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The mission of Innovations in Aging Collaborative is to convene the community to promote creative approaches that address the challenges and opportunities of aging.

The Innovations in Aging Collaborative (IIAC) is a unique multi-disciplinary team working to ensure that our community is a remarkable place in which to age.

As a result of the rapidly growing numbers of aging adults living in the greater Colorado Springs area, IIAC will convene policy makers, services providers, community leaders and other stakeholders to support their transportation, healthcare, recreation, culture, employment, and livable community infrastructure needs to:

- Create community-based solutions.
- Enhance retirement years.
- Fashion a future that values everyone across life spans.
- Foster an intergeneration approach to proposed solutions.

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National and Local Trends*

(Based upon 2010 Census data)

- ◆ Baby Boomers comprise 26% of the US population and as of 2010 61,788 live in El Paso County
- ◆ El Paso County 's seniors is projected to grow to 107,383 by 2020 and reach 172,394 individuals by 2040!
- ◆ Seniors living in El Paso County live in concentrated census tracts in the northwest part of the County on either side of I-25 in some of the counties' least populous areas
- ◆ Seniors also live in concentrations in 80904, 80906, 80909 both in affluent and low-income communities

Issues Facing the Aging Boomer Population*

- Seniors are considered a "special needs group" with unique challenges
- Recent studies and surveys have identified public transportation, isolation, access to health and low-income housing as key issues for this group
- Concerns related to health care include – adequate health insurance, access to medical professionals, mental health professionals, and specialists in gerontology
- Funding of Medicare and Medicaid as a major issue for this group

Opportunity for Action: **"Intergenerational Hubs"**

*IIAC will be working with neighborhoods, service providers and community leaders to develop **iHubs**. Working with these stakeholders, IIAC will ensure that the unique needs of older adults within selected areas of our community are addressed.*

iHubs will advance the opportunities for older adults to age in place.

iHubs will link seniors and their younger neighbors, services, employment and civic engagement to create vibrant communities.

iHubs will be unique in each location and draw upon the resources and reflect the character of each neighborhood.

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The vision of Innovations in Aging Collaborative

is to make our community a remarkable place in which to age!

The Timeline of Innovations in Aging Collaborative

2008

- ⇒ BJ Scott and Barbara Yalich shared an inspired conversation asking if Colorado Springs was ready for the “senior tsunami”
- ⇒ The first steering committee was called together by Chancellor Pam Shockley and subsequently outlined a plan to explore the needs for older adult programs
- ⇒ The CU Foundation becomes the fiscal agency for Innovations in Aging and the first grant was written to the Inasmuch Foundation for initial support
- ⇒ The Steering Committee grows to over 2 dozen champions who plan a summit to address the interest by the community on this topic

2009

- ⇒ Work groups convene several times a year to delve further into the assets and challenges facing Colorado Springs
- ⇒ A second grant with Inasmuch Foundation is awarded to keep the work flowing and to begin planning for a 2010 summit.
- ⇒ The stakeholder group grows in size and scope

2010

- ⇒ The IIAC Summit on Aging takes place in April 2010 featuring Stan Gryskiewicz and Kathryn Lawler which brought together 175 community leaders

2011

- ⇒ Work begins under the leadership of Tucker Hart Adams to study the demographic data of the county and the challenges facing seniors

2012

- ⇒ Collaborated with the National Association of Innovative Managers in February 2012 to hold a work session on aging
- ⇒ Worked with Mark Lautman author of When Boomers Bail and the AMI in June 2012 to advance the work of IIAC work groups
- ⇒ The idea of an intergenerational hub “iHub” starts to take form
- ⇒ Held the second IIAC Summit and released *Aging in El Paso County* by Tucker Hart Adams and Summit Economics in April 2012 (report available on our website)
- ⇒ The steering committee of IIAC decides to formalize the work and file for independent non-profit organization status and hire its first paid Executive Director

2013

- ⇒ Received 501 (c)3 designation from the IRS
- ⇒ Hired an Executive Director
- ⇒ Official launch

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