# SERVING SENIORS: It Takes a Valley!



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## INTRODUCTION

Purpose and Preview of Presentation



Cautions and Caveats!



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# SENIOR NEEDS: What services are needed and why?



Facts & Figures





"Silver Tsunami" vs. "Golden Years"

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# SENIOR SERVICES: What services are available?

Overview of available services

Finding available services



Resources & References

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# SENIOR SERVICE SYSTEMS: A community view



THE WHO:

Seniors



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# SENIOR SERVICE SYSTEMS: A community view THE HOW: Roles Responsibilities Relationships Rules Resources Resources Results

## STRENGTHENING SENIOR SERVICES:

It takes a (Miami) Valley approach:

### **COLLABORATION**



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### **Collaboration Characteristics**

### Definitions

### Types



- Examples:
  - $\checkmark \ Interdisciplinary \ or \ Multi-Disciplinary \ elder \ abuse \ teams$
  - ✓ Frail Elder Providers Collaborative
  - ✓ Montgomery County Council on Aging
  - ✓ Medical Elder Care Teams
  - ✓ "Plan Ahead & Protect Yourself" Project

✓ Other

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### **Collaboration Characteristics**

# One example: "Collective Impact Model"

- ❖Common Agenda
- ❖Shared Measurement
- Mutually Reinforcing Activities
- Continuous Communication
- ❖ Backbone Support

Specific methodology, evidence-based, etc.

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### Collaboration Opportunities & Challenges

### Opportunities/Advantages

- · Serve more seniors
- · Provide better services
- Be more efficient
- Be cost effective
- Pool knowledge, skills
- Gain & leverage resources
- Help seniors get what need
- Other benefits



### Challenges/Disadvantages

- May lose some control
- Time consuming and slow
- May be frustrating
- Unwillingness to change
- Lack of time, resources
- Conflict with real/perceived ethical, legal, professional or other obligations & requirements



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### Collaboration: Keys to Success!



- > Pick proper partners, based on results trying to achieve, services being provided, populations being served, resources available, capacities, compatible missions, visions, values, or other pertinent factors!
- ➤ Clarify/Solidify the **PURPOSE** of the collaboration
- > Agree upon ROLES, RULES, and RESPONSIBILITIES
- > WORK WELL TOGETHER through strong teamwork, communication, trust-building, conflict-resolution, and other ways that work for those involved



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### STRENGTHENING SENIOR SERVICES:



It may take a "valley" perspective or position



**CHANGE** 



## STRENGTHENING SENIOR SERVICES:

It may take a (Silicon) Valley approach:



**TECHNOLOGY** & Other Tools



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## **SENIOR SERVICES STORY:**

"Plan Ahead & Protect Yourself" **Series for Seniors** 

- Background: how this project started & why
- Strategies, services, status, and next steps

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# **CONCLUSION**



Final thoughts

Questions & Answers

THANKS!!!

