

What the Aging Equity Act will do:

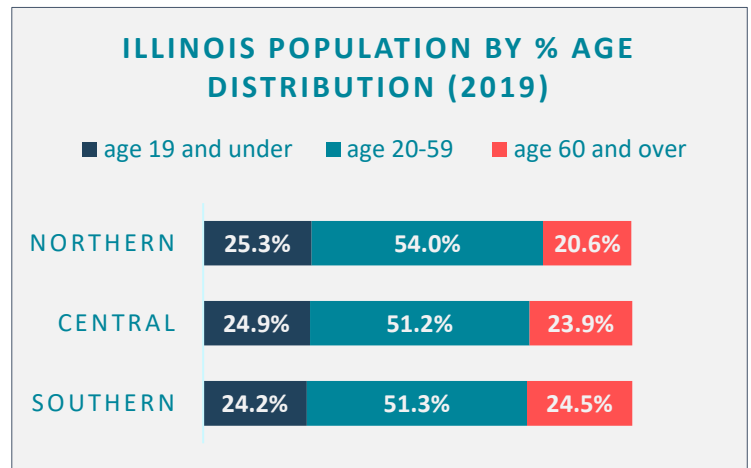
[HB1237/SB2032](#) will establish an Aging Equity Planning Commission, co-chaired by the Governor's Office and the Illinois Department on Aging. This commission's purpose is to research and create policy, practice, and programmatic recommendations for a Strategic Action Plan for Aging Equity in Illinois.

This 10-year plan will provide strategies and recommendations across state agencies and sectors of society. The purpose is to support aging equity for older persons as well as all Illinoisans as we age throughout life.

Why a Strategic Action Plan for Aging Equity is needed:

Illinois's population is aging. We all are aging all the time and are impacted by aging of our loved ones and neighbors. Some issues the strategic action plan for aging equity will help with include:

- Aging in place
- Transportation
- Housing
- Recreation & volunteerism
- Healthcare
- Food access
- Caregiving
- Technology
- Age-friendly places
- Health and home care workforce development



Older adulthood should be a time for joy and fulfillment, yet many people struggle with aging. Health inequities reduce quality of life and cut lives short. Ageism operates alongside other systemic oppressions to deny people's full humanity. Illinois must become a place that demonstrates that we value all older persons and enables us all to age with dignity.

What do we need to support equitable aging for all? **Illinois needs a strategic action plan for aging equity** for all sectors to address the unmet aging needs of all Illinoisans.

Support the Aging Equity Act

Illinois Legislators: Please consider becoming a co-sponsor and supporting this bill as it moves forward. Contact Wesley Epplin at wepplin@hmprg.org and Brigitte Dietz at bdietz@hmprg.org to discuss.

Illinois Aging Together is a campaign for aging equity in Illinois. Illinois Aging Together is supporting the Aging Equity Act, which will establish an Aging Equity Planning Commission to develop a Strategic Action Plan for Aging Equity in Illinois.

Organizational Supporters

Access Community Health	Egyptian Area Agency on Aging	Mendota Area Senior Services
Access Living	Fathers, Families, & Healthy Communities	Mercer County Senior Citizen Center
AgeGuide Northeastern IL	Forward Chicago	Metropolitan Planning Council
AgeLinc/Area Agency on Aging for Lincolnland	Fox Valley Special Recreation Association	Metropolitan Tenants Organization
AgeOptions	Graceland Center for Purposeful Aging	Miller Center
AgeSmart Community Resources	Health & Medicine Policy Research Group	Mindful Innovations Consulting, LLC
Aging Care Connections	Healthy Illinois Campaign	North Shore Senior Center
Aging with Grace	HIRE360	Northwest Center
AIDS Foundation Chicago	Homewatch CareGivers	OAI, Inc.
Alzheimer's Association - Illinois Chapter	Housing Choice Partners	Per Scholas
Arab American Family Services	Housing Opportunities & Maintenance for the Elderly (H.O.M.E.)	PODER
Association for Individual Development (AID)	I4A Illinois Association of Area Agencies on Aging	Premier Home Health Care Services
Association of Illinois Senior Centers	ICNC- Industrial Council of Nearwest Chicago	Pride Action Tank
BACOA - Barrington Area Council on Aging	Illinois Academy of Family Physicians	Putnam County Community Center
CCSI Case Coordination. LLC	Illinois Hospice and Palliative Care Organization	Quad County Urban League
Center for Changing Lives	Illinois Park and Recreation Association	Revolution Workshop
Center for Life and Learning	Illinois Public Health Institute	Right at Home Oak Park Chicago
Center for Neighborhood Technology	Illinois Township Association of Senior Citizens Services Committees	RiseKit
Chaoticform Design, LLC	Illinois YouthBuild Coalition Inc.	SAGESofBG (Senior Adults Growing and Exploring - Buffalo Grove, IL)
Chicago Area Project	IMPACT CIL	Senior Services of Central Illinois
Chicago Citywide Literacy Coalition	Inner Voice	Senior Services Plus
Chicago Hyde Park Village	JARC	Shawnee Health Service
Chicago Jobs Council	Jane Addams Senior Caucus	Shriver Center on Poverty Law
Chicago Women in Trades	Jewish United Fund	Skyline Village Chicago
Chicago Women Take Action (CWTA)	Latinas/os Buscando Refugio y Optimismo Cuando Hacen Arte (La BROCHA)	SOAR@Dorr Center
Circle of Friends Adult Day Center	Legacy Law Firm, LLC	Solutions for Care
CJE SeniorLife	Legal Council for Health Justice	The Equiticity Racial Equity Movement
Community Assistance Programs	Life Changes Counseling and Care Planning	Transitions Home Medical Group
Coordinated Care Alliance	Lifescape Community Services, Inc	Trilogy Behavioral Healthcare
CourAGEus, formerly, A Tribe Called Aging	Make Room @ The Table	Illinois Park and Recreation Association
CRIS Healthy-Aging Center	Manufacturing Renaissance	Upwardly Global
Dementia Friendly Elgin Area		West Suburban Jobs Council
DirectCourse Online Training published by Elsevier		Women Employed
East Central Illinois Area Agency on Aging, Inc,		Women Over 70--Aging Reimagined, LLC.
Economic Security for IL		Youth Guidance