

Orange County Master Plan for Aging Considerations

The County of Orange is grateful for the community voices reflected in this report. The following strategy considerations are intended to help identify and address areas of need, with the understanding that they may be refined or adjusted as circumstances evolve.



Goal 1: OCMPA Considerations

- Expand availability of accessible housing and related services.
- Promote living environments that support older adults' participation in daily activities through community- and aging adult-centered design for livable spaces that can be used by people with physical, sensory, or cognitive limitations.
- Support legislative advocacy strategy at the State and Federal level for additional funding and increase Assisted Living waivers.
- Strengthen emergency preparedness, disaster planning and localized evacuation plans for older adults.



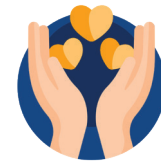
Goal 2: OCMPA Considerations

- Strengthen partnerships with health plans and systems to explore innovative service delivery models.
- Encourage the integration of patient-centered care approaches that include virtual, in-person and care navigation services.
- Expand awareness efforts on disease prevention and chronic disease management, including behavioral health and dementia care.
- Enhance coordination across providers to support comprehensive health care needs and timely access to benefits.
- Promote awareness and utilization of available services to support older adults' overall well-being and prevent hospitalizations.



Goal 3: OCMPA Considerations

- Create opportunities for socialization through programs and community spaces that incorporate digital access and diverse communication methods.
- Explore strategies to promote workplace inclusion of older adults.
- Address transportation barriers to ensure accessibility and independence.
- Enhance service coordination to address systemwide needs with a culturally inclusive approach to reduce isolation.



Goal 4: OCMPA Considerations

- Continue in-home assistance programs to help individuals remain safely in their homes.
- Collaborate with community organizations to develop culturally inclusive caregiver support resources.
- Expand support for both paid and unpaid caregivers through improved matching processes, training and services.
- Explore partnerships with academic and health institutions to strengthen the caregiver workforce.
- Enhance assessment tools to better identify caregivers who need support networks and respite options.



Goal 5: OCMPA Considerations

- Expand efforts to prevent older adult homelessness and reduce barriers to accessing housing programs.
- Support legislative initiatives for increased funding of affordable housing and supportive services.
- Explore opportunities to improve income security and address job loss impacts on older workers.
- Strengthen linkages to critical resources such as food assistance and legal aid.
- Enhance financial safety net programs to prevent housing and food insecurity.
- Collaborate with partners to develop financial support services tailored to the needs of older adults.