey? (4 of 5)





#### Who took the consumer survey? (5 of 5)

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Household Size (N = 1,094)





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## What were the key findings from the consumer survey?



### Service Engagement

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#### **SERVICE AREAS:**

- Adult day programs
- Assisted transportation
- Caregiver support
- Case management

- Community service centers
- Health promotion
- Housing support
- Information and referral assistance

- In-home care
- Legal services
- Neighborhood-based connection programs
- Nutrition support
- Technology classes



## Some services and programs are better known than others.

**Community Service Centers** Assisted Transportation Nutrition Support Adult Day Programs In-Home Care Housing Support Case Management **Caregiver Support Health Promotion** Legal Services **Technology** Classes Neighborhood Connection Info and Referral Assistance





#### Over 700 respondents had participated in at least one program or service.

**Health Promotion** Community Service Centers Nutrition Support Case Management Technology Classes **Neighborhood Connection** Info and Referral Assistance Housing Support Legal Services In-Home Care Adult Day Programs **Caregiver Support** Assisted Transportation

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100%

The most common reason for not participating was not needing the program or service.

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- Other reasons for not participating include
  - Eligibility concerns
  - Lack of awareness
  - Location
    - Community Service Centers
    - Health promotion
    - Neighborhood-based connection programs
  - Other



There are few differences between older adults and adults with disabilities' service engagement.

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  - Older adults are generally more aware of programs and services
    - Adults with disabilities were less likely to have heard of adult day programs, community service centers, health promotion programs, and nutrition support services

- Few differences in service engagement
  - Adults with disabilities more likely to receive assisted transportation and legal services
  - Older adults more likely to use community service centers and neighborhood-based connection programs



# Older adults are more likely to believe existing services meet their needs.

#### How true are the following statements?

This group can get services and programs in a timely manner

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Services and programs meet the need of this group

I know where to get services and programs for this group

There are services/programs for this group in my community



## Health and Well-being

#### How frequently do you...

- Leave home or go outside
- Visit with friends/family
- Provide help to friends/family
- Volunteer
- Provide care for others
- Work for pay
- Participate in...
  - A club or group
  - Activities at a CSC
  - Religious/spiritual activities

How frequently are you concerned about...

- Physical health
- Accessing healthcare/Rx
- Isolation/loneliness
- Mobility or walking
- Finances
- Having enough to eat
- Everyday activities
- Accessing transportation
- Feeling bored
- Legal issues



## Respondents leave home or go outside and visit with friends and/or family the most frequently.





# Respondents' most common concern is their physical health.

How often are you concerned about...



# Over 60% of respondents reported needing some type of accommodation



Adults with disabilities are more concerned about their health and healthcare access.

Older adults are more likely to engage in different activities

- Leave home or go outside
- Visit with friends or family

- Adults with disabilities consistently expressed higher levels of concern
  - Physical health
  - Getting the healthcare or medications I need







### Who took the provider survey?

25

#### □ 296 service providers took the survey



#### Service areas with the greatest need?

Providers identified the top service areas with the greatest unmet need





In-home care



 $\sim 2 \sim \sim$  Case management







## How did responses to the consumer survey differ?



### Service Engagement

## Some differences exist in service participation and barriers to access.

- Less likely to participate in programs and services
  - More likely to report not needing services
  - More likely to select "other" as a barrier



- More likely to participate in programs and services
- More likely to select eligibility as a barrier



## Health and Well-being

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#### Online/paper respondents...

- Engage in activities more frequently
  - Visit with and provide help to friends/family
  - Participate in Community Services Center activities
  - Work for pay
  - Volunteer

Are more likely to be concerned about a variety of issues

- Physical health
- Isolation and loneliness
- Access to healthcare/Rx
- Food security
- Transportation
- Finances
- Boredom







## <sup>31</sup> Thank you!

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