

EQUITY IN HOUSING FOR OLDER ADULTS



Area Agency on Aging

ALLEGHENY COUNTY IS PROJECTED TO EXPERIENCE A 40% INCREASE IN THE POPULATION OF ADULTS AGED 65 AND ABOVE BETWEEN 2015 AND 2030.

With this significant increase in the older adult (OA) demographic, there has never been a greater urgency for stability within the housing market of Allegheny County.

As the affordable housing cycle shifts, there is a high risk of displacement. OAs in Allegheny County are especially at risk of displacement due to:

- limited incomes
- rising rental costs
- discrimination
- inaccessibility

An increasing number of OAs are at risk of housing insecurity as the existing housing stock ages and affordable units become more scarce, with communities of color and other marginalized groups disproportionately impacted.



THIS PROJECT WILL IDENTIFY INDICATORS OF SHIFTS IN THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING CYCLE, AND LEVERAGE THIS DATA TO DEVELOP PROACTIVE INTERVENTION STRATEGIES THAT OPTIMIZE HOUSING AVAILABILITY FOR OLDER ADULTS.

Emergency Intervention		Main Goal	Sustained Change	
Secure emergency housing units for OAs	Create informational resources to empower OAs facing eviction	Identify shift indicators and interventions to stabilize affordable housing market	Enhance and formalize outreach strategies to reach most vulnerable OAs	Align AAA programs to collect and track indicators for continued stabilization

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