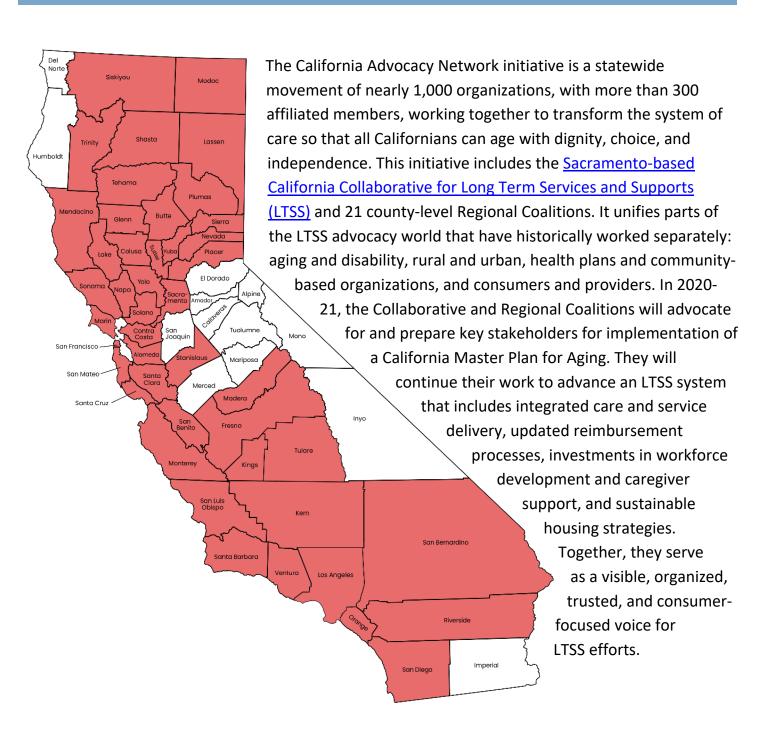
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# California Collaborative for Long Term Services and Supports

### At a Glance:

The California Collaborative for Long Term Services and Supports (CCLTSS) is a coalition of over 60 statewide and regional organizations who work to advance aging and disability policy for all populations who need long-term services and supports (LTSS). Member organizations represent people, caregivers, providers, advocates, legal services, labor, and insurers. Collectively, CCLTSS organizations act on behalf of millions of California older adults and people with disabilities, their families, and those who provide them with services and supports. Since its formation in 2011, CCLTSS has led hundreds of policy conversations on LTSS issues, met and collaborated with state and federal officials, and been a voice at the state Legislature on behalf of the populations who use LTSS services. Giving equal importance to issues of aging and disability, CCLTSS serves as an entity where diverse perspectives come together to make recommendations and act on policies that advance person-centered care and support the dignity, independence, and well-being of aging and disabled Californians.

### CCLTSS's Guiding Principles are:

- 1. **Dignity:** The services are grounded in respect for the person who uses them and driven by the preferences of that person.
- 2. **Choice**: Access to all types of services is provided on an equal footing.
- 3. **Flexibility:** The services are comprehensive and flexible enough to meet changing needs and incorporate new modes of service and supports.
- 4. **Quality:** Public funding and oversight that values and rewards high-quality care.
- 5. **Legality:** The services are consistent with the legal rights of individuals who use them.
- 6. **Cultural Competence:** The services are appropriate and responsive to the needs of underserved populations.
- 7. **Accessibility:** The services and information about them are easy to locate and use and are physically and programmatically accessible.
- 8. **Affordability:** The services are cost-effective for the person and the system.
- 9. **Inclusive:** The system recognizes and supports the crucial role of high-quality paid and unpaid caregivers, including family caregivers, and emphasizes the importance of workforce development and training.
- 10. **Independence:** The services support maximum independence, full social integration and quality of life.

### 2020-21 Goals:

In 2020-21, CCLTSS is focused on activities within three categories:

- Supporting the California Master Plan for Aging;
- Improving integrated service delivery across the state; and
- Addressing challenges caused by the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic and spurring innovations.

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The Age Forward Coalition of San Mateo County is committed to building partnerships and advocating for the creation of a more aging-friendly, disability friendly community. They facilitate a platform for organizations in the community to network with each other and build capacity to improve the lives of San Mateo County older adults, adults with disabilities, and their caregivers.

The Coalition looks forward to hosting an Age Forward Community Forum, dedicated to raising awareness regarding the needs of older adults in the community.

# 2020-21 Goals:

Pulling from <u>Elevating Voices</u>, a report by Greater Good Studio synthesizing recommendations for the California Master Plan for Aging, the Coalition will focus on the following strategy areas:

#### **Physical Environment**

1. Transportation – Make travel convenient and affordable for older adults and people with disabilities.

### Supportive Services

1. Holistic Services – Develop service delivery systems that are coordinated, integrated, and easy to access.

### Social and Emotional Well-Being

 Planning for Aging – Make planning for aging an integral part of Californians' lives.







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#### At a Glance:

The Aging and Disability Coalition of Lake and Mendocino counties aims to expand membership and advance discussions on issues specific to vulnerable populations in their rural areas. They seek out opportunities to provide long-term services and supports (LTSS) information to local advisory councils, tribal councils, and the Board of Supervisors in their region and at the state level, as well identify local champions for LTSS.

#### 2020-21 Goals:

Pulling from <u>Elevating Voices</u>, a report by Greater Good Studio synthesizing recommendations for the California Master Plan for Aging, the Coalition will focus on the following strategy areas:

#### **Physical Environment**

- Transportation Make travel convenient and affordable for older adults and people with disabilities.
- Housing Remove financial and regulatory barriers that prevent older adults and people with disabilities from acquiring and keeping their housing.

#### Supportive Services

• Holistic Services – Develop service delivery systems that are coordinated, integrated, and easy to access.





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The Community Living Implementation Council (CLIC) is comprised of 18 organizations, and serves as the Advisory Committee for the Aging and Disability Resource Connection (ADRC) of Nevada County. The Yuba-Sutter ADRC Advisory Committee is comprised of 11 organizations serving Yuba and Sutter counties. The CLIC and Yuba-Sutter ADRC Advisory Committee work together to improve access to long-term services and supports (LTSS) and aim to empower older adults and people with disabilities to live independent, fulfilling, and healthy lives. They provide a continuum of help in accessing services and advocate for greater dissemination of information and availability of LTSS services.

Recently, CLIC hosted their fifth annual, and the Yuba-Sutter ADRC Advisory Committee hosted their second annual *Our Community: Aging & Disability* conferences. These events showcased issues unique to rural communities such as barriers to transportation, emergency preparedness (especially related to wildfires), and included a discussion with elected officials on disability and aging public policy.

#### 2020-21 Goals:

Pulling from <u>Elevating Voices</u>, a report by Greater Good Studio synthesizing recommendations for the California Master Plan for Aging, CLIC will focus on the following strategy areas:

# Supportive Services

- Develop service delivery systems that are coordinated, integrated, and easy to access.
- Provide services that consider the whole person their background, experiences, preferences – and meet individual needs.
- Support collaboration across sectors and between service providers and self-organized communities.







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### At a Glance:

The Aging Services Collaborative (ASC) of Santa Clara County is a consortium of over 50 organizations and individuals working together to provide leadership and build community-wide capacity to support, maintain, and promote the well-being of older adults, people with disabilities, and family caregivers.

In the fall of 2019, ASC co-sponsored a <u>Special Hearing on Issues Affecting Older Adults</u>, alongside the County Board of Supervisors and Department of Aging & Adult Services. They presented on the topics of volunteerism and social determinants of health. In July 2020, the groups reconvened to identify several long-term services and supports recommendations to implement over the next five years.

#### 2020-21 Goals:

Pulling from <u>Elevating Voices</u>, a report by Greater Good Studio synthesizing recommendations for the California Master Plan for Aging, ASC will focus on the following strategy areas:

# **Supportive Services**

 Long-term Care – Provide accessible and affordable channels for financing and saving for long-term care.

### Social and Emotional Well-Being

- Planning for Aging Make planning for aging an integrated part of Californians' lives.
- Caregiving Provide supports that alleviate the physical and emotional demands of caregiving.







# **Bay Area Senior Health Policy Coalition**

### **Counties Served:**

- Alameda
- San Mateo
- Contra Costa
- Santa Clara
- Marin
- Solano
- Napa
- Sonoma
- San Francisco

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The Bay Area Senior Health Policy Coalition is committed to strengthening the safety net available to Bay Area older adults by educating, inspiring and engaging advocates, providers, policymakers, and other stakeholders and facilitating a platform to coordinate their efforts. The Coalition serves a broad group of counties and has built partnerships among diverse organizations in the region with the goal of fostering a common united voice among providers and advocates.

Recently, the Coalition successfully hosted their sixth biennial Senior Health Policy Forum titled <a href="Shaping the Future">Shaping the Future</a>
<a href="Together: Aging in the Bay Area">Together: Aging in the Bay Area</a>, which addressed senior homelessness, affordable housing, and the 2020 census.

### 2020-21 Goals:

Pulling from <u>Elevating Voices</u>, a report by Greater Good Studio synthesizing recommendations for the California Master Plan for Aging, the Coalition will focus on the following strategy areas:

### **Physical Environment**

 Housing – Remove financial and regulatory barriers that prevent older adults and people with disabilities from acquiring and keeping their housing.

#### Supportive Services

 Holistic Services – Support collaboration across sectors and between service providers and self-organized communities.

### Social and Emotional Well-Being

 Celebrating Aging – Promote an aging-positive public narrative.

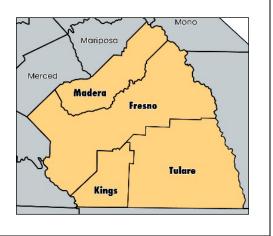






# **Central Valley Long Term Support Services Coalition**

# **Counties Served:**



# At a Glance:

The Central Valley Long Term Support and Services (CVLTSS) Coalition is committed to promoting the coordination of home- and community-based services for dependent adults by adopting a multidisciplinary approach that directly supports providers serving older adults. CVLTSS is comprised of members from diverse entities, including the Elder Abuse Prevention Roundtable (EAPRT), working together to inform providers and consumers alike and ensure that they have a voice in state policy.

To advance their efforts, CVLTSS has recently successfully hosted their inaugural Master Plan for Aging Forum event.

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#### **Physical Environment**

 Housing – Remove financial and regulatory barriers that prevent older adults and people with disabilities from acquiring and keeping their housing.

## Supportive Services

 Caregiving – Provide supports that alleviate the financial demands of caregiving.

# Social and Emotional Well-Being

 Caregiving – Provide supports that alleviate the physical and emotional demands of caregiving.







# **Contra Costa Advisory Council on Aging**

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<u>Contra Costa Advisory Council on Aging Website</u>

### At a Glance:

The Contra Costa Advisory Council on Aging (ACOA) is committed to transforming the system of care enabling older adults to age with dignity, choice, and independence and leads countywide educational and advocacy initiatives. ACOA, in collaboration with their partners, is working to create a local age-friendly policy platform designed to increase access to coordinated long-term services and supports (LTSS), encourage consumer advocacy, and act as the community's leading resource for issues related to LTSS delivery and quality.

Recently, the Council successfully hosted <u>Master Plan For</u>
<u>Aging: A Local Perspective</u> bringing together key stakeholders and building partnerships.

### 2020-21 Goals:

Pulling from <u>Elevating Voices</u>, a report by Greater Good Studio synthesizing recommendations for the California Master Plan for Aging, the Coalition will focus on the following strategy areas:

### **Physical Environment**

- Housing Remove financial and regulatory barriers that prevent older adults and people with disabilities from acquiring and keeping their housing.
- Transportation Make travel convenient and affordable for older adults and people with disabilities.

#### Supportive Services

- Holistic Services Provide services that consider the whole person – their background, experiences, preferences – and meet individual needs.
- Long-Term Care Provide accessible and affordable channels for financing and saving for long-term care.





# **Diversability Advocacy Network**

#### **Counties Served:**

- Butte
- Plumas
- Glenn
- Shasta
- Lassen
- Siskiyou
- Modoc
- Trinity

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#### At a Glance:

The Diversability Advocacy Network (DAN) is committed to serving as a trusted and reliable source for many of California's northern, rural counties. DAN provides information regarding long-term services and supports (LTSS) and advocates for legislative and health care changes that will impact individuals of all ages. DAN is dedicated to elevating older adults and people with disabilities to ensure that LTSS are accessible and able to support the continuum of care. Recently, DAN successfully hosted their second annual <a href="mailto:symposium">symposium</a>, which focused on emergency readiness.

#### 2020-21 Goals:

Pulling from <u>Elevating Voices</u>, a report by Greater Good Studio synthesizing recommendations for the California Master Plan for Aging, DAN will focus on – and are adapting – the following strategy areas:

# **Physical Environment**

 Housing – Remove financial and regulatory barriers that prevent older adults and people with disabilities from acquiring and keeping their housing and enable them to age in place.

#### Supportive Services

 Guidebook of Supportive Services Resources – A userfriendly, consolidated list of locally available supportive services and resources for older adults and people with disabilities that is updated regularly.

### Social and Emotional Well-Being

 Job/Volunteer Opportunities – Build pathways for older adults and people with disabilities to access job and volunteer opportunities.







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The Hospital to Home Alliance of Ventura County (HHAVC) is a collaborative comprised of several diverse health care entities working together to best meet the needs of the community. The Alliance is committed to building partnerships with the goal of bettering care transitions and continually improving performance. They help develop best practices to enhance health outcomes and, increase advocacy efforts to promote person-centered care and long-term services and supports while always supporting caregivers.

Recently, the Coalition successfully hosted a Ventura County Master Plan for Aging Forum and developed a county-specific report highlighting what matters most to the Ventura County community as it ages.

#### 2020-21 Goals:

Pulling from <u>Elevating Voices</u>, a report by Greater Good Studio synthesizing recommendations for the California Master Plan for Aging, HHAVC will focus on the following strategy areas:

#### Supportive Services

 Holistic Services – Expand and train a workforce that matches the growing need to serve an aging population.

### Social and Emotional Well-Being

- Planning for Aging Make planning for aging an integral part of Californians' lives.
- Caregiving Provide supports that alleviate the physical and emotional demands of caregiving.







# **Inland Empire LTSS Coalition**

#### **Counties Served:**



### At a Glance:

The Inland Empire LTSS Coalition is a consortium comprised of several diverse health care entities, organizations, and stakeholders working together to better serve older adults and people with disabilities in the community. The Coalition is committed to facilitating systems change across networks and develop improved integrated care and service delivery of long-term services and supports (LTSS).

Recently, with support from the Community Access Center and Riverside County Office on Aging, the Coalition helped the region receive an Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) designation.

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# 2020-21 Goals:

Pulling from <u>Elevating Voices</u>, a report by Greater Good Studio synthesizing recommendations for the California Master Plan for Aging, the Coalition will focus on the following strategy areas:

### **Physical Environment**

 Transportation – Make travel convenient and affordable for older adults and people with disabilities.

## Supportive Services

 Holistic Services – Develop service delivery systems that are coordinated, integrated, and easy to access.

# Social and Emotional Well-Being

 Planning for Aging – Make planning for aging an integrated part of Californians' lives.







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The Kern County LTSS Coalition bridges the expertise of service providers, community-based organizations, and public officials by facilitating partnerships to implement strategies designed to improve long-term services and supports (LTSS) for older adults and people with disabilities. The Coalition aims to develop and implement action plans to support older adults and individuals with disabilities, as well as equip local policymakers with long-term care resources.

In line with their mission, the Coalition hosted a <u>Community Needs Discussion</u> which explored the Master for Aging and what it would mean for Kern County.

### 2020-21 Goals:

Pulling from <u>Elevating Voices</u>, a report by Greater Good Studio synthesizing recommendations for the California Master Plan for Aging, the Coalition will focus on the following strategy areas:

### **Physical Environment**

 Transportation – Make travel convenient and affordable for older adults and people with disabilities.

## Supportive Services

 Long-Term Care – Provide accessible and affordable channels for financing and saving for long-term care.

# Social and Emotional Well-Being

 Job/Volunteer Opportunities – Remove barriers and increase incentives that allow people to participate in the workforce longer.







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The Los Angeles Aging Advocacy Coalition (LAAAC) is committed to protecting and strengthening access to quality care for older adults, their families, and caregivers in Los Angeles County. They work to advocate for the needs of older adults and drive fiscal and public policy within the field of gerontology. LAAAC is particularly focused on addressing the continuum of housing and homelessness, and transportation.

Recently, the Coalition successfully hosted the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual <u>LAAAC Summit on Aging</u> bringing together stakeholders and building partnerships.

#### 2020-21 Goals:

Pulling from <u>Elevating Voices</u>, a report by Greater Good Studio synthesizing recommendations for the California Master Plan for Aging, LAAAC will focus on the following strategy areas:

### Supportive Services

 Holistic Services – Develop service delivery systems that are coordinated, integrated, and easy to access.

### **Physical Environment**

- Housing Remove financial and regulatory barriers that prevent older adults and people with disabilities from acquiring and keeping their housing.
- Transportation Make travel convenient and affordable for older adults and people with disabilities.







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The Monterey Bay Aging and Disability Resource Center Coalition is committed to promoting the well-being and independence of older adults and individuals with disabilities by supporting their inclusion as engaged members of the community. The Coalition is instrumental in the creation of a network that smoothly integrates services from various organizations, thereby maximizing ease of access for older adults and their caregivers. They are dedicated to supporting older adults, individuals with disabilities and caregivers through advocacy and educational efforts.

Recently, the Coalition hosted a Master Plan for Aging event which highlighted voices and concerns in the community.

### 2020-21 Goals:

Pulling from <u>Elevating Voices</u>, a report by Greater Good Studio synthesizing recommendations for the California Master Plan for Aging, the Coalition will focus on the following strategy areas:

### **Physical Environment**

 Housing – Remove financial and regulatory barriers that prevent older adults and people with disabilities from acquiring and keeping their housing.

### Supportive Services

- Holistic Services Develop service delivery systems that are coordinated, integrated, and easy to access.
- Holistic Services Support collaboration across sectors and between service providers and self-organized communities.







# **Orange County Aging Services Collaborative**

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#### 2020-21 Goals:

Pulling from <u>Elevating Voices</u>, a report by Greater Good Studio synthesizing recommendations for the California Master Plan for Aging, OCASC will focus on the following strategy areas:

## Supportive Services

- Holistic Services Provide services that consider the whole person – their background, experiences, preferences – and meet individual needs.
- Holistic Services Support collaboration across sectors and between service providers and self-organized communities.

#### Social and Emotional Well-Being

- Planning for Aging Make planning for aging an integrated part of Californians' lives.
- Planning for Aging Create resources for families and loved ones to have conversations on aging.
- Celebrating Aging Promote an aging-positive public narrative.







# **Placer County Emerging ADRC Coalition**

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The Placer County Emerging Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) Coalition provides a coordinated network of service delivery for the aging and disabled population, and their circles of support. The Coalition is committed to providing access to an integrated and holistic system of services and supports using a "person-centered, no wrong door" system. Additionally, they work to promote and enhance independent, safe, and healthy living for Placer County aging and disabled populations, and their caregivers.

Recently, the Coalition was awarded the <u>Outstanding</u>
<u>Collaboration Award</u> by the <u>Placer Collaborative Network</u>.

#### 2020-21 Goals:

Pulling from <u>Elevating Voices</u>, a report by Greater Good Studio synthesizing recommendations for the California Master Plan for Aging, the Placer County ADRC will focus on the following strategy areas:

### **Physical Environment**

 Housing – Make it easier to build a variety of housing types for diverse lifestyle needs.

#### Supportive Services

 Holistic Services – Develop service delivery systems that are coordinated, integrated, and easy to access.

# Social and Emotional Well-Being

 Caregiving – Provide Supports that alleviate the physical and emotional demands of caregiving.







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### 2020-21 Goals:

Pulling from <u>Elevating Voices</u>, a report by Greater Good Studio synthesizing recommendations for the California Master Plan for Aging, the Alliance will focus on several strategy areas:

## **Physical Environment**

• Transportation – The Alliance will collaborate with the San Diego Metropolitan Transit System (MTS) to improve how the transportation needs of older adults (especially in rural areas) are being accommodated.

### Supportive Services

 Holistic Services – The Alliance will advocate for legislation that increases hours for In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) caregivers.

## Social and Emotional Well-Being

 Planning for Aging – The Alliance will update their website to highlight supportive services available for older adults and respite programs for caregivers.







# San Francisco Long Term Care Coordinating Council

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Recently, the Coalition hosted the largest public event to date showcasing the Master Plan for Aging and what it means for San Francisco. The event, held in collaboration with partners such as the Metta Fund, Homebridge, and Meals on Wheels SF, engaged over 1,000 attendees and inspired the formation of a state-level Dignity Fund effort.

## 2020-21 Goals:

Pulling from <u>Elevating Voices</u>, a report by Greater Good Studio synthesizing recommendations for the California Master Plan for Aging, LTCCC will focus on the following strategy areas:

# **Physical Environment**

 Housing – In addition to providing emergency services, provide pathways out of homelessness for individuals that address a range of underlying causes.

### Social and Emotional Well-Being

- Planning for Aging Make planning for aging an integral part of Californians' lives.
- Celebrating Aging Promote an aging-positive public narrative.







# Santa Barbara County Adult and Aging Network

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## At a Glance:

The Santa Barbara Adult & Aging Network (AAN) aims to coordinate existing services for older adults and strategically identify priority needs and concerns for this population in the areas of human services, health, education, safety, and community access. AAN is committed to improving the lives of older adults and people with disabilities in Santa Barbara County by facilitating connection, collaboration, education, and advocacy among stakeholders and service providers.

#### 2020-21 Goals:

Pulling from <u>Elevating Voices</u>, a report by Greater Good Studio synthesizing recommendations for the California Master Plan for Aging, AAN will focus on the following strategy areas:

#### **Physical Environment**

 Neighborhood – Design for mixed-age, mixed-ability neighborhoods with amenities that meet people's physical, social, and emotional needs.

#### Supportive Services

 Long-Term Care – Provide accessible and affordable channels for financing and saving for long-term care.

### Social and Emotional Well-Being

 Planning for Aging – Make planning for aging an integrated part of Californians' lives.







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### At a Glance:

The Senior Coalition of Stanislaus County aims to serve the unique needs of older adults and people with disabilities in Stanislaus County. The Coalition is working to enhance the well-being of individuals in their community and is actively engaged in advocacy and education efforts. They are also working to promote coordinated care services and the independence of older adults and people with disabilities.

The Coalition has created helpful guides such as <u>Caregiver Information</u>, <u>Services and Resources</u> and <u>Fall Prevention</u> <u>Resource Guide</u> in order to educate older adults and their caregivers about local resources.

## 2020-21 Goals:

Pulling from <u>Elevating Voices</u>, a report by Greater Good Studio synthesizing recommendations for the California Master Plan for Aging, the Coalition will focus on the following strategy areas:

### **Physical Environment**

- Housing Remove financial and regulatory barriers that prevent older adults and people with disabilities from acquiring and keeping their housing.
- Transportation Make travel accessible and affordable for older adults and people with disabilities.

# **Supportive Services**

 Holistic Services – Develop service delivery systems that are coordinated, integrated, and easy to access.

#### Social and Emotional Well-being

 Caregiving – Provide supports that alleviate the physical and emotional demands of caregiving.

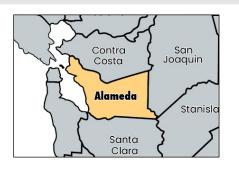






# **Senior Services Coalition of Alameda County**

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### At a Glance:

The Senior Services Coalition of Alameda County is comprised of 40 member organizations that collaboratively provide health and supportive services to over 79,000 older adults in Alameda County. The Coalition is committed to advancing local and state policy and driving systems change to improve health and life outcomes for older adults in the community. They have built partnerships to enhance health outcomes and establish accessible community-based services.

Recently, the Coalition successfully hosted their sixth annual conference Making the Difference: Leveraging Social Determinants, examining the potential impact of age-friendly changes upon health outcomes in the county.

#### 2020-21 Goals:

Pulling from <u>Elevating Voices</u>, a report by Greater Good Studio synthesizing recommendations for the California Master Plan for Aging, the Coalition will focus on the following strategy areas:

#### **Physical Environment**

 Housing – In addition to providing emergency services, provide pathways out of homelessness for individuals that address a range of underlying causes.

### Supportive Services

 Holistic Services – Develop service delivery systems that are coordinated, integrated, and easy to access.





# **Yolo Healthy Aging Alliance**

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### At a Glance:

The Yolo Healthy Aging Alliance (YHAA) serves as the unified voice for older adults, their families, and caregivers in Yolo County. The Alliance is committed to promoting the well-being of older adults through education, collaboration, and advocacy. They bring together advocates and service providers to ensure individuals in Yolo County are able to access the full range of services and supports necessary for them to age with dignity and independence.

Recently, the Alliance hosted a series of <u>town halls</u> to directly engage members of the community and create opportunities for interactions with elected officials. In addition, the Alliance has been proactively reaching out to rural communities and as a result of their efforts, the Winters City Council has voted to appoint their first Commission on Aging.

### 2020-21 Goals:

Pulling from <u>Elevating Voices</u>, a report by Greater Good Studio, YHAA will focus on the *Holistic Services* strategy – Support collaboration across sectors and between service providers and self-organized communities. In addition, YHAA will focus on:

- New Development/Transit Proximity Requirements Consider the location of senior housing and concentrations of older adults when planning or revising transit lines.
- Expanded Rural Demand-Response Service Area –
   Increase accessible transportation service areas, which are required to be within three-quarter miles of a fixed route service area per guidelines within the Americans with Disabilities Act.





