



KALAMAZOO COUNTY GOVERNMENT

In the Pursuit of Extraordinary Governance...

NEWS RELEASE
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
January 21, 2020

Matt Johnson, Public Information Officer
pio@kalcounty.com
269-373-5271 or 269-373-5270

Kalamazoo County Residents Encouraged to Complete Older Adult Community Needs Assessment

KALAMAZOO, MI— The Older Adult Services Division of Kalamazoo County Government Health & Community Services Department (Area Agency on Aging IIIA) is conducting an Older Adult Community Needs Assessment for Kalamazoo County through Public Sector Consultants. The purpose is to evaluate services and programming in order to address the needs of older adults with the greatest social and economic need. Data collected will be used to determine programmatic planning for state, federal, and local funding.

“Area Agency on Aging Region IIIA is committed to serving older adults in Kalamazoo County with updated services. Due to the evolving needs of older adults living independently in our community, the Direct feedback from Kalamazoo County residents is critical to how we serve our community in the future. Approximately 21% of our county is comprised of older adults (according to the US census). The information from this report will directly impact expansion and creation of services for older adults in our community with local, state, and federal funding.” said Samantha Carlson, Older Adult Services Director of Area Agency on Aging Region IIIA

Services for older adults (60 years of age and older) and their caregivers include but are not limited to:

- access to information and resources
- coordination of care through care management
- personal care in the home
- homemaking
- home safety and repair
- ramp access to the home
- personal medical response systems
- technology
- respite care
- adult day care
- caregiver support
- counseling
- transportation
- money management
- outreach
- healthy living programs
- senior center access
- elder abuse prevention
- access to affordable dental, vision, and hearing services,
- navigating insurance

HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

311 E. Alcott St. | Kalamazoo, MI 49001

Phone: 269.373.5200 | www.kalcounty.com/hcs

This is an invitation for ALL Kalamazoo County residents to voice their perspective, opinion, and needs pertaining to our older adult residents.

Interested citizens can participate in the following ways:

- February 5th, 2020 Community forums facilitated by Public Sector Consultants:
 - 2/5/2020 8:30am at South County Community Services
 - 606 Spruce Street, Vicksburg, MI 49097
 - 2/5/2020 1:00pm at Ecumenical Senior Center
 - 702 N. Burdick Street, Kalamazoo, MI 49007
- February 6th, 2020 Community Survey Conversation
 - This will be a time where community members can meet with AAA staff to discuss services and complete surveys online or paper forms.
 - 2/6/2020 9:00am- 12:00pm Portage Senior Center
 - 320 Library Lane, Portage, MI 49002

Kalamazoo County residents can complete the survey two ways:

Online: Access the survey at: www.kalcounty.com/hcs/aaa/ and on the Kalamazoo County Government's main page www.kalcounty.com

Paper pick up throughout Kalamazoo County at listed partners on the website at www.kalcounty.com/hcs/aaa/ and can be returned to Health & Community Services Department or partner locations.

###

Kalamazoo County Government
Health & Community Services Department

 [Like Kalamazoo County Health & Community Services](#)  Follow us [@KzooHealth](#)