

**Age-Friendly Sarasota Domain: Civic Participation & Employment**

**Goal: Inclusive of persons at all life stages and abilities, enhance opportunities for civic and economic engagement.**

Objectives/ Strategies	Partners	Actions / Outputs / Outcomes	Progress
1. Enhance availability of, awareness of, and access to meaningful volunteer and decision-making opportunities for people of varying capacities (physical and cognitive) and circumstances (e.g., home-bound, caregiving)			
A. Improve centralized sources as “one stop” for information about volunteer and decision-making (e.g., board of directors) opportunities	<b>AARP</b>	7.3 organizations (civic, social, religious, political and businesses) per 10,000 people, measured at county scale: <a href="https://livabilityindex.aarp.org/search#Sarasota+County+FL+USA">https://livabilityindex.aarp.org/search#Sarasota+County+FL+USA</a>	
	<b>Sarasota County Government Human Resources</b>	Centralized website portal to access volunteer opportunities and 300+ positions via 34 Advisory Councils/ Appointed Boards: <a href="https://www.scgov.net/government/human-resources/volunteer">https://www.scgov.net/government/human-resources/volunteer</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community links, volunteer event calendar, volunteer handbook and application available to complete online</li> <li>657 persons age 55 and older signed up to volunteer via Sarasota County departments (2019)</li> <li>In 2019, 1,033 volunteers of all ages contributed 283,606 hours of volunteer service with an in-kind value of \$7,212,104 (a 47% increase since 2017)</li> <li>300+ persons of all ages serving on Advisory Councils/Boards (2019)</li> <li>35 “Civics 101” graduates age 55+ (2015-35); (2016-34); (2017-44); (2018-44); (2019-44)</li> </ul>	
		Sarasota County Resolution 98-240 created Volunteer Program (1998) Resolution 2014-051 “Volunteers in County Government” replaced Resolution 98-240 (2014)	<b>P</b>

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	<b>Sarasota County Libraries and Historical Resources</b>	Hosted two Community Volunteer Fairs representing more than 20 organizations throughout the community (2017, 2018, 2019)  Volunteers aged 50+ contributed 48,481 hours valued at \$1,232,871 (2019)	
	<b>Volunteer Florida</b>	Lead agency for volunteerism in Florida: For every \$1 the State of Florida invests, Volunteer Florida leverages \$43 in non-state funding: <a href="https://www.volunteerflorida.org/volunteer/">https://www.volunteerflorida.org/volunteer/</a>	
	<b>Neighborhood of Good</b>	Site connects “caring with doing” locally via State Farm Automobile Insurance Company: <a href="https://neighborhoodofgood.statefarm.com/">https://neighborhoodofgood.statefarm.com/</a>	
	<b>All for Good</b>	Digital hub for volunteering and community engagement via Points of Light. Volunteer opportunities from many sites are pulled into All for Good from around the world: <a href="https://www.allforgood.org/">https://www.allforgood.org/</a>	
	<b>AARP Create the Good</b>	Connects people to share life experiences, skills and passion: <a href="http://www.createthegood.org/">http://www.createthegood.org/</a>	
	<b>Volunteer Match</b>	Helps volunteers and nonprofits find volunteer matches, provides educational materials and webinars for businesses and non-profits: <a href="https://www.volunteermatch.org/">https://www.volunteermatch.org/</a>	
	<b>Senior Friendship Centers</b>	Lists volunteer opportunities across extensive Friendship Center’s programs throughout County and neighboring areas: <a href="https://friendshipcenters.org/get-involved/volunteering/">https://friendshipcenters.org/get-involved/volunteering/</a>	
B. Embed opportunities for people to serve as “connectors” to initiate volunteer involvement (especially for newcomers, singles, recently retired, widowed, etc.)	<b>Sarasota County Parks, Recreation and Natural Resources</b>	Beach and Legacy Train Ambassador program provides general information about the area, beaches, legacy trail and general safety: <a href="https://www.scgov.net/government/human-resources/volunteer">https://www.scgov.net/government/human-resources/volunteer</a>	

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	<b>Sarasota County Government</b>	Sarasota Voter Outreach program provides education and assistance with voter registration and education: <a href="https://www.scgov.net/government/human-resources/volunteer">https://www.scgov.net/government/human-resources/volunteer</a>	
	<b>Senior Friendship Centers</b>	Provides personalized matching for volunteer opportunities across extensive Friendship Center’s programs throughout County and neighboring areas, as well as opportunities for meaningful engagement and socialization: <a href="https://friendshipcenters.org/get-involved/volunteering/">https://friendshipcenters.org/get-involved/volunteering/</a>	
	<b>Sarasota Newcomers Club</b>	Club for people new to Sarasota (relocated in past 3 years), to provide supportive environment for friendships and serve on committee or board. Membership application, brochure and email contact available on the website: <a href="https://www.sarasotaneewcomers.org/page-18065">https://www.sarasotaneewcomers.org/page-18065</a>	
C. Streamline, simplify and amend barriers to access and engage in meaningful volunteering	<b>Sarasota County Government Human Resources</b>	Centralized website portal link to access unlimited volunteer opportunities: <a href="https://www.scgov.net/government/human-resources/volunteer">https://www.scgov.net/government/human-resources/volunteer</a>	
D. Create transportation for volunteering if needed*	<b>iTN Suncoast</b>	Provides transportation for any purposes throughout community and some neighboring areas. Online or downloadable volunteer application and volunteer brochure. Free annual membership for yourself and one for a friend and earn credits towards your future transportation needs: <a href="http://www.itnsuncoast.org/">http://www.itnsuncoast.org/</a>	
<b>2. Enhance value of intergenerational volunteering</b>			
A. Increase awareness about intergenerational volunteering opportunities	<b>University of South Florida (USF), Sarasota-Manatee</b>	Represents Sarasota County / co-chairs statewide initiative to enhance Intergenerational Civic Engagement throughout age-friendly communities: <a href="https://consensus.fsu.edu/">https://consensus.fsu.edu/</a>	

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	<b>Florida Department of Elder Affairs</b>	Sponsors annual celebration of Intergenerational Engagement, which seeks to raise awareness and celebrates the benefits of uniting the generations: <a href="http://elderaffairs.state.fl.us/doea/intergenerationalconnection.php">http://elderaffairs.state.fl.us/doea/intergenerationalconnection.php</a>	
	<b>Elder Helpers</b>	User-friendly, no cost website which recruits, screens and trains volunteers and allows older adults to register for needed services. Volunteers are then matched with older adults in need: <a href="https://www.elderhelpers.org/">https://www.elderhelpers.org/</a>	
	<b>Scholarship Volunteer</b>	Site to locate volunteer opportunities for students in Sarasota County that best suits their interests and tracks hours for high school credits and community service hours: <a href="http://scholarshipvolunteer.org/index.cfm">http://scholarshipvolunteer.org/index.cfm</a>	
<b>3. Enhance availability of, awareness of, and access to flexible and well-paying employment and job training opportunities for people of varying ages and abilities</b>			
A. Increase flexible and well-paying job opportunities (especially for advanced skills) *	<b>AARP</b>	0.70 jobs per person in the workforce, measured at the metro area scale: <a href="https://livabilityindex.aarp.org/search#Sarasota+County+FL+USA">https://livabilityindex.aarp.org/search#Sarasota+County+FL+USA</a>	
	<b>Florida Department of Elder Affairs</b>	17,269 (12%) persons employed age 65+ (2018), up 12% since 2015: <a href="http://elderaffairs.state.fl.us/doea/info_stats.php">http://elderaffairs.state.fl.us/doea/info_stats.php</a>	
B. Establish job training opportunities for new skills (especially technology), different fields of work and adaptations that foster continued employment	<b>CareerSource SunCoast</b>	Two Career centers in Sarasota County (Sarasota and North Port) assist with job search, resume, referrals, career planning and education. Specialized programs for persons with disabilities and Veterans: <a href="https://careersourcesuncoast.com/">https://careersourcesuncoast.com/</a>  The Employ Florida Marketplace-Silver Edition is an online resource for job seekers and employers for persons age 50 and older. Provides matching and access to job training and placement: <a href="https://silver.employflorida.com/vosnet/">https://silver.employflorida.com/vosnet/</a>	

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	<p><b>AARP Senior Community Service Employment Program</b></p>	<p>Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP) makes connections between older job seekers (age 55+, unemployed, and low-income) and employers looking to benefit from mature, experienced employees:  <a href="https://www.aarp.org/aarp-foundation/our-work/income/scsep/">https://www.aarp.org/aarp-foundation/our-work/income/scsep/</a></p>	
	<p><b>CVS Health</b></p>	<p>Talent is Ageless Mature Worker Hiring Program cultivates public and private partnerships with the goal of recruiting more mature workers into all areas of the business. <i>Discovering You!</i> training module-mature employees can put their newly acquired skills and knowledge to work:  <a href="https://cvshealth.com/about/diversity/talent-is-ageless-mature-workers">https://cvshealth.com/about/diversity/talent-is-ageless-mature-workers</a></p>	
	<p><b>Women’s Resource Center of Sarasota County</b></p>	<p>Provides life skills training, career planning, education, and resources for women of all generations at two locations in Sarasota County:  <a href="https://www.mywrc.org/">https://www.mywrc.org/</a></p>	
	<p><b>Goodwill Manasota</b></p>	<p>Access to five Job Connection offices with person to person assistance with resume preparation, job searches, interview training and filing online applications and registering with online jobsite portals In 2019, 217 people age 50+ were served at Job Connection sites and 53 people age 50+ in Veterans Service sites: <a href="https://experiencegoodwill.org/contact/jobs/">https://experiencegoodwill.org/contact/jobs/</a></p>	
	<p><b>Florida Small Business Development Center @ USF</b></p>	<p>The Florida Small Business Development Center at USF Sarasota provides no cost counseling and low-cost training for entrepreneurs of all ages in existing and emerging businesses: <a href="https://sbdctampabay.com/manasota/#consultants">https://sbdctampabay.com/manasota/#consultants</a></p>	
	<p><b>State College of Florida Workforce Solutions</b></p>	<p>Provides multiple programs to enhance job skills for adults including certificate programs in Insurance, Para-professional medical careers, Fitness, HR, Cyber-security, Personal Trainer, Private Investigator, and Technology skills:  <a href="http://www.scf.edu/CorporateCommunityDevelopment/WorkforceSolutions/default.asp">http://www.scf.edu/CorporateCommunityDevelopment/WorkforceSolutions/default.asp</a></p>	

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	<b>MyStartup Suncoast</b>	Provides community service network dedicated to support startups and entrepreneurs though information on resources throughout area: <a href="http://www.mystartupsuncoast.com/">http://www.mystartupsuncoast.com/</a>	
C. Improve access to information about job opportunities	<b>Sarasota County Government</b>	Lists career opportunities, online job application process, employee benefit information, Florida Retirement System, and additional resources. Website has ability to direct to Sarasota County Government Linkedin account: <a href="https://www.scgov.net/government/career-opportunities">https://www.scgov.net/government/career-opportunities</a>	
	<b>Career Source SunCoast</b>	The Employ Florida Marketplace-Silver Edition is an online resource for job seekers and employers for persons age 50 and older. Provides matching and access to job training and placement: <a href="https://silver.employflorida.com/vosnet/">https://silver.employflorida.com/vosnet/</a>	
	<b>Retirement Jobs.com</b>	Provides online access to Certified Age Friendly Employers and provides a 3-minute pre-interview form to gauge initial interests and qualifications: <a href="https://retirementjobs.com/">https://retirementjobs.com/</a>	
	<b>CVS Health</b>	Talent is Ageless Mature Worker Hiring Program cultivates public and private partnerships with the goal of recruiting more mature workers into all areas of the business: <a href="https://cvshealth.com/about/diversity/talent-is-ageless-mature-workers">https://cvshealth.com/about/diversity/talent-is-ageless-mature-workers</a>	
	<b>Indeed.com</b>	Free employment search engine to research job listings, post resumes and research companies: <a href="https://www.indeed.com/l-Sarasota,-FL-jobs.html">https://www.indeed.com/l-Sarasota,-FL-jobs.html</a>	
4. Enhance value of aging and multi-generational workforce			

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A. Expand awareness about value of older adult workforce	<p><b>The Patterson Foundation, Career Source SunCoast, Plymouth Harbor, University of South Florida (USF), Sarasota-Manatee</b></p>	<p>Conducted one session at State of Talent Conference (2017): 102 attendees</p>	
	<p><b>Retirement Jobs.com</b></p>	<p>Provides online access to Certified Age Friendly Employers and provides a 3-minute pre-interview form to gauge initial interests and qualifications. Currently three Certified Age-Friendly Employers in Sarasota County:  <a href="https://retirementjobs.com/">https://retirementjobs.com/</a></p>	
B. Develop awareness about multigenerational workforce	<p><b>CareerSource SunCoast</b></p>	<p>State of Talent Conference focused attention on multigenerational workforce issues, 102 attendees (2017)</p>	

\*Identified as greatest gap by Sarasota County residents aged 50-98 (2015-2017).

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## Age-Friendly Sarasota Domain: Communication & Information

**Goal: Inclusive of persons at all life stages and abilities, enhance accessible, timely and pertinent information to support decision-making for full participation in civic, social and economic life.**

Objectives/ Strategies	Partners	Actions / Outputs / Outcomes	Progress
1. Promote readability, ease of use and delivery of information across multiple media including television, print, phone, website and mobile applications			
A. Increase centralized access to community information	<b>Sarasota County Government</b>	Centralized website portal to access unlimited volunteer opportunities and 300+ positions via 34 Advisory Councils/ Appointed Boards: <a href="https://www.scgov.net/government/human-resources/volunteer">https://www.scgov.net/government/human-resources/volunteer</a>	
		Launched mobile-friendly upgrade of county website with accessibility features including read mode, bigger text, contrast and other options to meet accessibility needs (2017) <a href="https://www.scgov.net/government/county-administration/ethics-and-compliance/ada-title-vi-compliance/website-accessibility">https://www.scgov.net/government/county-administration/ethics-and-compliance/ada-title-vi-compliance/website-accessibility</a>	
		Created Multi-Modal Map for information and navigation to Transit Lines, Transit Stops, Trails and Bicycle Lanes, throughout Sarasota County (2017): <a href="https://ags2.scgov.net/MultiModalMap/">https://ags2.scgov.net/MultiModalMap/</a>	
		Sarasota County Library Page publicizes schedule of events by library location, event type and programs. Offers a mobile app to access your account, view operating hours, browse catalog and reserve items: <a href="https://www.scgov.net/government/departments/libraries">https://www.scgov.net/government/departments/libraries</a>	

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		<p>Sarasota County Parks, Recreation and Natural Resources Events and Activities Guide:  <a href="https://www.scgov.net/government/parks-recreation-and-natural-resources">https://www.scgov.net/government/parks-recreation-and-natural-resources</a></p> <p>Calendar of park’s special events:  <a href="https://www.scgov.net/government/parks-recreation-and-natural-resources/things-to-do/programs-and-events/signature-special-events">https://www.scgov.net/government/parks-recreation-and-natural-resources/things-to-do/programs-and-events/signature-special-events</a></p>	
		<p>Sarasota County Emergency Services provides information on Hurricane Preparedness, Maps of Evacuation Levels/Shelters, Transportation Options, Special Needs, Fire Department/Station location, and Public Safety Information. Access to Emergency Services documents, forms and plans:  <a href="https://www.scgov.net/government/departments/emergency-services">https://www.scgov.net/government/departments/emergency-services</a></p>	
		<p>Sarasota County Veteran’s Services have Veteran Service Offers (VSOs) trained and accredited by the Florida Department of Veterans’ Affairs. Assistance is provided at no cost to veterans and their families:  <a href="https://www.scgov.net/government/health-and-human-services/human-services/veterans-services">https://www.scgov.net/government/health-and-human-services/human-services/veterans-services</a></p>	

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		<p>Sarasota County Planning and Development publicizes an Online Neighborhood Directory, Neighborhood University, Civics 101, Grant Initiatives, and Neighborhood Plans in access to Connect, the county’s monthly electronic newsletter for neighbor leaders and engaged residents: <a href="https://www.scgov.net/government/planning-and-development-services/planning-and-zoning/neighborhood-services">https://www.scgov.net/government/planning-and-development-services/planning-and-zoning/neighborhood-services</a></p> <p>Added PDS Documents and Petition page to improve transparency and direct link to YouTube video information: <a href="https://www.scgov.net/government/planning-and-development-services">https://www.scgov.net/government/planning-and-development-services</a></p>	
		<p>Sarasota County Health and Human Services provides information on community resources critical to meeting the needs of the community. This includes information across six systems including Aging, Behavioral Health, Child Welfare, Disability Services, Early Learning, Emergency Assistance &amp; Economic Stability and Positive Youth Development. Access to resources including 211, State Mandated Human Services Programs and Mosquito Management: <a href="https://www.scgov.net/government/health-and-human-services/human-services">https://www.scgov.net/government/health-and-human-services/human-services</a></p>	
		<p>Sarasota County Veterans Services provides information on Veterans and Survivor Benefits, Forms and Resources, calendar of events, Veterans Services brochure, locations and hours of operation: <a href="https://www.scgov.net/government/health-and-human-services/human-services/veterans-services">https://www.scgov.net/government/health-and-human-services/human-services/veterans-services</a></p>	
	<p><b>The Patterson Foundation</b></p>	<p>Created and distributed 59 monthly Age-Friendly Sarasota Newsletters regarding age-friendly practices, activities, and events: <a href="http://www.agefriendlysarasota.org/connect-learn/newsletter-archive.html">www.agefriendlysarasota.org/connect-learn/newsletter-archive.html</a></p> <p>Sponsors centralized Website providing information about Age-Friendly Sarasota, impact, domains of livability and connect and learn opportunities (29,753 users, 121,359 pageviews): <a href="http://www.agefriendlysarasota.org/">www.agefriendlysarasota.org/</a></p> <p>Created and posted 246 blogs to inform and inspire community: <a href="http://www.agefriendlysarasota.org/blog.html">www.agefriendlysarasota.org/blog.html</a></p>	

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		<p>Sponsored the production of and shared videos about Age-Friendly Sarasota: <a href="http://www.agefriendly Sarasota.org/connect-learn/videos.html">www.agefriendly Sarasota.org/connect-learn/videos.html</a></p> <p>Initiated and maintains daily social media communications via Facebook page (1,441 followers): <a href="http://www.facebook.com/AgeFriendlySarasota">www.facebook.com/AgeFriendlySarasota</a></p> <p>Created and maintains daily social media postings to Twitter account (1,140 followers): <a href="https://twitter.com/AgeFriendlySRQ">https://twitter.com/AgeFriendlySRQ</a></p>	
<p>B. Create automated community information sources that are easy to understand and clearly displayed with large lettering*</p>	<p><b>Sarasota County Government, City of Sarasota, Venice, North Port, Town of Longboat Key, Sarasota Police Department, Sarasota County Sheriff's Office</b></p>	<p>Website includes multiple accessibility features:  <a href="https://www.scgov.net/home">https://www.scgov.net/home</a>  <a href="https://www.sarasotafl.gov/">https://www.sarasotafl.gov/</a>  <a href="https://www.sarasotapd.org/">https://www.sarasotapd.org/</a>  <a href="https://www.sarasotasheriff.org/">https://www.sarasotasheriff.org/</a>  <a href="https://www.venicegov.com/">https://www.venicegov.com/</a>  <a href="https://www.longboatkey.org/">https://www.longboatkey.org/</a>  <a href="https://www.cityofnorthport.com/">https://www.cityofnorthport.com/</a></p>	
<p>C. Ensure community information that is delivered in person for homebound</p>	<p><b>Sarasota County Government</b></p>	<p>See Access Sarasota Television (#1A above)</p> <p>Sarasota County Contact Center provides digital, phone and social media connection via website, email, phone, TTY, Facebook, twitter, Instagram and YouTube: <a href="https://www.scgov.net/government/connect-with-us">https://www.scgov.net/government/connect-with-us</a></p>	
	<p><b>Florida Department of Elder Affairs</b></p>	<p>Elder Update newspaper published six times a year with information brought to you by the Florida Department of Elder Affairs. Options for email delivery, view digitally on the website or mailed to your residence: <a href="http://elderaffairs.state.fl.us/doea/elder_update.php">http://elderaffairs.state.fl.us/doea/elder_update.php</a></p>	
	<p><b>Senior Friendship Centers</b></p>	<p>Publishes <i>Prime Times</i> monthly through the Herald Tribune newspaper with distributed county wide at convenient locations, and available in digital format on the website. Includes zoom feature for increased font size. Provides relevant articles about aging, activity calendar, resources, and educational opportunities: <a href="https://sarasotaheraldtribune-fl.newsmemory.com/?special=Prime+Times">https://sarasotaheraldtribune-fl.newsmemory.com/?special=Prime+Times</a></p>	

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<p>D. Incorporate feedback to ensure senior voice is heard</p>	<p><b>Sarasota County Government</b></p>	<p>Sarasota County website provides opportunity for input via Contact Center: <a href="https://www.scgov.net/government/connect-with-us">https://www.scgov.net/government/connect-with-us</a></p> <p>Opportunity to participate in the Sarasota County annual citizen survey. Completed survey is usually posted online every Septembers: <a href="https://www.scgov.net/government/county-commission/citizen-opinion-survey">https://www.scgov.net/government/county-commission/citizen-opinion-survey</a></p>	
<p><b>2. Promote availability of unbiased and relevant issues pertaining to aging</b></p>			
<p>A. Create centralized access to information to partake in civic engagement, employment and social activities</p>	<p><b>Sarasota County Government</b></p>	<p>Sarasota County website includes centralized assess to volunteer, work and participate in activities in parks and libraries: <a href="https://www.scgov.net/home">https://www.scgov.net/home</a></p>	
	<p><b>Lighthouse of Manasota</b></p>	<p>Provides education and training that promotes self-sufficiency and independence for persons affected by vision loss: <a href="https://lighthouseofmanasota.org/">https://lighthouseofmanasota.org/</a></p>	
	<p><b>Hearing Loss Association of America-Sarasota Chapter</b></p>	<p>Provides education, information, support and advocacy. Has social media presence and monthly electronic newsletter “Listen!Up”. Monthly chapter meetings and special social events: <a href="http://hlas.org/">http://hlas.org/</a></p>	
<p>B. Increase information on resources specific to aging including legal and financial planning, housing options, health care, transitioning to retirement and end of life planning.</p>	<p><b>Senior Friendship Centers</b></p>	<p>Provides multiple informational programs including: Tax Assistance, Legal Consults, Seniors vs Crime, and health insurance (SHINE): <a href="https://sarasotaheraldtribune-fl.newsmemory.com/?special=Prime+Times">https://sarasotaheraldtribune-fl.newsmemory.com/?special=Prime+Times</a></p>	
	<p><b>Good Samaritan Pharmacy</b></p>	<p>Provides information to obtain prescription medication and assistance in applying for free, long-term assistance for medications via manufacturer patient assistance programs: <a href="http://www.goodsamrx.org/home.html">http://www.goodsamrx.org/home.html</a></p>	
	<p><b>Sarasota Memorial Health Care System</b></p>	<p>Community Outreach Program provides multiple classes and events pertaining to wide range of health issues via the SMH Calendar: <a href="http://wwz.smh.com/cal.aspx">http://wwz.smh.com/cal.aspx</a></p>	

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		Supportive Care Services is coordinated, patient-centered care for complicated medical problems or prolonged illness, aimed at improving quality of life for both patient and caregiver: <a href="https://www.smh.com/Home/Services/Supportive-Care-Services">https://www.smh.com/Home/Services/Supportive-Care-Services</a>	
	<b>Gulfcoast Legal Services</b>	Provides legal advice and representation on a variety of issues including family law, financial stability and housing: <a href="http://gulfcoastlegal.org/services-for-seniors">http://gulfcoastlegal.org/services-for-seniors</a>	
	<b>Legal Aid of Manasota</b>	Provides free legal services and community education classes. Special projects to protect and retain home ownership with a focus on older adults include No Place Like Home and SHOPP (Senior Home Ownership Protection Project): <a href="https://legalaidofmanasota.org/">https://legalaidofmanasota.org/</a>	
	<b>Heart of Florida United Way 211</b>	Site provides local information and referral to support and resources. Features phone, email, chat or text access with connection to a 211 specialist: <a href="https://211.gs-humanservices.org/">https://211.gs-humanservices.org/</a>	
	<b>National Council on Aging, The Patterson Foundation, Senior Friendship Centers, Jewish Family &amp; Children’s Services, The Paradise Center</b>	The Aging Mastery Program – 10 session program to navigate and strengthen the physical, financial, and emotional wellness of older adults across a range of living issues (2016-2018): <a href="https://www.ncoa.org/healthy-aging/aging-mastery-program/">https://www.ncoa.org/healthy-aging/aging-mastery-program/</a>	
	<b>Sarasota County Libraries and Historical Resources</b>	Provides extensive collection of resources and programming through the digital library, news blog, and events. Direct link to AskALibrarian.org: <a href="https://www.scgov.net/government/departments/libraries">https://www.scgov.net/government/departments/libraries</a> <a href="https://askalibrarian.org/">https://askalibrarian.org/</a>	

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	<p><b>Seniors Blue Book</b></p>	<p>Seniors Blue Book and SeniorsBlueBook.com provide older adults, caregivers and professionals a comprehensive resource for services with over 70 categories of information:  <a href="https://www.seniorsbluebook.com/senior-resources/sarasota-bradenton-charlotte-counties">https://www.seniorsbluebook.com/senior-resources/sarasota-bradenton-charlotte-counties</a></p>	
	<p><b>Area Agency on Aging for Southwest Florida</b></p>	<p>Provides Information and access to programs and services that help older adults and adults with disabilities to live as independently as possible. Multiple program and service areas are included: Elder Helpline (live call in, or online database search) SHINE (provides health insurance information including Medicare), Elder Abuse Education/Prevention and Health &amp; Wellness: <a href="http://aaaswfl.org/services/">http://aaaswfl.org/services/</a></p>	
	<p><b>The Patterson Foundation</b></p>	<p>Sponsored education by 125 participating partners, regarding community resources at the Age-Friendly Festival (140 community volunteers). 4,011 attendees (2017):  <a href="https://www.agefriendlysarasota.org/impact/age-friendly-festival-resource-toolkit.html">https://www.agefriendlysarasota.org/impact/age-friendly-festival-resource-toolkit.html</a></p>	
	<p><b>Florida Department of Health in Sarasota County</b></p>	<p>Offers information and access to programs and services that include clinical and Nutrition Services, Environmental Health, Infectious Diseases, Wellness Programs, Emergency Preparedness/Response, Gulf Coast Beach Information, Community Health Planning and Statistics:  <a href="http://sarasota.floridahealth.gov/programs-and-services/index.html">http://sarasota.floridahealth.gov/programs-and-services/index.html</a></p>	
	<p><b>Goodwill Manasota</b></p>	<p>Offers White Glove Service at no cost to help pack and remove items that you would like to donate and transport them to a Goodwill donation center:  <a href="https://experiencegoodwill.org/donate/white-glove-service/">https://experiencegoodwill.org/donate/white-glove-service/</a></p>	

3. Expand availability and use of affordable technology

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A. Create training to improve technology skills to access information and opportunities	<b>Sarasota County Libraries and Historical Resources</b>	Provides numerous technology offerings: <a href="https://www.scgov.net/government/departments/libraries">https://www.scgov.net/government/departments/libraries</a>	
	<b>Senior Friendship Centers</b>	Provides numerous technology offerings: <a href="https://friendshipcenters.org/locations/sarasota/sarasota-calendar/">https://friendshipcenters.org/locations/sarasota/sarasota-calendar/</a>	
	<b>Sarasota County Adult &amp; Community Education</b>	Provides numerous technology offerings: <a href="https://www.campusce.net/acesarasota/category/category.aspx">https://www.campusce.net/acesarasota/category/category.aspx</a>	
	<b>SunCoast Alliance for Lifelong Learning</b>	Provides numerous technology offerings: <a href="https://www.suncoastlifelonglearning.org/">https://www.suncoastlifelonglearning.org/</a>	
	<b>Community</b>	Numerous locations throughout Sarasota have installed assistive listening devices (hearing loops). This includes the Sarasota Bradenton Airport, theaters and cinemas, houses of worship, senior living communities, medical offices, community venues, and the Department of Health. Online resources and mobile apps have been developed to easily locate venues in the area. <a href="https://www.aldlocator.com/#/home">https://www.aldlocator.com/#/home</a> <a href="http://completehearingsolutions.org/hearing-looped-locations/">http://completehearingsolutions.org/hearing-looped-locations/</a>	
B. Establish free access to computers and Internet in public places such as libraries, senior centers, and government buildings (Wi-Fi access)	<b>AARP</b>	0.8% of residents who have access to three or more wireless internet providers and two or more providers that offer maximum download speeds of 50 megabits per second, measured at neighborhood scale: <a href="https://livabilityindex.aarp.org/search#Sarasota+County+FL+USA">https://livabilityindex.aarp.org/search#Sarasota+County+FL+USA</a>	

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	<b>Sarasota County Libraries and Historical Resources</b>	Provides free access to computers and internet: <a href="https://www.scgov.net/government/libraries/services-and-policies">https://www.scgov.net/government/libraries/services-and-policies</a>	
C. Increase intergenerational training opportunities	<b>Sarasota County Libraries and Historical Resources</b>	Provides tech training opportunities between persons across all generations: <a href="https://www.scgov.net/government/departments/libraries">https://www.scgov.net/government/departments/libraries</a>	
	<b>Senior Friendship Centers</b>	Provides tech training opportunities between students and older adults: <a href="https://friendshipcenters.org/locations/sarasota/sarasota-calendar/">https://friendshipcenters.org/locations/sarasota/sarasota-calendar/</a>	

\*Identified as greatest gap by Sarasota County residents aged 50-98 (2015-2017).

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## Age-Friendly Sarasota Domain: Community Support & Health Services

**Goal: Inclusive of persons at all life stages and abilities, enhance accessible and affordable health care, home care, services, supports and programs that enable wellness and active aging across changing needs including urgent, primary and long-term care and preventive, restorative and palliative levels of care.**

Objectives/ Strategies	Partners	Actions / Outputs / Outcomes	Progress
1. Promote awareness of safety, wellness, livability, and healthy activities in the community and promote related accessibility (e.g., location, transportation)			
A. Expand health screenings and activities	<b>Florida Department of Health in Sarasota County</b>	Operates Adult Health Care programming for specialty care, lab and pharmacy, communicable disease screening, HIV assessment and management, and health education: <a href="http://sarasota.floridahealth.gov/programs-and-services/index.html">http://sarasota.floridahealth.gov/programs-and-services/index.html</a>  Conducts Health in Motion mobile unit for no-cost, on-site screenings and referrals for general health and wellness: <a href="http://sarasota.floridahealth.gov/programs-and-services/wellness-programs/health-in-motion/index.html">http://sarasota.floridahealth.gov/programs-and-services/wellness-programs/health-in-motion/index.html</a>	
	<b>CenterPlace Health</b>	Operates Adult Health Care programming for primary care, health education, and evaluation & care of acute and chronic health problems, on-site pharmacy access, laboratory services and on-site mental health/substance abuse services (Behavioral Health Care) in partnership with Centerstone and First Step: <a href="https://www.centerplacehealth.org/services">https://www.centerplacehealth.org/services</a>	

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	<p><b>Senior Friendship Centers</b></p>	<p>Operates two clinics in Sarasota County in partnership with Sarasota County Government, Florida DOH, and Sarasota Memorial Hospital. Provides both primary patient care, dental services and specialty services to low-income residents age 50 years or older on a sliding fee scale:  <a href="https://friendshipcenters.org/services/health-clinics/sarasota-health-clinics/">https://friendshipcenters.org/services/health-clinics/sarasota-health-clinics/</a></p>	
	<p><b>UF/ IFAS Extension and Sustainability</b></p>	<p>Provides resources and education on sustainability, agriculture, gardening, landscaping, natural resources, health and nutrition through workshops and classes and healthy supports annual Water Quality Summit and Sustainable Community Workshop:  <a href="https://www.scgov.net/government/departments/sustainability">https://www.scgov.net/government/departments/sustainability</a></p>	
	<p><b>Florida Department of Health in Sarasota County-Healthy Sarasota</b></p>	<p>Community Health Actions Teams (CHATs) are citizen-led groups that meet monthly to assess local health concerns and act to remedy issues in four regional locations: North Port, Laurel/Osprey/Nokomis, Newtown, and Englewood: <a href="http://www.chip4health.org/communities.htm">http://www.chip4health.org/communities.htm</a></p>	
	<p><b>Roskamp Neurology Clinic, Sarasota Memorial Hospital Memory Disorder Clinic</b></p>	<p>Conducts complimentary memory screenings for persons age 55 and older:  <a href="https://www.roskampclinic.org/free-memory-screening/">https://www.roskampclinic.org/free-memory-screening/</a>  <a href="https://www.smh.com/Home/Services/Memory-Disorders">https://www.smh.com/Home/Services/Memory-Disorders</a></p>	
	<p><b>Coastal Behavioral Healthcare</b></p>	<p>Provides free lifestyle classes via HEALTHY CHOICES outreach program for persons age 55+ on cognitive, social and emotional wellbeing and nutrition:  <a href="http://www.coastalbh.org/services/adult/healthy-choices/">http://www.coastalbh.org/services/adult/healthy-choices/</a></p>	
	<p><b>Sarasota Memorial Health Care System</b></p>	<p>839 bed acute care hospital, 18 facilities throughout the county offering a range of care/services including six urgent care centers, and eight outpatient and nursing care centers located throughout the county. Sarasota County’s only Level II Trauma Center and hospital-based acute-care rehabilitation center: <a href="https://www.smh.com/about">https://www.smh.com/about</a></p>	

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	<p><b>Alzheimer’s Association Gulf Coast Chapter, Area Agency on Aging for Southwest Florida, Florida Department of Elder Affairs</b></p>	<p>Provides information and referrals to community resources on Alzheimer’s Disease and related disorders:  <a href="https://www.alz.org/flgulfcoast/helping_you">https://www.alz.org/flgulfcoast/helping_you</a>  <a href="https://aaaswfl.org/services/helpline/">https://aaaswfl.org/services/helpline/</a>  <a href="http://elderaffairs.state.fl.us/doea/alz_resources.php">http://elderaffairs.state.fl.us/doea/alz_resources.php</a></p>	
<p>B. Integrate preventive considerations in health and social services</p>	<p><b>AARP</b></p>	<p>Sarasota’s Quality of Health Care (preventable hospitalization rate) is 34.9, 13.6 points lower than the Median US neighborhood at 48.5 according to the AARP Livability Index:  <a href="https://livabilityindex.aarp.org/search#Sarasota+County+FL+USA">https://livabilityindex.aarp.org/search#Sarasota+County+FL+USA</a></p>	
	<p><b>Florida Department of Health in Sarasota County</b></p>	<p>Provides health education in primary care:  <a href="http://sarasota.floridahealth.gov/programs-and-services/clinical-and-nutrition-services/primary-health-care/adult-health.html">http://sarasota.floridahealth.gov/programs-and-services/clinical-and-nutrition-services/primary-health-care/adult-health.html</a></p>	
	<p><b>Area Agency on Aging for Southwest Florida</b></p>	<p>Oversees government-funded home care and community-based care services for eligible adults age 60+ and those with disabilities. Funding is provided through state and federal grants including Community Care for the Elderly, Alzheimer’s Disease Initiative, Older American’s Act, National Family Caregiver Support Program and Home Care for the Elderly:  <a href="http://aaaswfl.org/services/home-community-care/">http://aaaswfl.org/services/home-community-care/</a></p>	
	<p><b>Florida Department of Elder Affairs</b></p>	<p>Directs the work through the state’s eleven Area Agencies on Aging and Local Service Providers, as well as directly administers a wide range of programs including Office of Public and Professional Guardians, Communities for a Lifetime, CARES (Comprehensive Assessment and Review for Long-Term Care Services) and SHINE (Serving Health Insurance Needs of Elders): <a href="http://elderaffairs.state.fl.us/doea/about.php">http://elderaffairs.state.fl.us/doea/about.php</a></p>	

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	<p><b>National Council on Aging</b></p>	<p>Provides connection with programs and webinars that address behavioral and mental health issues specific to older adults:  <a href="https://www.ncoa.org/center-for-healthy-aging/behavioral-health/behavioral-health-programs-for-older-adults/">https://www.ncoa.org/center-for-healthy-aging/behavioral-health/behavioral-health-programs-for-older-adults/</a></p>	
<p>2. Promote care and capability specializing in aging issues</p>			
<p>A. Increase health care specialized in aging and caregiver needs</p>	<p><b>Doctor's Hospital</b></p>	<p>Serenity Place is 16 bed unit focused on inpatient mental health for persons age 50 and older: <a href="https://doctorsofsarasota.com/campaigns/serenity">https://doctorsofsarasota.com/campaigns/serenity</a></p>	
	<p><b>Poet's Walk Memory Care Community</b></p>	<p>Assisted Living Facility with Specialized Care utilizing the latest in memory care technology (Trending Technology) that monitors daily activities and alerts caregivers of any changes in habits. Families have 24/7 access through a private portal:  <a href="https://www.poetswalk-springhills.com/assisted-living-facility-sarasota-fl/">https://www.poetswalk-springhills.com/assisted-living-facility-sarasota-fl/</a></p>	
	<p><b>Senior Friendship Centers</b></p>	<p>Operates two clinics in Sarasota County in partnership with Sarasota County Government, Florida DOH, and Sarasota Memorial Hospital. Provides both primary patient care, dental services and specialty services to low-income residents age 50 years or older on a sliding fee scale:  <a href="https://friendshipcenters.org/services/health-clinics/sarasota-health-clinics/">https://friendshipcenters.org/services/health-clinics/sarasota-health-clinics/</a></p>	
		<p>Center for Aging Studies offers accredited continuing education through an aging lens for licensed professionals experiencing a growing need for geriatric-focused coursework: <a href="https://centerforagingstudies.org/">https://centerforagingstudies.org/</a></p> <p>The Caregiving Place offers caregiving resources such as support group, therapy group, journaling, educational classes (Mind Set, Powerful Tools for Caregivers, Caregiving 101), adult day service, referrals and resources:  <a href="https://friendshipcenters.org/services/caregiving/">https://friendshipcenters.org/services/caregiving/</a></p>	

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	<p><b>Pines of Sarasota</b></p>	<p>Education Institute provides financial assistance with education, test prep and state Certified Nursing Assistant (CAN) exam:  <a href="https://pinesofsarasota.org/education-institute/">https://pinesofsarasota.org/education-institute/</a></p>	
	<p><b>Jewish Family and Children's Services of the Suncoast</b></p>	<p>Offers multiple senior services including caregiver resources, Alzheimer's Support and Education Network, counseling, care management, Mind Set classes, bereavement support, caregiver support groups and was a pilot site for Jewish Aging Mastery Program through the National Council on Aging:  <a href="https://jfcs-cares.org/seniors/">https://jfcs-cares.org/seniors/</a></p>	
	<p><b>Sarasota Memorial Health Care System (SMH)</b></p>	<p>Designated NICHE: Nurses Improving Care for Healthsystem Elders representing evidenced-based, age-sensitive nursing care and comprehensive support for older persons and their caregivers (2017)  <a href="https://www.smh.com/Home/News-Events/Release/smh-earns-niche-designation-for-geriatric-care-initiatives">https://www.smh.com/Home/News-Events/Release/smh-earns-niche-designation-for-geriatric-care-initiatives</a></p>	<p><b>A</b></p>
		<p>The Memory Disorder Clinic at SMH provides assessment, diagnosis, treatment, education and support for individuals affected by memory loss and their caregivers. Involves a multi-disciplinary team approach:  <a href="https://www.smh.com/Home/Services/Memory-Disorders">https://www.smh.com/Home/Services/Memory-Disorders</a></p>	
		<p>Designated Age-Friendly Health System in 2019, SMH is the only hospital in the region to achieve age-friendly status by putting in place evidence-based interventions that are essential in providing better care to older patients (2019):  <a href="https://www.smh.com/Home/News-Events/Release/sarasota-memorial-earns-age-friendly-recognition">https://www.smh.com/Home/News-Events/Release/sarasota-memorial-earns-age-friendly-recognition</a></p>	<p><b>A</b></p>
<p><b>Florida Department of Elder Affairs-Sarasota County Profile</b></p>	<p>Directs the work through the state's eleven Area Agencies on Aging and Local Service Providers through state and federal grants:  <a href="http://elderaffairs.state.fl.us/doea/programs.php">http://elderaffairs.state.fl.us/doea/programs.php</a></p>		

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		<p>68 Home Health Agencies, 17 Medicare Certified Agencies, 50 Homemaker and Companion services, 2 Adult Day Care Facilities with 112 person capacity, 6 Hospitals with 1,542 bed available, 8 Adult Care homes, 86 Assisted Living Facilities with 4,743 beds (with 268 beds supplemented by state funds)/ 30 Skilled Nursing Facilities with 3,058 bed capacity (2018): <a href="http://elderaffairs.state.fl.us/doea/pubs/stats/County_2018/florida_map.html">http://elderaffairs.state.fl.us/doea/pubs/stats/County_2018/florida_map.html</a></p>	
	<p><b>Area Agency on Aging for Southwest Florida</b></p>	<p>Oversees government-funded home care and community-based care services for eligible adults age 60 plus, those with disabilities and persons with dementia and their caregivers. Funding is provided through state and federal grants including Community Care for the Elderly, Alzheimer’s Disease Initiative, Older American’s Act, National Family Caregiver Support Program and Home Care for the Elderly: <a href="https://aaaswfl.org/services/">https://aaaswfl.org/services/</a></p>	
	<p><b>Uber Health</b></p>	<p>HIPAA-compliant online platform, Uber Health was deployed in 2017 to offer transportation options for individuals, caregivers and for hospitals or healthcare professionals to manage transportation: <a href="https://www.uberhealth.com/">https://www.uberhealth.com/</a></p>	
<p>B. Expand awareness of cognitive issues/ dementia</p>	<p><b>Sarasota Memorial Health Care System Memory Disorder Clinic</b></p>	<p>The Memory Disorder Clinic at SMH provides assessment, diagnosis, treatment, education and support for individuals affected by memory loss and their caregivers. Involves a multi-disciplinary team approach: <a href="https://www.smh.com/Home/Services/Memory-Disorders">https://www.smh.com/Home/Services/Memory-Disorders</a></p>	
	<p><b>Florida Department of Health</b></p>	<p>The Florida Department of Health added Alzheimer’s and related dementia as a 9<sup>th</sup> priority to the State Health Improvement Plan (SHIP)(2019) and establish the Department of Health as a Center of Excellence pursuant to the Federal Building Our Largest Dementia Infrastructure for Alzheimer’s Act (BOLD Act) (2018): <a href="http://www.floridahealth.gov/about/state-and-community-health-assessment/ship-process/FINAL_SHIP.pdf">http://www.floridahealth.gov/about/state-and-community-health-assessment/ship-process/FINAL_SHIP.pdf</a> <a href="https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/senate-bill/2076/all-info">https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/senate-bill/2076/all-info</a></p>	

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	<p><b>Florida Department of Elder Affairs, Sarasota Memorial Health Care System Memory Disorder Clinic</b></p>	<p>Dementia Care and Cure Initiative (DCCI) initiated in 2017, established a DCCI Task Force through the SMH’s Memory Disorder Clinic and community partners. The program is designed to provide awareness, education and sensitivity regarding the needs of those effected by dementia and their caregivers. More than 1, 000 individuals have been trained: <a href="http://elderaffairs.state.fl.us/does/dcci.php">http://elderaffairs.state.fl.us/does/dcci.php</a></p>	
	<p><b>Alzheimer’s Association, Florida Gulf Coast Chapter</b></p>	<p>Provides comprehensive information on Alzheimer’s and dementia, brain health, support groups, respite care, treatment, research, and offers referrals to community resources on Alzheimer’s Disease and related disorders: <a href="https://www.alz.org/flgulfcoast/helping_you">https://www.alz.org/flgulfcoast/helping_you</a></p>	
	<p><b>Alzheimer’s Association, Florida Gulf Coast Chapter, Sarasota Memorial Health Care System, Sarasota County</b></p>	<p>Offering an 8-week “Caregiver College” series on caregiving through interactive educational classes at the Shannon Staub Library (2020): <a href="https://scgovlibrary.librarymarket.com/events/alzheimers-association-caregiver-college-2">https://scgovlibrary.librarymarket.com/events/alzheimers-association-caregiver-college-2</a></p>	
	<p><b>Senior Friendship Centers</b></p>	<p>The Caregiving Place offers caregiving resources such as support group, therapy group, journaling, educational classes (Mind Set, Powerful Tools for Caregivers, Caregiving 101), adult day service, referrals and resources: <a href="https://friendshipcenters.org/services/caregiving/">https://friendshipcenters.org/services/caregiving/</a></p>	
	<p><b>Roskamp Neurology Clinic</b></p>	<p>Conducts complimentary memory screenings for persons age 55 and older: <a href="https://www.roskampclinic.org/free-memory-screening/">https://www.roskampclinic.org/free-memory-screening/</a></p>	
<p>C. Improve dignified palliative and end of life care</p>	<p><b>Tidewell Hospice</b></p>	<p>Provides hospice care and resources for families and professionals: <a href="https://tidewellhospice.org/welcome/">https://tidewellhospice.org/welcome/</a></p>	

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	<p><b>Visiting Angels, Comfort Keepers, Right at Home</b></p>	<p>Provides palliative care via certified training program serving the county and surrounding areas:  <a href="https://www.visitingangels.com/sarasota/certified-palliative-care">https://www.visitingangels.com/sarasota/certified-palliative-care</a>  <a href="https://www.comfortkeepers.com/care-services/end-of-life-care">https://www.comfortkeepers.com/care-services/end-of-life-care</a>  <a href="https://www.rightathome.net/sarasota-county/special-care-situations">https://www.rightathome.net/sarasota-county/special-care-situations</a></p>	
	<p><b>Sarasota Memorial Health Care System Supportive Care Services, The Florida State University College of Medicine</b></p>	<p>Sarasota Memorial Health Care Supportive Care Services and The Florida State University College of Medicine partnered to offer the area’s first Hospice and Palliative Medicine Fellowship; one of 13 approved sites where board certified physicians can acquire advanced training:  <a href="https://www.smh.com/Home/News-Events/Release/fsu-smh-launch-new-palliative-care-fellowship">https://www.smh.com/Home/News-Events/Release/fsu-smh-launch-new-palliative-care-fellowship</a></p>	
	<p><b>Sarasota Memorial Health Care System Supportive Care Services</b></p>	<p>Provides coordinated, patient-centered care for those facing complicated medical problems or prolonged illness. Services include pain management, guidance in making complex treatment decisions, resources, emotional and spiritual needs:  <a href="https://www.smh.com/Home/Services/Supportive-Care-Services">https://www.smh.com/Home/Services/Supportive-Care-Services</a></p>	
<p><b>3. Promote supports and innovative options to age in place</b></p>			
<p>A. Embed resiliency for disaster planning</p>	<p><b>Florida Department of Health in Sarasota County, Sarasota County Emergency Management</b></p>	<p>Community Organizations Active in Disaster (COAD) is a public-private partnership of government, private and nonprofit organizations that provide education, training and information to shelter volunteers and others involved in disaster recovery. The DOH provides staffing for shelters hosting those individuals that have pre-registered as medically dependent. The Elder Care Resource Team provides recovery activities for older adults impacted by a disaster: <a href="http://sarasotacoad.wixsite.com/sarasotacoad">http://sarasotacoad.wixsite.com/sarasotacoad</a></p>	

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	<p><b>Florida Department of Elder Affairs</b></p>	<p>Provides resources for disaster preparedness specific to older adult population and publishes Disaster Preparedness Guide for Elders: <a href="http://elderaffairs.state.fl.us/doea/disaster.php">http://elderaffairs.state.fl.us/doea/disaster.php</a></p>	
	<p><b>Area Agency on Aging for Southwest Florida</b></p>	<p>Provides information on Emergency Preparedness and links to state and local government resources including special medical needs and shelters, evacuation zones and maps and partners with resources for emergency food supply: <a href="https://aaaswfl.org/emergency-preparedness/">https://aaaswfl.org/emergency-preparedness/</a></p>	
	<p><b>American Red Cross</b></p>	<p>Provides resources specific to older adults and disaster preparedness including a guide <i>For Seniors By Seniors</i>: <a href="https://www.redcross.org/get-help/how-to-prepare-for-emergencies/seniors.html">https://www.redcross.org/get-help/how-to-prepare-for-emergencies/seniors.html</a></p>	
	<p><b>Sarasota County Government</b></p>	<p>Implements Disaster Preparedness which includes designated evacuation centers and transportation rally points throughout Sarasota County. Through a partnership with the DOH; provides special shelters for those that are pre-registered with qualifying medical need: <a href="https://www.scgov.net/government/emergency-services/hurricane-preparedness">https://www.scgov.net/government/emergency-services/hurricane-preparedness</a></p>	
		<p>BOCC adopted Sarasota County Post-Disaster Redevelopment Plan in 2015 as a guide to the redevelopment decision-making process following a disaster. A Homeowners Guide and checklist was developed to help navigate the residential rebuilding process. <a href="https://www.scgov.net/government/planning-and-development-services/planning-and-zoning/-folder-225#docan7171_11681_7055">https://www.scgov.net/government/planning-and-development-services/planning-and-zoning/-folder-225#docan7171_11681_7055</a></p>	
		<p>Sarasota County Resolution 2015-118 created Sarasota County Post-Disaster Redevelopment Plan (2015): <a href="https://www.scgov.net/Home/ShowDocument?id=34542">https://www.scgov.net/Home/ShowDocument?id=34542</a></p>	<p><b>P</b></p>

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		<p>Publishes Annual Disaster Planning Guide, and website link to documents, forms, weather notifications, evacuation zones, and videos on emergency planning. Helpful resources and links to Florida Power and Light (FPL), National Hurricane Center, American Red Cross, National Weather Service, FEMA and transportation options:  <a href="https://www.scgov.net/government/emergency-services/hurricane-preparedness">https://www.scgov.net/government/emergency-services/hurricane-preparedness</a></p>	
B. Create affordable homecare providers*	<p><b>Florida Department of Elder Affairs- Sarasota County Profile</b></p>	<p>68 Home Health Agencies, 17 Medicare Certified Agencies, 50 Homemaker and Companion services:  <a href="http://elderaffairs.state.fl.us/doea/pubs/stats/County_2018/florida_map.html">http://elderaffairs.state.fl.us/doea/pubs/stats/County_2018/florida_map.html</a></p>	
	<p><b>Care.com</b></p>	<p>Online resources for senior care that can be customized based on individual need. Average rate is noted at \$13.00 hour: <a href="https://www.care.com/">https://www.care.com/</a></p>	
C. Expand home-delivered medications and groceries	<p><b>www.instacart.com</b></p>	<p>Online platform to order food and other supplies offering both delivery and pick up (delivery fees may apply), serving multiple zip codes in Greater Sarasota: <a href="https://www.instacart.com/">https://www.instacart.com/</a></p>	
	<p><b>Community</b></p>	<p>Numerous stores throughout Sarasota offer on-line ordering and no cost or low-cost delivery for grocery, pharmacy and household goods:</p>	
	<p><b>Uber Eats</b></p>	<p>Online platform Uber Eats was deployed in 2017 with many options from fast food to complete restaurant style meals. Delivery fees apply ranging from \$1.99 to \$12.99: <a href="https://www.ubereats.com/">https://www.ubereats.com/</a></p>	
D. Increase faith-based and neighborhood-based systems of support	<p><b>Sarasota County Neighborhood Services</b></p>	<p>Directory to register neighborhood leaders to receive relevant county notifications regarding local projects:  <a href="https://www.scgov.net/government/planning-and-development-services/neighborhood-services/connect">https://www.scgov.net/government/planning-and-development-services/neighborhood-services/connect</a></p>	

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	<p><b>AARP</b></p>	<p>1.02 Social Engagement Index score measures extent to which residents eat dinner with household members, see or hear from friends and family, talk with neighbors, and do favors for neighbors, measured at the metro scale from 0-2 (median US neighborhood 0.98):</p> <p>100 % of transit stations and vehicles that are ADA-accessible, measured at metro area scale (median US neighborhood 87.6%):  <a href="https://livabilityindex.aarp.org/search#Sarasota+FL+USA">https://livabilityindex.aarp.org/search#Sarasota+FL+USA</a></p>	
	<p><b>Nextdoor.com</b></p>	<p>236 Sarasota County neighborhoods belong to private social networking site which allows users to connect with people who live in their own and nearby neighborhoods: <a href="https://nextdoor.com/city/sarasota--fl/">https://nextdoor.com/city/sarasota--fl/</a></p>	
	<p><b>Sarasota Ministerial Association</b></p>	<p>Leaders of 70+ churches, synagogues and faith-based organizations throughout Sarasota meet to communicate, build friendships and connect with community: <a href="https://www.sarasotaministerialassociation.org/">https://www.sarasotaministerialassociation.org/</a></p>	
<p>E. Establish resources to help with falls at home (e.g., how to respond when helping yourself or others)</p>	<p><b>Sarasota Memorial Healthcare System</b></p>	<p>Fall Prevention educational sessions:  <a href="https://www.smh.com/Home/News-Events/Event/healthconnections-fall-prevention-series">https://www.smh.com/Home/News-Events/Event/healthconnections-fall-prevention-series</a></p>	
	<p><b>Senior Friendship Centers</b></p>	<p>Balance Movement/Falls Prevention classes offered at Friendship Center locations:<a href="https://friendshipcenters.org/services/activity-centers/calendars/">https://friendshipcenters.org/services/activity-centers/calendars/</a></p>	
	<p><b>Pines of Sarasota</b></p>	<p>Ready &amp; Steady program provides free falls risk assessment and recommendations from certified rehabilitation therapists:  <a href="https://www.pinesofsarasota.org/complimentary-assessment/">https://www.pinesofsarasota.org/complimentary-assessment/</a></p>	
	<p><b>Area Agency on Aging for Southwest Florida</b></p>	<p>Provides evidence-based falls prevention programming including <i>A Matter of Balance</i> and <i>Tai Chi for Better Balance</i> through trained volunteers within the community. Funding is provided through the Federal Older American’s Act: <a href="https://aaaswfl.org/services/health-wellness/">https://aaaswfl.org/services/health-wellness/</a></p>	

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	<b>Florida Department of Health in Sarasota County</b>	Provides an overview of older adult falls prevention, interventions, and resources: <a href="http://www.floridahealth.gov/programs-and-services/prevention/older-adult-falls-prevention/index.html">http://www.floridahealth.gov/programs-and-services/prevention/older-adult-falls-prevention/index.html</a>	
	<b>SAGES Theater Inc.</b>	Non-profit community theater group that produces “Plays with Purpose” on aging topics. “Denying Gravity” is an award-winning play bringing awareness to the dangers of falls among seniors and inspiring positive action to prevent falls: <a href="https://sagestheater.org/">https://sagestheater.org/</a>	
F. Utilize technology that enhances aging in place	<b>Florida Alliance for Assistive Services and Technology</b>	The FFAST, administered through the Florida Department of Education, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, provides Floridians with free access to information, referral, and education assistive technology products and services: <a href="https://faast.org/">https://faast.org/</a>	<b>P</b>
	<b>Community</b>	Technology options for monitoring personal health (smart watches, diabetes monitoring, medication reminders/alerts), Tele-doc or other medical personal that can be accessed through the internet or smart phone for consultation, emergency alert buttons for falls both at home or in the community, smart lights, locks and security cameras and personal devices such as Google Home and Amazon Alexa.	
G. Improve awareness of how to best manage homecare assistance	<b>Sarasota County Aging Network (SCAN), Seniors Blue Book</b>	Annual Senior Services Directory includes information home care providers, now published by Seniors Blue Book (2019): <b>See Communication and Information (#2B)</b> <a href="https://www.seniorsbluebook.com/senior-resources/sarasota-bradenton-charlotte-counties">https://www.seniorsbluebook.com/senior-resources/sarasota-bradenton-charlotte-counties</a>	

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**Age-Friendly Sarasota Domain: Housing**

**Goal: Inclusive of persons at all life stages and abilities, enhance accessible, affordable and supportive options to age in the right place.**

Objectives/ Strategies	Partners	Actions / Outputs / Outcomes	Progress
1. Enhance awareness of and access to universal design features in new and existing housing stock			
A. Increase awareness of Universal Design (UD) options	<b>AARP</b>	43.6% of homes with zero step entry, measured at the metro area scale: <a href="https://livabilityindex.aarp.org/search#Sarasota+County+FL+USA">https://livabilityindex.aarp.org/search#Sarasota+County+FL+USA</a>	
	<b>Sarasota County Planning and Development Services &amp; UF/ IFAS Extension and Sustainability</b>	Received Award of Excellence, American Planning Association-Florida for Innovation in Planning for all Ages for UD Resolution (2017)	<b>A</b>
		Provides information on Universal Design and Visitability on website with link to Universal Design Coalition, speaker request or sign up for an extension class: <a href="https://www.scgov.net/government/sustainability/sustainability/universal-design-and-visitability">https://www.scgov.net/government/sustainability/sustainability/universal-design-and-visitability</a>	
		Adopted Voluntary Resolution for Builders. Sarasota County Resolution 2015236 created Universal design and Visitability Program <a href="https://www.scgov.net/home/showdocument?id=3631">https://www.scgov.net/home/showdocument?id=3631</a>	<b>P</b>
		Conducted 29 UD trainings: 900 attendees (2016-2019)	
		Awarded zero UD Builder Certifications/ zero UD Recognitions (2016-2019) <a href="https://www.scgov.net/government/sustainability/sustainability/universal-design-and-visitability">https://www.scgov.net/government/sustainability/sustainability/universal-design-and-visitability</a>	

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	<p><b>Universal Design Coalition (UDC)</b></p>	<p>Develop Public UD Home for Education and Showcasing of Accessibility</p>	
		<p>Local professionals educating the public through presentations about the concepts and benefits of Universal Design. Works with community partners to help extend the message. Conducted Universal Design Forum with Sarasota-Manatee Realtor Association (150 attendees) (2015):  <a href="http://easyuniversaldesign.com/">http://easyuniversaldesign.com/</a></p>	
	<p><b>Age-Friendly Sarasota/UDC/USF, Sarasota-Manatee</b></p>	<p>Conducted one session on Housing Options: 50 attendees (2017)</p>	
		<p>Created Promising Practice Brief: Voluntary Resolution for Builders for UD and Visitability Certification—shared with all Sarasota County Municipalities (2016)  <a href="http://www.trainingonaging.usf.edu/pdf_files/AFS_promising_practice_brief_2016.pdf">http://www.trainingonaging.usf.edu/pdf_files/AFS_promising_practice_brief_2016.pdf</a></p>	
	<p><b>National Association of Home Builders</b></p>	<p>Provides information on Certified Aging-in-Place Specialists (CAPS). Resources for education, requirements and costs. Seven Certified Aging-in-Place Specialists (CAPS) in Sarasota County (2019):  <a href="https://www.nahb.org/Education-and-Events/Education/Designations">https://www.nahb.org/Education-and-Events/Education/Designations</a></p>	
	<p>B. Create new construction and retrofit older homes with UD options</p>	<p><b>Sarasota County Planning &amp; Development Services</b></p>	<p>Awarded zero UD Builder Certifications</p>
<p><b>Sarasota County Planning and Development Office of Housing and Community Development</b></p>		<p>Administers Barrier Removal Program that provides grant or forgivable loan designed to assist low income families with a disabled or elderly resident to remove barriers/ implement universal design features that allow the person to live independently:  <a href="https://www.scgov.net/government/office-of-housing-and-community-development">https://www.scgov.net/government/office-of-housing-and-community-development</a></p>	

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2. Enhance awareness of and access to safe, affordable, and supportive living arrangements and options with emphasis on access to amenities and changing needs			
A. Establish home repair contractors who are trustworthy, do quality work and are affordable	<b>Sarasota County Planning and Development Services</b>	Provides licensed state and locally registered contractor search: <a href="https://building.scgov.net/PublicPortal/Sarasota/SearchContractor.jsp">https://building.scgov.net/PublicPortal/Sarasota/SearchContractor.jsp</a>	
	<b>State of Florida, Department of Business &amp; Professional Regulation</b>	Provides licensed state and locally registered contractor search: <a href="https://www.myfloridalicense.com/wl11.asp?mode=o&amp;SID=">https://www.myfloridalicense.com/wl11.asp?mode=o&amp;SID=</a>	
	<b>FiveStarRated</b>	Home Service review website with vendors vetted through an independent research company with an extensive “methodology process”. Search feature available on the website or request a hard copy of the Five Star Rated by Home Services Review Book: <a href="https://www.fivestarrated.com/">https://www.fivestarrated.com/</a>	
	<b>HomeAdvisor</b>	Online format to find local services providers for home repairs, remodeling, cleaning, lawncare and plumbers vetted through a screening process that involves criminal background check and licensing verification. Also offers a mobile app: <a href="https://www.homeadvisor.com/">https://www.homeadvisor.com/</a>	
	<b>Angie’s List</b>	Online format to search for local service providers like roofers, plumbers and handymen based on members’ experiences and reviews: <a href="https://www.angieslist.com/">https://www.angieslist.com/</a>	

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B. Ensure well-maintained, safe, affordable housing options for adults of varying income levels*	<b>AARP</b>	\$1,002 median monthly housing costs, 19.3% of income devoted to monthly housing costs, 49 subsidized housing units per 10,000 people: measured at neighborhood scale: <a href="https://livabilityindex.aarp.org/search#Sarasota+County+FL+USA">https://livabilityindex.aarp.org/search#Sarasota+County+FL+USA</a>	
	<b>Sarasota Housing Authority</b>	270 of 1,691 HUD-subsidized units (16%) occupied by head of household age 62+ (2016)	
		293 of 1,722 HUD-subsidized units (17%) occupied by head of household age 62+ (2017)	
		349 of 1,840 HUD-subsidized units (19%) occupied by head of household age 62+ (2018)	
		380 of 1,841 HUD-subsidized units (21%) occupied by head of household age 62+ (2019)	
	<b>Sarasota Office of Housing and Community Development</b>	Funding received for redevelopment of Orange Avenue (2016), Arbor Village (2017) Venetian Walk II (2018) and Lofts on Lemon (2019)	
	<b>Sarasota County Planning and Development Services</b>	Conducted eight forums on housing with 82 attendees and an online survey with 840 respondents. Compiled Housing Affordability: Situational Analysis Report (2016-2017): <a href="https://www.scgov.net/Home/ShowDocument?id=33778">https://www.scgov.net/Home/ShowDocument?id=33778</a>	
C. Increase alternative living options including co-housing and other shared housing including intergenerational housing	<b>AARP</b>	27.3% housing units are multi-family (percentage of housing units that are not single-family, detached homes: measured at the neighborhood scale)  0.67 on multi-generational communities ( age-group diversity of local population, compared to the national population: measured at the neighborhood scale): <a href="https://livabilityindex.aarp.org/search#Sarasota+County+FL+USA">https://livabilityindex.aarp.org/search#Sarasota+County+FL+USA</a>	

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	<p><b>Living in Community Network</b></p>	<p>Grassroots movement that facilitates shared housing matches for people who want to live together in a mutually supportive environment. Over 100 members in Sarasota, and 12 shared housing matches. Conducted 13 events on home sharing from 2016-2019 with over 200 attendees:  <a href="https://www.meetup.com/LivinginCommunityNetwork/">https://www.meetup.com/LivinginCommunityNetwork/</a></p>	
	<p><b>Senior Friendship Centers</b></p>	<p>Administers the Home Share Programs that matches people looking for affordable living situations with seniors who have a private bedroom and bath to share. Matches are facilitated by the Friendship Centers with the focus on safety, comfort and an improved quality of life for all parties:  <a href="https://friendshipcenters.org/get-involved/community/">https://friendshipcenters.org/get-involved/community/</a></p>	
	<p><b>All Star Children's Foundation</b></p>	<p>State of the Art campus for children who have experienced child abuse. The campus includes on site therapist for treatment, community center, learning lab, indoor/outdoor recreational space and six single-family licensed foster homes: <a href="https://allstarchildrenfoundation.org/">https://allstarchildrenfoundation.org/</a></p>	
	<p><b>AARP</b></p>	<p>Conducted two sessions on Cooperative Householding: 85 attendees (2017) hosted by the authors of My House Our House.  <a href="https://www.aarp.org/home-family/your-home/info-05-2013/older-women-roommates-house-sharing.html">https://www.aarp.org/home-family/your-home/info-05-2013/older-women-roommates-house-sharing.html</a></p>	
	<p><b>Silvernest</b></p>	<p>Online roommate matching service for with a focus on Baby Boomers and Empty Nesters. Multistep process that includes tools to manage the details and resolve roommate issues. Homeowners pay a monthly membership fee and housemates join for free (4 available opportunities in Sarasota-2020):  <a href="https://www.silvernest.com/">https://www.silvernest.com/</a></p>	
	<p><b>Nesterly</b></p>	<p>Online platform for intergenerational home sharing. Has application process, reference check, full background screening, lawyer approved agreement, and ongoing support: <a href="https://www.nesterly.io/">https://www.nesterly.io/</a></p>	

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D. Promote information about livable communities and building locations vis-à-vis proximity and access to amenities	<b>AARP</b>	0.9 stores and markets within half a mile, measured at the neighborhood scale: <a href="https://livabilityindex.aarp.org/search#Sarasota+County+FL+USA">https://livabilityindex.aarp.org/search#Sarasota+County+FL+USA</a>	
	<b>All Faiths Food Bank</b>	Provides free or low-cost food through 61 partner agencies, 23 mobile farm markets and 18 mobile pantries throughout Sarasota County. <a href="https://www.allfaithsfoodbank.org/foodfinder/">https://www.allfaithsfoodbank.org/foodfinder/</a>	
	<b>Age-Friendly Sarasota, AARP, Senior Friendship Centers, SCOPE, The Patterson Foundation, USF Sarasota-Manatee</b>	Hosted AARP architect “Livability Index” for 4 events: 125 attendees (2016)	
	<b>Age-Friendly Sarasota, AARP, USF Sarasota-Manatee</b>	Assessed Livability Index rating for all Sarasota County; 75% of zip coded areas had increased scores, 19% had no change and 6% had decreased scores (2018) <a href="https://livabilityindex.aarp.org/">https://livabilityindex.aarp.org/</a>	
		Provided age-friendly and livability language for the Sarasota Comprehensive Plan (2015)	
	<b>Sarasota County Government</b>	Comprehensive Plan (2016) incorporated age-friendly/ livability language and received 2017 Award of Merit from Florida Planning and Zoning Association <a href="https://www.scgov.net/government/planning-and-development-services/planning-and-zoning">https://www.scgov.net/government/planning-and-development-services/planning-and-zoning</a>	<b>P</b>
E. Expand awareness of living options across the continuum of residential life and care	<b>After55.com</b>	Site provides information and links to a wide range of senior housing options: <a href="https://www.after55.com/senior-housing">https://www.after55.com/senior-housing</a>	

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	<p><b>Age-Friendly Sarasota/ AARP/ The Patterson Foundation/ USF, Sarasota-Manatee</b></p>	<p>Hosted two events: Beth Baker “Creating Community as we Age”: 120 attendees (2015)</p>	
	<p><b>Administration for Community Living</b></p>	<p>Site provides extensive information regarding long term care options, costs, providers, payment options, and includes region specific costs from levels of care: <a href="https://longtermcare.acl.gov/where-you-live-matters/index.html">https://longtermcare.acl.gov/where-you-live-matters/index.html</a></p>	
	<p><b>Cornerstone LifeCare</b></p>	<p>Provides options for essential living environments for “Aging Well and in the Right Place” through a network of professional partners and resources: <a href="http://cornerstonelifecare.com/">http://cornerstonelifecare.com/</a></p>	
	<p><b>Sarasota County Aging Network (SCAN), Seniors Blue Book</b></p>	<p>Annual Senior Services Directory includes information on housing options, now published by Seniors Blue Book (2019): See Communication and Information (#2B) <a href="https://www.seniorsbluebook.com/senior-resources/sarasota-bradenton-charlotte-counties">https://www.seniorsbluebook.com/senior-resources/sarasota-bradenton-charlotte-counties</a></p>	
	<p><b>Agency for Health Care Administration</b></p>	<p>Offers “Find a Facility” to search for a facility/provider by type of facility and location or by proximity. Details location, licensed beds and contact information. Can be exported to Excel: <a href="https://www.floridahealthfinder.gov/facilitylocator/FacilitySearch.aspx">https://www.floridahealthfinder.gov/facilitylocator/FacilitySearch.aspx</a></p>	
	<p><b>Assisted Living Locators</b></p>	<p>Provides free senior housing referral and placement services to help find independent retirement, assisted living or memory care community: <a href="https://assistedlivinglocators.com/">https://assistedlivinglocators.com/</a></p>	

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	<b>Seniorhousing.net</b>	Site provides descriptions of housing options and links across continuum, part of the realtor.com network: <a href="http://www.seniorhousingnet.com/seniorliving-search/sarasota_fl?source=web">http://www.seniorhousingnet.com/seniorliving-search/sarasota_fl?source=web</a>	Yellow
	<b>aPlaceforMom.com</b>	Site provides free advice and links to housing options across continuum: <a href="https://www.aplaceformom.com/independent-living/florida/sarasota">https://www.aplaceformom.com/independent-living/florida/sarasota</a>	Green
	<b>Alternatives for Seniors</b>	Provides free information and tools to select housing options across continuum of care: <a href="https://www.alternativesforseniors.com/city/independent-living/florida/sarasota/">https://www.alternativesforseniors.com/city/independent-living/florida/sarasota/</a>	Yellow

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**Age-Friendly Sarasota Domain: Outdoor Spaces & Buildings**

**Goal: Inclusive of persons at all life stages and abilities, enhance accessibility to public spaces and buildings.**

Objectives/ Strategies	Partners	Actions / Outputs / Outcomes	Progress
1.Promote access to public parks, buildings and spaces for people of varying ages and abilities			
A. Improve physical accessibility of public buildings, parks and spaces (including streets, public transit, steps, walkways and doors)	<p><b>AARP</b></p>	<p>.5 parks / 0.0 libraries located within a half-mile, measured at the neighborhood scale:  <a href="https://livabilityindex.aarp.org/search#Sarasota+County+FL+USA">https://livabilityindex.aarp.org/search#Sarasota+County+FL+USA</a></p>	
	<p><b>Sarasota County Board of County Commissioners</b></p>	<p>Approved Legacy Trail connection to Downtown/across Clark Road (2017)                      Approved Legacy Trail Extension project in the 2019-23 Capital Improvement Program to create an additional 8 miles of non-motorized paved multi-use trail.  <a href="https://www.scgov.net/government/capital-projects/legacy-trail-update">https://www.scgov.net/government/capital-projects/legacy-trail-update</a></p>	
	<p><b>Sarasota County Parks, Recreation &amp; Natural Resources</b></p>	<p>Provides oversight of the Legacy Trail a non-motorized, paved multi-use trail connecting communities across Sarasota County. The trail offers rest stops, trailheads, free parking and rest stations approximately every mile. Will enhance connectivity from the City of North Port through Venice to downtown Sarasota.  <a href="https://www.scgov.net/government/parks-recreation-and-natural-resources/find-a-park/specialty-parks/the-legacy-trail">https://www.scgov.net/government/parks-recreation-and-natural-resources/find-a-park/specialty-parks/the-legacy-trail</a></p>	
	<p><b>Sarasota County Public Works</b></p>	<p>Implemented SeeClickFix mobile application to communicate with local government about non-emergency issues. (2016-2019-10,815 requests resolved): <a href="https://en.seeclickfix.com/sarasota-county">https://en.seeclickfix.com/sarasota-county</a></p>	

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	<b>Sarasota County Parks, Recreation &amp; Natural Resources, Sarasota County Schools</b>	Created Interlocal Agreement to share school facilities and amenities for organized recreation programs across all school public spaces (2016): <a href="https://sire.scgov.net/sirepub/cache/2/apktz5bapyzkiftug5rwlhps/103940706052020025639831.PDF">https://sire.scgov.net/sirepub/cache/2/apktz5bapyzkiftug5rwlhps/103940706052020025639831.PDF</a>	<b>P</b>
		Four schools participated (2017)	
	<b>Sarasota Bradenton International Airport</b>	Provides escalator at reduced speed along with other special needs services such as Assistance Animals, Accessible Restrooms with Caregiver Access and Special Needs Parking: <a href="https://srq-airport.com/special-needs">https://srq-airport.com/special-needs</a>	
	<b>Friends of Legacy Trail</b>	175,000 users of the Legacy Trail (2016); 225,573 users of the Legacy Trail (2017); 216,150 users of the Legacy Trail (2018); 291,510 users of the Legacy Trail (2019)	
	<b>Sarasota County Libraries &amp; Historical Resources</b>	Eight library public meeting spaces equipped with Hearing Loops to help with assistive devices (2017-2019): <a href="https://www.scgov.net/Home/Components/News/News/3497/23">https://www.scgov.net/Home/Components/News/News/3497/23</a>	
	<b>Tripadvisor</b>	Website offers information on Sarasota Wheelchair accessible vacation rentals  TripAdvisor named Siesta Key Beach #1 in the U.S., #11 in the World (2020) <a href="https://www.tripadvisor.com/VacationRentals-g34618-Reviews-zfn2-Sarasota_Florida-Wheelchair_Accessible_Vacation_Rentals.html">https://www.tripadvisor.com/VacationRentals-g34618-Reviews-zfn2-Sarasota_Florida-Wheelchair_Accessible_Vacation_Rentals.html</a>	
	<b>Visit Sarasota</b>	Website offers a listing of hotels, restaurants and activities that are handicapped accessible with a direct link to the location’s website for information: <a href="https://www.visitsarasota.com/land-activities-handicapped-accessible">https://www.visitsarasota.com/land-activities-handicapped-accessible</a>	

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B. Generate adequate-sized public parking spaces for passenger access and assistive mobility needs	<p><b>Sarasota County Parks, Recreation &amp; Natural Resources</b></p> <p>Created 35 parking spaces at Turtle Beach (2017)  <a href="https://www.scgov.net/Home/Components/FacilityDirectory/FacilityDirectory/495/4318?cftype=FacilityDirectory">https://www.scgov.net/Home/Components/FacilityDirectory/FacilityDirectory/495/4318?cftype=FacilityDirectory</a></p> <p>All parks include ADA parking:  <a href="https://www.scgov.net/government/parks-recreation-and-natural-resources/parks-recreation-and-natural-resources-accessibility">https://www.scgov.net/government/parks-recreation-and-natural-resources/parks-recreation-and-natural-resources-accessibility</a></p>	P
	<p><b>The City of Sarasota</b></p> <p>Metered parking was reinstated in 2019 to St. Armand’s Circle and the City of Sarasota. Users of a handicap permit using metered parking spaces are not required to pay on-street meters (2019):  <a href="https://www.sarasotafl.gov/our-city/parking-information/faq-page">https://www.sarasotafl.gov/our-city/parking-information/faq-page</a></p>	
C. Ensure public restrooms (especially unisex & family-sized)	<p><b>Sarasota County Parks, Recreation &amp; Natural Resources</b></p> <p>Restrooms created for Bayfront Park (2017)</p> <p>74 Sarasota County Parks have restroom facilities including sports facilities, recreational and neighborhood parks, beaches, natural area and trails:  <a href="https://www.scgov.net/government/parks-recreation-and-natural-resources/find-a-park">https://www.scgov.net/government/parks-recreation-and-natural-resources/find-a-park</a></p>	
	<p><b>The City of Sarasota</b></p> <p>Sarasota City Commission approved construction of freestanding public restrooms to St. Armand’s Circle (2020):  <a href="https://www.youobserver.com/article/sarasota-st-armands-circle-public-bathrooms-new-design">https://www.youobserver.com/article/sarasota-st-armands-circle-public-bathrooms-new-design</a></p>	
D. Create beach access for mobility impaired	<p><b>Sarasota County Parks, Recreation &amp; Natural Resources</b></p> <p>Deployed 400 sq. ft. mobility mat (mobimat) for access at Siesta Key Beach (2015)                  Beach wheelchairs are available at no cost year-round at five public beaches throughout Sarasota County:  <a href="https://www.scgov.net/government/parks-recreation-and-natural-resources/find-a-park/beaches">https://www.scgov.net/government/parks-recreation-and-natural-resources/find-a-park/beaches</a></p>	

2.Promote senior-friendly park design and open space features (for all ages)

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<p>A. Ensure the incorporation of the following all ages-friendly features:</p>	<p><b>Age-Friendly Sarasota/ The Patterson Foundation/ USF, Sarasota-Manatee</b></p>	<p>Conducted training age-friendly park features for parks staff (Sarasota County, Venice, Long Boat Key, Northport, City of Sarasota): 15 attendees (2016)</p>	
<p>1. <u>Control</u> – sense of orientation via layout and offerings</p>	<p><b>Sarasota County Libraries and Historical Resources</b></p>	<p>11 parks have Little Free Libraries: <a href="https://www.scgov.net/government/libraries/little-free-libraries">https://www.scgov.net/government/libraries/little-free-libraries</a></p>	
<p>2. <u>Safety and Security</u> – attention to tripping hazards and crime</p>		<p>All parks include entry signs, park rules, amenities, guides with pedestrian and wheelchair accessibility, and identify paved trails.</p> <p>All parks include standards via Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED)</p>	
<p>3. <u>Accessibility</u> – from entrance to usage</p>	<p><b>Sarasota County Parks, Recreation &amp; Natural Resources</b></p>	<p>Seasonal Surrey Ride for mobility-challenged at Legacy Trail from January thru April: <a href="https://www.scgov.net/government/parks-recreation-and-natural-resources/find-a-park/specialty-parks/the-legacy-trail">https://www.scgov.net/government/parks-recreation-and-natural-resources/find-a-park/specialty-parks/the-legacy-trail</a></p> <p>Sarasota County Resolution 2019234 created approved use of Class I Electronic Bicycles for use on the Legacy Trail (2019)</p> <p>Created sidewalks, paths, shaded playground, covered picnic areas and pedestrian crossings at Turtle Beach (2017)</p> <p>Installed EZ launch (Kayak) at Venice Myakka River Park and Turtle Beach (2017)</p> <p>Deployed 400 sq. ft. Mobility Mat (mobimat) for access at Siesta Key (2015)</p> <p>Beach Wheelchairs are available at no cost year-round at five public beaches throughout Sarasota County: <a href="https://www.scgov.net/government/parks-recreation-and-natural-resources/find-a-park/beaches">https://www.scgov.net/government/parks-recreation-and-natural-resources/find-a-park/beaches</a></p> <p>Citizens can request accommodations and make suggestions for improvement to accessibility</p>	

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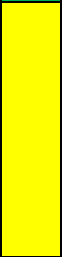

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	<p><b>[City of Sarasota]</b></p>	<p>Created multiple courts(pickleball, basketball, shuffleboard), bicycle facilities, dog park, kayak launch, picnic area, covered pavilion, fishing pier, multipurpose paths for biking, jogging, exercise and fitness and a technology hub (Wi-Fi throughout the park) at Bayfront Park (2017)</p>	
<p>4. <u>Social Support</u> – encourage interaction</p>	<p><b>[Florida State Parks]</b></p>	<p>Florida State Parks offer Access for All programs to provide an inclusive recreational experience for all visitors. Online access to 87 parks for information on accessibility:  <a href="https://www.floridastateparks.org/accessibility">https://www.floridastateparks.org/accessibility</a></p>	
<p>5. <u>Physical Activity</u> – encourage low impact exercise</p>	<p><b>[Friends of Sarasota County Parks]</b></p>	<p>More than 20 Community Partner Groups, including multiple chapters of the Friends of Sarasota County Parks) (2019)</p> <p>Ten Adult Athletic Leagues</p> <p>During the past 13 years, the Friends of Sarasota County Parks have provided over 33,000 volunteer hours on County park projects and thousands of dollars in park enhancements/amenities:  <a href="https://foscp.org/">https://foscp.org/</a></p>	
<p>6. <u>Privacy</u> – design for tranquil spaces</p>		<p>Created Kayak Launch (Turtle Beach, Bay Front Park)</p> <p>Ten Pathways to Health Walking &amp; Wellness Loops (2019)</p> <p>36 sites provide thousands of natural areas</p>	

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<p>7. <u>Contact with Nature</u> – use natural elements</p>	<p><b>[Sarasota County Department of Health]</b></p>	<p>36 Natural Areas and Nature Centers</p> <p>160 county parks, 2 state parks, and 60 city parks within Sarasota County that include a wide range of features</p> <p>Completed 22 public access improvements to preserve lands</p> <p>Completed Siesta Beach Improvement Project (2016)</p> <p>Seven Community Gardens (2019)</p>	
<p>8. <u>Comfort*</u> – visual and physical needs</p>	<p><b>[Sarasota County UF IFAS Extension and Sustainability]</b></p>	<p>Created shaded playground and covered picnic areas at Turtle Beach (2019)</p> <p>Conducted “Shade is Good” campaign (2016-2017)</p> <p>Creation of covered pavilions (Bayfront Park)</p>	
<p>9. <u>Aesthetic and Sensory Delight</u> – includes multi-sensory stimulating landscape features</p>		<p>TripAdvisor named Siesta Key Beach #1 in the U.S., #11 in the World (2020)</p> <p>160 county parks, 2 state parks, and 60 city parks within Sarasota County that include a wide range of features, natural resources, water views and vistas</p>	

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**Age-Friendly Sarasota Domain: Respect & Social Inclusion**

**Goal: Inclusive of persons at all life stages and abilities, enhance awareness and respectful interactions to support full participation in community life.**

Objectives/ Strategies	Partners	Actions / Outputs / Outcomes	Progress
1. Promote awareness of positive aspects and contributions of age			
A. Improve awareness about value of older adult workforce /CP&E	<b>See Objective #4A in Civic Participation &amp; Employment Domain</b>		
B. Establish value of multigenerational workforce / CP&E	<b>See Objective#4B in Civic Participation &amp; Employment Domain</b>		
C. Increase intergenerational volunteering across settings / CP&E	<b>See Objective #2A in Civic Participation &amp; Employment Domain</b>		
D. Embed school-based intergenerational activities	<b>Sarasota County Schools</b>	TeamUP Volunteer and Partnership Council support recruitment, training and recognition of volunteers of all ages and partners to support student academic success: <a href="http://teamupvpcouncil.org/">http://teamupvpcouncil.org/</a>	
	<b>Cross College Alliance</b>	Adopt Age-Friendly University designation	
E. Expand awareness of positive aspects of aging	<b>Age-Friendly Sarasota, USF Sarasota-Manatee, Senior Friendship Centers Florida Studio Theatre</b>	Participated in development of Play on Aging and post-show discussions: 50 attendees (2015).	

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	<b>Florida Studio Theatre</b>	Presented <i>Old Enough to Know Better</i> , at the Florida Studio Theater. The performance piece created from nearly 100 interviews and close to 300 hours of material (2015)	
	<b>Senior Friendship Centers, The Patterson Foundation, Ringling College</b>	Conducted Reimagine Aging session: 114 attendees (2017)	
	<b>Senior Friendship Centers, OLLI at Ringling College, JFCS of the Suncoast</b>	Created the <i>Reinvention Convention</i> a six-year series (2019-year 3) of discussions around aging, designed to encourage thought leadership, change minds, and instigate actions by providing a platform for discourse on compelling age-related issues	
	<b>Multicultural Health Institute</b>	Conducted eight session Positive Aging and Wellness Program: 170 attendees: <a href="https://www.the-mhi.org/">https://www.the-mhi.org/</a>	
	<b>AARP</b>	Support AARP’s Disrupt Aging Campaign, through use in Age-Friendly Presentations: <a href="https://www.aarp.org/disrupt-aging/">https://www.aarp.org/disrupt-aging/</a>	
	<b>Institute of Noetic Science</b>	Three local trained facilitators conduct Conscious Aging workshops: <a href="http://noetic.org/about/overview">http://noetic.org/about/overview</a>	
<b>2. Promote awareness about changes in aging and protection against vulnerabilities</b>			
A. Expand attention to fraud prevention	<b>AARP</b>	256 violent and property crimes per 10,000 people, measured at the county scale: <a href="https://livabilityindex.aarp.org/search#Sarasota+County+FL+USA">https://livabilityindex.aarp.org/search#Sarasota+County+FL+USA</a>	

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	<p><b>Sarasota County Sheriff's Office</b></p>	<p>Seniors and Law Enforcement Together (S.A.L.T.) is partnership between Sarasota County Sheriff, Chiefs of Police and Seniors to develop, expand and implement effective crime prevention and educational programs: <a href="http://www.sarasotasheriff.org/programs_and_amp_services/crime_prevention/salt_seniors_and_law_enforcement_together.php">http://www.sarasotasheriff.org/programs_and_amp_services/crime_prevention/salt_seniors_and_law_enforcement_together.php</a></p> <p>The Crime Prevention Units presented at 643 speaking engagements on various topics from home security to credit card fraud (2018)</p>	
	<p><b>Center for Cyber Safety and Education</b></p>	<p>Safe and Secure Online program empowers senior citizens to incorporate safe online habits to enjoy the internet safely while connecting with family and friends in the new digital age: <a href="https://safeandsecureonline.org/seniors/">https://safeandsecureonline.org/seniors/</a></p>	
	<p><b>Florida Department of Elder Affairs</b></p>	<p>Provides 24 hour hotline to report Elder Abuse as well as offers speaker and participates in multiple activities: <a href="http://elderaffairs.state.fl.us/doea/abuse_prevention.php">http://elderaffairs.state.fl.us/doea/abuse_prevention.php</a></p>	
<p>B. Embed respectful interactions with service staff throughout industries</p>	<p><b>Age-Friendly Sarasota, Florida Department of Elder Affairs, Sarasota Memorial Hospital, DCCI Task Force</b></p>	<p>Dementia Care and Cure Initiative (DCCI) initiated in 2017, established a DCCI Task Force through the SMH's Memory Disorder Clinic and community partners. The program is designed to provide awareness, education and sensitivity regarding the needs of those effected by dementia and their caregivers. More than 1,000 individuals have been trained: <a href="http://elderaffairs.state.fl.us/doea/dcci.php">http://elderaffairs.state.fl.us/doea/dcci.php</a></p>	
<p>C. Establish home repair contractors who are trustworthy, do quality work and are affordable / H</p>	<p><b>See Objective #2A in Housing Domain</b></p>		

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<p>D. Adapt awareness and knowledge of aging to address cognitive impairment/ dementia and sensory and mobility changes/ <b>CS&amp;HS</b></p>	<p><b>See Objective #2B in Community Supports &amp; Health Services Domain</b></p>		
<p><b>3. Promote full access to participation for people with varying stages of abilities and financial means</b></p>			
<p>A. Increase opportunities to participate in local decision-making bodies / <b>CP&amp;E</b></p>	<p><b>See Objective #1A in Civic Participation &amp; Employment Domain</b></p>		
<p>B. Create family restrooms in public settings / <b>OS&amp;B</b></p>	<p><b>See Objective #1C in Outdoor Spaces &amp; Buildings Domain</b></p>		
<p>C. Ensure transportation services for people with disabilities and older adults / <b>T</b></p>	<p><b>See Objective #1D.2 in Transportation Domain</b></p>		
<p>D. Adapt physical access to public buildings and facilities / <b>OS&amp;B</b></p>	<p><b>See Objective #1A in Outdoor Spaces &amp; Buildings Domain</b></p>		
<p>E. Expand senior discount offerings</p>	<p><b>Senior Citizen Discount List.org</b></p>	<p>Site provides list of discounts across range of ages and providers: <a href="https://www.seniorcitizendiscountlist.org/florida-fl-senior-citizen-discount-list-restaurant-retail-grocery-travel/">https://www.seniorcitizendiscountlist.org/florida-fl-senior-citizen-discount-list-restaurant-retail-grocery-travel/</a></p>	
	<p><b>Good Samaritan Pharmacy</b></p>	<p>Provides free prescription medication for persons who meet eligibility: <a href="http://www.goodsamrx.org/home.html">http://www.goodsamrx.org/home.html</a></p>	
	<p><b>Gulfcoast Legal Services</b></p>	<p>Senior Citizen Law Program provides advice and possible legal assistance with a variety of issues encountered in aging including family, financial, healthcare and housing: <a href="http://gulfcoastlegal.org/services-for-seniors">http://gulfcoastlegal.org/services-for-seniors</a></p>	
	<p><b>The Ringling Museum</b></p>	<p>Museums for All access program supports free admission for up to four people for those receiving assistance through SNAP, WIC or EBT: <a href="https://www.ringling.org/ringling-announces-increased-access-programs-low-income-families">https://www.ringling.org/ringling-announces-increased-access-programs-low-income-families</a></p>	

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4. Promote intergenerational interaction and dialogue			
A. Integrate input and feedback from aging residents about programs and services*	<b>Sarasota County Government</b>	Conducts Annual Sarasota County Citizen Opinion Survey (since 2009): <a href="https://www.scgov.net/government/county-commission/citizen-opinion-survey">https://www.scgov.net/government/county-commission/citizen-opinion-survey</a>	
	<b>Seniors Advisory Council</b>	Provides conduit for citizen input to Board of County Commissioners: <a href="https://www.scgov.net/government/advisory-boards-and-councils/community-services/seniors-advisory-council">https://www.scgov.net/government/advisory-boards-and-councils/community-services/seniors-advisory-council</a>	<b>P</b>
	<b>Sarasota County Human Services Advisory Council</b>	Provides conduit for citizen input to the County Commissioners regarding Contracted Human Services and provides advice and make recommendations on Human Services policy (2016): <a href="https://www.scgov.net/government/advisory-boards-and-councils/community-services/human-services-advisory-council">https://www.scgov.net/government/advisory-boards-and-councils/community-services/human-services-advisory-council</a>	<b>P</b>
B. Expand intergenerational activities	<b>Multicultural Health Institute</b>	Engaged 12 high school students (2015) and 34 middle and high school students with Intergenerational Positive Aging and Wellness program: <a href="https://www.the-mhi.org/">https://www.the-mhi.org/</a>	

NOTE: Strategies noted in the following domains: E: Employment; SP: Social Participation; CP&E: Civic Participation & Employment; H: Housing; CS&HS: Community Support & Health Services; T: Transportation; OS&B: Outdoor Spaces & Buildings.

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**Age-Friendly Sarasota Domain: Social Participation**

**Goal: Inclusive of persons at all life stages and abilities, foster engagement in social participation across a wide range of activities.**

Objectives/ Strategies	Partners	Actions / Outputs / Outcomes	Progress
1. Enhance awareness of and access to leisure, recreational, cultural and educational opportunities inclusive of persons of varying ages, abilities and financial means			
A. Improve accurate and widely publicized activities	<b>AARP</b>	0.2 institutions (performing arts companies, museums, concert venues, sports stadiums, and movie theaters) per 10,000 people, measured at neighborhood scale: <a href="https://livabilityindex.aarp.org/search#Sarasota+County+FL+USA">https://livabilityindex.aarp.org/search#Sarasota+County+FL+USA</a>	
	<b>Sarasota County Parks, Recreation &amp; Natural Resources</b>	Created Age-Friendly Activities Section for the Sarasota County Parks (2016)  Lists calendar of park’s events: <a href="https://www.scgov.net/government/parks-recreation-and-natural-resources/things-to-do/programs-and-events/signature-special-events">https://www.scgov.net/government/parks-recreation-and-natural-resources/things-to-do/programs-and-events/signature-special-events</a>  Publishes Biannual Recreation and Natural Resource Guide: <a href="https://www.scgov.net/government/parks-recreation-and-natural-resources">https://www.scgov.net/government/parks-recreation-and-natural-resources</a>	
	<b>Sarasota County Libraries and Historical Resources</b>	Publicizes schedule of events by library location, event type and programs including: arts & crafts, book discussions, book sales, clubs, discussion groups, educational topics, conversational languages, environmental & gardening, exhibits, games, genealogy, health & human services, job search assistance, lectures, live music, book authors, movies, book clubs, performances, special events, tax help, technology instruction, volunteer programs, and voting: <a href="https://www.scgov.net/government/departments/libraries">https://www.scgov.net/government/departments/libraries</a>	

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	<p><b>Sarasota County Adult &amp; Community Enrichment Classes at Suncoast Technical College</b></p>	<p>Offers hundreds of courses in areas: arts, life &amp; leisure, healthy body &amp; mind, language &amp; language arts, and technology.</p> <p>Offers over 2,000 classes at 19 locations serving more than 12,000 students.  <a href="https://www.campusce.net/acesarasota/category/category.aspx">https://www.campusce.net/acesarasota/category/category.aspx</a></p>	
	<p><b>SunCoast Alliance for Lifelong Learning</b></p>	<p>Partnership to promote lifelong learning visibility and access across 25 collaborative partners. Offers SCALL Radio program twice a week on Society Bytes Radio: <a href="https://www.suncoastlifelonglearning.org/">https://www.suncoastlifelonglearning.org/</a></p>	
	<p><b>Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Ringling College</b></p>	<p>The Osher Lifelong Institute (OLLI) offers hundreds of courses across myriad topics for lifelong learners of all ages and skill levels. It is a place where the community comes together to learn about topics as varied as finance, politics, foreign language, and technology without the pressure of credits or prerequisites: <a href="https://olliringlingcollege.org/">https://olliringlingcollege.org/</a></p>	
	<p><b>Seniors Blue Book</b></p>	<p>Seniors Blue Book and SeniorsBlueBook.com provide older adults, caregivers and professionals a comprehensive resource for services with over 70 categories of information including educational events and activities:  <a href="https://www.seniorsbluebook.com/senior-resources/sarasota-bradenton-charlotte-counties">https://www.seniorsbluebook.com/senior-resources/sarasota-bradenton-charlotte-counties</a></p>	
	<p><b>The Paradise Center</b></p>	<p>Lists calendar of Center’s programs:  <a href="https://theparadisecenter.org/calendar/">https://theparadisecenter.org/calendar/</a></p>	
	<p><b>Senior Friendship Centers</b></p>	<p>Lists calendar of center’s activities:  <a href="https://friendshipcenters.org/services/activity-centers/">https://friendshipcenters.org/services/activity-centers/</a></p>	

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	<b>Arts &amp; Cultural Alliance of Sarasota</b>	Provides guide to arts and cultural activities involving more than 176 organizations: <a href="https://sarasotaarts.org/">https://sarasotaarts.org/</a>	
B. Ensure conveniently located and affordable activities*	<b>AARP</b>	Sarasota County falls within the middle third of communities for proximity to destinations including markets, parks, libraries and access to jobs by automobile: <a href="https://livabilityindex.aarp.org/search#Sarasota+County+FL+USA">https://livabilityindex.aarp.org/search#Sarasota+County+FL+USA</a>	
	<b>Sarasota County Parks, Recreation &amp; Natural Resources</b>	36 Natural Areas and Nature Centers  160 county parks, 2 state parks, and 60 city parks within Sarasota County that include a wide range of features	
	<b>Sarasota County Libraries and Historical Resources</b>	Offers wide range of free programs in ten sites across Sarasota County: <a href="https://www.scgov.net/government/departments/libraries">https://www.scgov.net/government/departments/libraries</a>  Offered 1,560 adult programs with 34,749 attendees (2017) Offered 1,897 adult programs with 33,554 attendees (2018) Offered 2,258 adult programs with 43,234 attendees (2019)	
	<b>AARP Tax Aide</b>	Program offers free tax preparation assistance at multiple locations throughout the community. Ability to search online for location and access the complete list of documents needed. <a href="https://secure.aarp.org/applications/VMISLocator/searchTaxAideLocations.action">https://secure.aarp.org/applications/VMISLocator/searchTaxAideLocations.action</a>	
	<b>Senior Friendship Centers</b>	Provides multiple activities at two main locations (North Sarasota and Venice) and satellite sites throughout the county: <a href="https://friendshipcenters.org/locations/sarasota/sarasota-calendar/">https://friendshipcenters.org/locations/sarasota/sarasota-calendar/</a>	
	<b>The Paradise Center</b>	Provides activities at two locations. Lists calendar of Center's programs: <a href="https://theparadisecenter.org/calendar/">https://theparadisecenter.org/calendar/</a>	

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	<b>State University System of Florida</b>	Program allows universities to waive course fees for persons age 60 or older and residents of the state. No academic credit is awarded. Granted on a space-available basis: <a href="http://www.aseniorcitizenguideforcollege.com/2010/06/florida.html">http://www.aseniorcitizenguideforcollege.com/2010/06/florida.html</a>	<b>P</b>
C. Increase activities specifically geared towards older adults, especially with focus on health promotion and well-being	<b>Sarasota County Libraries and Historical Resources</b>	Offers a variety of programs that you can access by selecting the library and the type of programming you are interested in which includes a senior option: <a href="https://scgovlibrary.librarymarket.com/events/month">https://scgovlibrary.librarymarket.com/events/month</a>	
	<b>Florida Department of Health in Sarasota County</b>	Offers a variety of outreach wellness programs including “Health in Motion” which deploys mobile unit to provide no-cost health screenings and referrals for general health and wellbeing and Pathways to Health: <a href="http://sarasota.floridahealth.gov/programs-and-services/wellness-programs/index.html">http://sarasota.floridahealth.gov/programs-and-services/wellness-programs/index.html</a> <a href="http://sarasotahealth.ipower.com/pathwaystohealth/trails.htm">http://sarasotahealth.ipower.com/pathwaystohealth/trails.htm</a>	
	<b>Sarasota County Parks, Recreation &amp; Natural Resources</b>	Provides multiple activities including: mobimat beach access, outdoor exercise equipment, Legacy Trail and other paved trails in parks, community gardens in parks, aerobics, dancing, pickleball, senior softball, walking programs, water exercise, yoga on the beach and Beach University: <a href="https://www.scgov.net/government/parks-recreation-and-natural-resources">https://www.scgov.net/government/parks-recreation-and-natural-resources</a>	
	<b>Senior Friendship Centers</b>	Provides multiple activities including: Balance & Falls Prevention, Stretch & Strengthen, Tai Chi, Silver Sneakers, Yoga, and Dancing: <a href="https://friendshipcenters.org/locations/sarasota/sarasota-calendar/">https://friendshipcenters.org/locations/sarasota/sarasota-calendar/</a>	
	<b>The Paradise Center</b>	Provides activities at two locations. Lists calendar of Center’s programs: <a href="https://theparadisecenter.org/calendar/">https://theparadisecenter.org/calendar/</a>	
	<b>Save Our Y Seniors</b>	Offers many activities and events for older adults: <a href="https://www.saveoury.org/seniors">https://www.saveoury.org/seniors</a>	

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	<b>GYM SRQ Senior Fitness</b>	Participates in Silver Sneakers; fitness for all ages: <a href="http://gymsrq.com/senior-fitness/">http://gymsrq.com/senior-fitness/</a>	
D. Embed opportunities for people to serve as “connectors” to introduce activities for single persons and newcomers**	<b>Sarasota County Libraries and Historical Resources</b>	Introduced Human Library/Human “Book” collection where community members from different walks of life share a bit about themselves in one-on-one readings (2017, 2019)	
	<b>Sarasota Newcomers Club</b>	Club for people new to Sarasota (relocated past 3 years), to provide supportive environment for friendships and serve on committee or board. Membership application, brochure and email contact available on the website: <a href="https://www.sarasotane newcomers.org/page-18065">https://www.sarasotane newcomers.org/page-18065</a>	
	<b>Senior Friendship Centers</b>	LGBTQ+ Program that provides a welcoming safe place for LGBTQ+ older adults through loss/grief and discussion groups offered regularly at the center: <a href="https://friendshipcenters.org/get-involved/community/">https://friendshipcenters.org/get-involved/community/</a>	
E. Integrate accommodation of activities by changing health status and caregiving responsibilities	<b>Sarasota County Libraries and Historical Resources</b>	Offers the following services for persons across range of abilities: Audio books, Large Print books, low vision computers, free amplified phones, computer/technology training, talking books, and books by mail: <a href="https://www.scgov.net/government/departments/libraries">https://www.scgov.net/government/departments/libraries</a>	
	<b>Sarasota County Parks, Recreation &amp; Natural Resources</b>	Provides multiple activities across range of abilities including: mobimat beach access, outdoor exercise equipment, Legacy Trail and other paved trails in parks, community gardens in parks, aerobics, dancing, pickleball, senior softball, walking programs, water exercise, yoga on the beach and Beach University: <a href="https://www.scgov.net/government/parks-recreation-and-natural-resources">https://www.scgov.net/government/parks-recreation-and-natural-resources</a>	

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	<b>Fletcher Music Centers</b>	Offers music classes designed exclusively for seniors: 85 participants (2017)	
<b>2. Enhance intergenerational activities</b>			
A. Increase awareness of intergenerational activities	<b>Age-Friendly Sarasota, Florida Studio Theatre, USF Sarasota-Manatee, Senior Friendship Centers</b>	Participated in two plays with Florida Studio Theatre (2015/2016)  Published Promising Practice Brief: Documentary Theatre to Counter Ageism in an Age-Friendly Community (2016)  Participated in development of Play on Aging and post-show discussions: 50 attendees (2015).	
	<b>Florida Studio Theatre</b>	Presented <i>Old Enough to Know Better</i> , at the Florida Studio Theater. The performance was created from nearly 100 interviews and close to 300 hours of material (2015)	
	<b>Sarasolo</b>	Hosts SoloSynergy and Bridging Generations which pairs middle school children and adults age 60+ to build positive relationships and develop storytelling, creative interviewing and writing culminating in performance pieces such as Elder Voices and Kaleidoscope (2019): <a href="https://www.sarasolo.org/">https://www.sarasolo.org/</a>	
	<b>Pines of Sarasota</b>	Evalyn Sadlier Jones Child Care and Learning Center on the campus: <a href="https://www.pinesofsarasota.org/">https://www.pinesofsarasota.org/</a>	
	<b>Ringling College</b>	Taught one class Art of the Ageless, matching 25 students with older adults at Friendship Center (2017): <a href="https://www.ringling.edu/">https://www.ringling.edu/</a>	

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	<p><b>Senior Friendship Centers</b></p>	<p>Intergeneration literacy program with the goal to interact, educate and empower each other through reading:  <a href="https://friendshipcenters.org/get-involved/community/">https://friendshipcenters.org/get-involved/community/</a></p> <p>Road Scholar Program offers intergenerational summer programs for grandparents and grandchildren:  <a href="https://friendshipcenters.org/services/learning/road-scholar/">https://friendshipcenters.org/services/learning/road-scholar/</a></p>
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\*Identified as greatest gap by Sarasota County residents aged 50-98 (2015-2017).

\*\* Many groups and clubs formally or informally “befriend” others for further engagement.

**Age-Friendly Sarasota Domain: Transportation**

**Goal: Inclusive of persons at all life stages and abilities, enhance safe, accessible and affordable transportation and mobility options.**

Objectives/ Strategies	Partners	Actions / Outputs / Outcomes	Progress
1. Promote safe multi-modal mobility (pedestrians, bicyclists, transit riders, and non-motorized vehicles) for people of varying ages and abilities, financial means and circumstances			
A. <u>Pedestrians</u> 1. Ensure safe streets and intersections	<b>Sarasota County Transportation Planning</b>	Sarasota County- Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan (2013): <a href="https://www.scgov.net/Home/ShowDocument?id=23660">https://www.scgov.net/Home/ShowDocument?id=23660</a>  Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan Survey Update Survey is currently open, public meetings were held in 2019, and general feedback and input is open via the county website: <a href="https://www.scgov.net/government/public-works/transportation-planning/bicycle-and-pedestrian-planning/bicycle-and-pedestrian-master-plan-update">https://www.scgov.net/government/public-works/transportation-planning/bicycle-and-pedestrian-planning/bicycle-and-pedestrian-master-plan-update</a>  Created multimobility app for quick access to Transit Lines, Transit Stops, Bike Lanes, and Sidewalks within a half-mile radius (2017): <a href="https://ags2.scgov.net/MultiModalMap/">https://ags2.scgov.net/MultiModalMap/</a>	
	<b>Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT)</b>	Adopted Complete Streets Policy (2014) which designs streets for all users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists and transit riders of all ages and abilities. Complete Streets Implementation Plan was released in December 2015 : <a href="http://www.fdot.gov/roadway/CSI/CSIPlan.shtm">http://www.fdot.gov/roadway/CSI/CSIPlan.shtm</a>  Adopted eight context classifications to guide road design (2017)	<b>P</b>

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	<b>Sarasota County Public Works</b>	Replaced 36,000 sq. feet of sidewalks and graded 76,000 (14 miles) of unpaved roadway (2017)	Green
	<b>Sarasota County Public Works / City of Sarasota</b>	Installed sidewalks and lighting on the south side of Myrtle Street from US 41 to Central Avenue (2016)	Green
	<b>Sarasota-Manatee Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)</b>	Identified top ten locations of pedestrian injury/fatalities with planned safety audits of sites (2017)	Yellow
	<b>Age-Friendly Sarasota/ AARP/ Sarasota-Manatee MPO/ The Patterson Foundation Uber/ USF, Sarasota-Manatee</b>	Conducted two Travel Options sessions: 95 attendees (2016); 50 attendees (2017)	Green
		Participated in two televised panel discussions on aging and driving (2016/2017)	Green
	<b>USF, Sarasota-Manatee</b>	Conducted baseline Walkability scores by Sarasota County zip code	Green
	<b>AARP</b>	Offers an AARP Walk Audit Tool Kit (and Leader Guide) to survey and report, on the safety and walkability of a street, intersection, or neighborhood. Zero volunteers trained; zero walkability audits conducted	Red
2. Establish adequate and safe crossing time for pedestrians	<b>City of Sarasota</b>	High-Intensity Activated Crosswalk (HAWK) signal installed at one location in Sarasota. Provided protected pedestrian crossing, stopping traffic on demand as needed.	Red

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<p>3. Expand wayfaring signage</p>	<p><b>Sarasota County Public Works</b></p>	<p>Transportation plans, maintains, and operates the county’s multi-modal transportation systems for vehicles, bicycles, and pedestrians. The assets managed include 137 bridges, 2,328 lane miles of roads, more than 38,000 road signs, 237 signalized intersections and 5,050 streetlights.</p>	
<p><b>B. Cyclists</b> 1. Improve safety of bike lanes and cyclists</p>	<p><b>Sarasota County Transportation Planning, Sarasota County Area Transit (SCAT)</b></p>	<p>Promote bicycle safety via educational outreach events, LED clips and Bike Fix stations</p> <p>Sarasota County- Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan (2013): <a href="https://www.scgov.net/Home/ShowDocument?id=23660">https://www.scgov.net/Home/ShowDocument?id=23660</a></p> <p>Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan Survey Update Survey is currently open, public meetings were held in 2019, and general feedback and input is open via the county website: <a href="https://www.scgov.net/government/public-works/transportation-planning/bicycle-and-pedestrian-planning/bicycle-and-pedestrian-master-plan-update">https://www.scgov.net/government/public-works/transportation-planning/bicycle-and-pedestrian-planning/bicycle-and-pedestrian-master-plan-update</a></p> <p>Created multimobility app for quick access to Transit Lines, Transit Stops, Bike Lanes, and Sidewalks within a half-mile radius (2017): <a href="https://ags2.scgov.net/MultiModalMap/">https://ags2.scgov.net/MultiModalMap/</a></p>	  
	<p><b>Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT)</b></p>	<p>FDOT FY 2020 Highway Safety Plan has outlined specific Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Strategies: <a href="https://fdotwww.blob.core.windows.net/sitefinity/docs/default-source/safety/3-grants/forms/2020-florida-highway-safety-plan.pdf?sfvrsn=186bfcb9_0">https://fdotwww.blob.core.windows.net/sitefinity/docs/default-source/safety/3-grants/forms/2020-florida-highway-safety-plan.pdf?sfvrsn=186bfcb9_0</a></p>	
	<p><b>Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), University of Florida</b></p>	<p>Florida’s Pedestrian and Bicycling Safety Resource Center promotes safe pedestrian and bicycling activities for citizens and visitors, young and old, by providing educational materials and information to all interested Florida residents. Resources may be ordered online free of charge (shipping included), such as activity books, brochures, posters and much more. Bicycle helmets for helmet-fitting events are also available for certified fitters. <a href="https://www.techtransfer.ce.ufl.edu/NewsBot.asp?MODE=VIEW&amp;ID=1904">https://www.techtransfer.ce.ufl.edu/NewsBot.asp?MODE=VIEW&amp;ID=1904</a></p>	

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	<b>Sarasota County Parks and Natural Resources</b>	<p>Offers multiple paved bike paths at County Parks and 11+bike repair stations along the Legacy Trail and throughout the county. Each 4-foot self-service station offers air, gear tightening and seat adjustments with tools on a retractable cable.</p> <p>Sarasota County Resolution 2018-164 created Bicycle/Pedestrian/Trail Advisory Committee. This 16-member board appointed committee reviews plans, develops ideas and makes recommendations to improve bicycle, pedestrian and trail access and safety. (2018)</p>	
<b>C. Aging Drivers</b> 1. Expand easy-to-read traffic signs	<b>FDOT/ City of Sarasota</b>	Coordinated 48 (almost half) of traffic signals to account for different needs at different times of the day to facilitate mobility/congestion	
2. Improve safety among older drivers	<b>Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles</b>	<p>116,807 Florida licensed drivers age 65+ – 35.6 % of all licensed drivers (2015)</p> <p>120,947 Florida licensed drivers age 65+ – 36.1% of all licensed drivers (2016)</p> <p>126,250 Florida licensed drivers age 65+ - 36.7% of all licensed drivers (2017)</p> <p>130,427 Florida licensed drivers age 65+ - 37.28% of all licensed drivers (2018)</p>	
	<b>US Department of Transportation National Highway Traffic Safety Administration</b>	<p>539 Floridians age 65 were involved in fatal car crashes (2015)</p> <p>632 Floridians age 65 were involved in fatal car crashes (2016)</p> <p>630 Floridians age 65 were involved in fatal car crashes (2017)</p> <p>658 Floridians age 65+ were involved in fatal car crashes (2018)</p>	
	<b>Florida Department of Transportation</b>	Safe Mobility for Life Coalition offers Florida’s Guide for Aging Drivers. Twenty-nine partners support this guidebook of essential information on promoting safe mobility that includes safety plans, educational materials and other resources for older drivers: <a href="http://safemobilityfl.com/">http://safemobilityfl.com/</a>	

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	<b>Sarasota-Manatee MPO</b>	Opportunity for citizens to participate in the Drive the Future: Community Vision Survey online. Responses will help develop the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan: <a href="https://www.mympo.org/">https://www.mympo.org/</a>	
	<b>FDOT Coalition for Safe Mobility</b>	Statewide Coalition implements a strategic plan to increase the safety, access, and mobility for aging road users and eliminate fatalities and reduce serious injuries. FDOT partners with 27 coalition member organizations: <a href="http://safemobilityfl.com/FloridaCoalition.htm">http://safemobilityfl.com/FloridaCoalition.htm</a>	
	<b>AARP, AAA, American Society on Aging, American Occupational Therapy Association</b>	Developed CarFit educational safety program to help aging drivers improve the “fit” of their care for safety and comfort. Trained volunteers help align sight, steering wheel space, proper seat belt fit and safe mirror positioning.	
<b>D. Other Mobility</b> 1. Implement alternative transportation options (e.g. golf carts)	<b>Community</b>	Communities such as Bobcat Trail, Sabal Trace and Heron Creek all allow golf carts to be used as transportation on the streets within the community.	
2. Increase knowledge and affordability of mobility assists (e.g. scooters)	<b>Mobility 101</b>	Experts in mobility and accessibility solutions including stairlifts, platform lifts, wheelchair ramps, pool lifts car lifts and lift chairs: <a href="https://sarasota.101mobility.com/">https://sarasota.101mobility.com/</a>  Held 16 events reaching 6,285 persons (2017):	
<b>Public Transportation</b> 1. Ensure safe, convenient public transportation stops or areas*	<b>AARP</b>	3 buses per hour in both directions for all stops within a quarter mile, measured at neighborhood scale  100 % of transit stations and vehicles that are ADA-accessible, measured at metro area scale: <a href="https://livabilityindex.aarp.org/search#Sarasota+County+FL+USA">https://livabilityindex.aarp.org/search#Sarasota+County+FL+USA</a>	

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	<p><b>SCAT</b></p>	<p>Sarasota County launched Siesta Key Breeze Trolley. The trolley runs 7 days per week including major holidays at no cost. You can download an app to track location in real time. 230,000 passengers served in the first year (2017-2018)</p> <p>10 Major Transfer Stations; and station at the Mall at University Town Center and Nathan Benderson Park added in 2017.</p> <p>Cameras on all buses for user safety</p> <p>All buses are designated a “Safe Place” for passenger in danger</p> <p>All buses are ADA-accessible, and buses kneel for easy boarding and deploy ramp for wheelchair usage (2017-2019)</p> <p>27 Fixed Routes on weekdays, 23 fixed bus routes on Saturday, and 14 fixed routes on Sunday plus the Siesta Key Trolley which operates 7 days a week. 1,880 bus stops; 13.5 % have a shelter, 7% have a bench, and 12% have bicycle parking (2019)</p> <p>SCAT wins Florida Public Transportation Association Bus Safety Excellence Award (2017)</p>	<p><b>A</b></p>
	<p><b>SCAT PLUS</b></p>	<p>Conducted first ever Passenger Satisfaction Survey with &gt; 90% timely arrivals, reservation courtesy, vehicle comfort: driver courtesy and safety and cleanliness (2017).</p>	
	<p><b>City of Sarasota</b></p>	<p>Created i-Ride, free on-demand downtown transportation service with app access; fleet of seven 6 seat vehicles (2017) Service was transferred to Gotcha in January 2019. The service is now fee-based (\$3.00 for rides within a 2 and 1/2 mile radius).</p> <p>Sarasota in Motion will serve as a playbook for how the city not only invests in transportation infrastructure but also how it achieves the community’s larger quality of life goals. Interactive public input map: <a href="https://sarasotainmotion.com/">https://sarasotainmotion.com/</a></p>	
		<p>Approved Ferry and Water Taxi service at Sarasota Bay (2016). Sarasota City Commission approved a feasibility study (2019).</p>	

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2. Increase transportation services for people with disabilities and older adults	<b>SCAT/ SCAT Plus</b>	Averages more than 4,000 wheelchair trips per month, more than 11, 900 ambulatory trips per month	
	<b>Seniors on the Go</b>	Concierge transportation service for local and long-distance needs for seniors: <a href="https://www.alignable.com/sarasota-fl/seniors-on-the-go">https://www.alignable.com/sarasota-fl/seniors-on-the-go</a>	
	<b>Find a Ride</b>	Site identifies transportation options for persons needing assistance and accommodations: <a href="https://www.findarideflorida.org/">https://www.findarideflorida.org/</a>	
3. Ensure affordable transportation	<b>SCAT</b>	Discounted fare (.60 cents-vs-1.25) for individuals age 65 and older and persons with disabilities who have SCAT Gold, Medicare or MCAT Mobility Card. Children 5 years and under and individuals age 80 years and older ride for free.	
	<b>iTNSuncoast</b>	Provided 764 Road Scholar rides (low income) in 2017 Provided 4,949 Road Scholar rides (low income) in 2019	
4. Improve public stops (e.g., appropriate seating, protection from sun and rain)	<b>SCAT</b>	1,880 bus stops; 13.5 % have a shelter, 7% have a bench, and 12% have bicycle parking (2019)	
5. Increase public transport/routes by geographic areas	<b>SCAT</b>	Sarasota County launched Siesta Key Breeze Trolley. The trolley runs 7 days per week including major holidays at no cost. You can download an app to track location in real time. 230,000 passengers served in the first year (2017-2018)  New SCAT transfer station at the Mall at UTC and Nathan Benderson Park (2017) Added bus route between Laurel and Knights Trail roads and improved services to routes 10,13,14 and 17 (2016)	

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2. Promote awareness of road user safety, changing abilities and transitioning for driving via prevention and intervention			
A. Expand driver education/refresher courses	<b>Car Fit/ Nova Southeastern University</b>	Conducted two CarFit events: 16 drivers (2015) Conducted one CarFit event: 7 drivers (2016) Conducted one CarFit event: 28 drivers (2017)	
	<b>AARP</b>	Offers online and classroom safe drivers' course. Includes information on safe driving strategies, effects of medication on driving, how to reduce driver distraction, proper use of seat belts, air bags and other new technology and state specific rules and regulations: <a href="https://www.aarpdriversafety.org/">https://www.aarpdriversafety.org/</a>	
B. Improve knowledge of changing and unsafe driving abilities for people, caregivers and providers	<b>AARP</b>	9.5 annual average number of fatal crashes per 100,000 people per year, measured at neighborhood scale: <a href="https://livabilityindex.aarp.org/search#Sarasota+County+FL+USA">https://livabilityindex.aarp.org/search#Sarasota+County+FL+USA</a>	
		Offers online and classroom safe drivers' course. Includes information on safe driving strategies, effects of medication on driving, how to reduce driver distraction, proper use of seat belts, air bags and other new technology and state specific rules and regulations: <a href="https://www.aarpdriversafety.org/">https://www.aarpdriversafety.org/</a>	
	<b>FDOT Coalition for Safe Mobility</b>	Held Safety is Golden Event – 17 attendees  Statewide Coalition implements a strategic plan to increase the safety, access, and mobility for aging road users and eliminate fatalities and reduce serious injuries. FDOT partners with 27 coalition member organizations: <a href="http://safemobilityfl.com/FloridaCoalition.htm">http://safemobilityfl.com/FloridaCoalition.htm</a>	

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	<b>USF Sarasota-Manatee</b>	Represent Sarasota County senior transportation issues and needs on FDOT Coalition for Safe Mobility	
C. Increase education about state laws and Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (DHSMV) processes	<b>Sarasota Police Department</b>	The High Visibility Education & Enforcement program was designed to improve pedestrian and bicycle safety, with a focus on five key roadways: <a href="https://www.sarasotapd.org/Home/Components/News/News/1767/1172?npage=7">https://www.sarasotapd.org/Home/Components/News/News/1767/1172?npage=7</a>	
D. Develop planning supports for transition from driving	<b>Coalition for Safe Mobility</b>	Conducted 1 Safety is Golden event disseminating updated Lifelong Community Checklist: 20 attendees	
E. Improve understanding about younger and older drivers	<b>Cross College Alliance, USF Sarasota-Manatee</b>	Develop aging interactive, educational experience	
<b>3. Promote awareness, planning and usage of innovative transportation options to meet travel needs and preferences</b>			
A. Improve transportation for evening and entertainment travel needs*	<b>iTNSuncoast</b>	<p>Provided 4,058 rides (2015); 9,705 rides (2016); 14,731 rides (2017); 22,291 rides (2018); 23,105 rides (2019)</p> <p>Expanded service area to all of Sarasota County (2017)</p> <p>Launched “Let’s Go Places” (Fun-based travel) pilot as national model (2017)-program was eliminated (2019)</p> <p>Volunteer drivers: 18 (2015); 34 (2016); 56 (2017); 54(2018); 51 (2019)</p> <p>Offers a CarTrade program which provides ride credits for use of an unused car</p> <p><a href="https://www.itnsuncoast.org/">https://www.itnsuncoast.org/</a></p>	

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	<b>City of Sarasota</b>	<p>Created i-Ride, free on-demand downtown transportation service with app access; fleet of seven 6 seat vehicles (2017)                  Service was transferred to Gotcha in January 2019. The service is now fee-based (\$3.00 for rides within a 2 and 1/2 mile radius).</p>	
		<p>Approved Ferry and Water Taxi service at Sarasota Bay (2016). Sarasota City Commission approved a feasibility study (2019).</p>	
<p>B. Implement transportation for volunteering</p>	<b>iTNSuncoast</b>	<p>Provides transportation to seniors for all travel needs</p>	
<p>C. Utilize deliverable services</p>	<p>See Objective #3C in Community Supports and Health Services Domain</p>		
<p>D. Create ride-sharing options</p>	<p><b>Lyft</b></p>	<p>Matches ride with local drivers: <a href="https://www.lyft.com/cities/sarasota-fl">https://www.lyft.com/cities/sarasota-fl</a></p>	
	<p><b>Uber</b></p>	<p>Connects people with reliable rides: <a href="https://www.uber.com/cities/sarasota/">https://www.uber.com/cities/sarasota/</a></p>	
	<p><b>Age-Friendly Sarasota / AARP/ The Patterson Foundation/ Uber/ USF, Sarasota-Manatee</b></p>	<p>Conducted one Ride-Sharing Forum: 95 attendees (2016)                   Hosted Uber at Age-Friendly Festival (2017)</p>	

\*Identified as greatest gap by Sarasota County residents aged 50-98 (2015-2017).

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