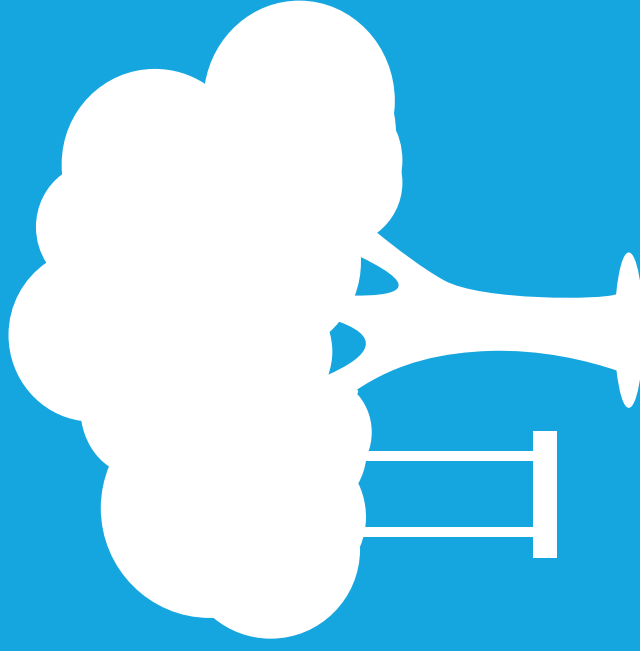
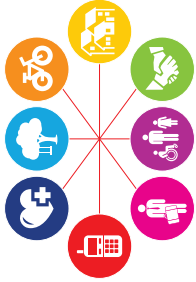




Outdoor Spaces & Buildings

Goal

GOAL: Increase access to and use of parks, open spaces and public buildings

ENSURE THAT AUSTIN PROVIDES:

- Parks/open spaces within a half-mile of every home and recreation facilities within a mile of every home
- Adequate seating, drinking fountains, restrooms, parking in public facilities for people of all ages and abilities



Transportation

Goals

GOAL: Ensure Transit modes are accessible, affordable and safe for all ages and abilities

- Expedite repair of sidewalks, curb cuts and street lights
- Easy-to-read, lighted traffic signs
- Adequate seating at public-transit stops
- Integrate Age-inclusive policies in City decision-making

GOAL: Information and tools for residents to make informed travel choices

- Integrated system for scheduling transportation options
- A centralized clearinghouse for seamless information for the public

GOAL: Create an ongoing dialogue and innovative transportation options and models for the future

- Obtain additional funding to support innovative opportunities and models for transportation



Housing

Goals

GOAL: Housing options for seniors of various income levels

- Develop innovative models of affordable housing
- Boost funding for affordable housing for seniors
- Expedite permitting for secondary dwelling units
- Promote awareness of diverse housing options
- Generate access to rent- and utility-assistance programs
- Implement Austin's "Complete Communities" and "Strategic Housing" plans
- Monitor impact of property tax deferrals for seniors

GOAL: Preserve existing affordable housing for seniors Expand support for

- HUD 202 properties
- City of Austin Housing Authority
- Private/Nonprofit housing communities

GOAL: Assistance to seniors for home modifications and repair

- Expand Austin Housing Repair Coalition
- Promote design modifications that improve safety for seniors
- Expand home-weatherization/energy efficiency programs
- Engage volunteers to assist seniors with home maintenance



Goals

GOAL: Recreation, leisure and educational activities targeted to older persons

- Fund neighborhood programs for senior assistance

GOAL: Create a City committee on facilities for senior engagement

- Cultivate social engagement for seniors in public places
- Identify opportunities for co-located services
- Encourage intergenerational programming at rec centers and schools

Social Participation





Respect & Social Inclusion

Goals

GOAL: Expand programs that engage and empower older persons

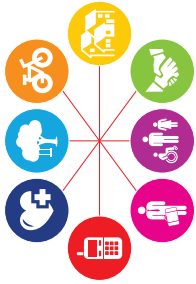
- More activities, services, programs for persons age 50+
- Encourage age-friendly customer service practices
- Support AustinUP in developing age-friendly business best practices

GOAL: Create intergenerational opportunities for seniors

- Partnerships between schools, libraries and senior programs
- Activities for seniors at all city recreation centers

GOAL: Expand access to services and participation by older adults in diverse communities

- Urge the Commission on Seniors to coordinate with other boards and commissions representing diverse communities
- Call on the Commission on Seniors to appoint a commissioner to serve on the Joint Inclusion Committee
- Ensure services and programs for seniors respect cultural, ethnic and racial diversity to be welcoming and inclusive
- Advocate that all City programs, services and strategic plans address the needs of seniors



Civic Participation & Employment

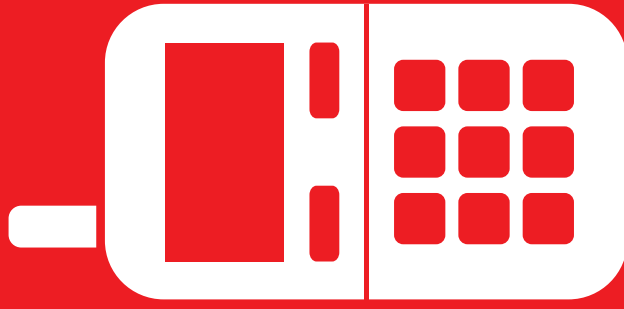
Goals

GOAL: Increase employment and entrepreneurial opportunities for older persons

- Improve awareness and coordination of employment services
- Promote home-based, part-time and job-sharing employment opportunities
- Distribute brochures on key topics like age discrimination in the workplace, and working while receiving Social Security benefits
- Encourage local businesses to hire older persons

GOAL: Increase volunteerism and civic participation among persons age 55+

- Develop a City of Austin internship or fellowship program for people 55+
- Publicize volunteer opportunities as well as opportunities for civic engagement



Communication & Information

Goals

GOAL: Create a clearinghouse for information about matters related to older adults

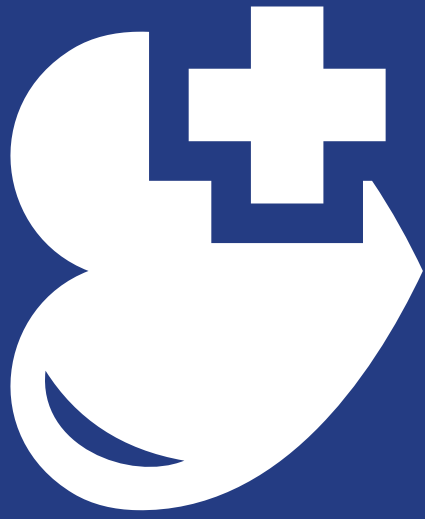
- Include information about city and state services, community organizations and other resources on the City of Austin website(s)

GOAL: Increase awareness about senior issues and perspectives

- Broadcast Austin's Commission on Seniors meetings at convenient times for older viewers
- Urge City communications staff to include an "age-friendly" perspective in all communications materials and age-inclusive language, messaging and visuals in materials intended for older adult audiences
- Provide multi-cultural information and resources, recognizing the diversity of Austin's senior population

GOAL: Promote technologies that help older adults connect to their community, friends and family

- Expand technology training at City of Austin facilities
- Encourage education through public-private partnerships
- Offer learning opportunities for those without access to technology
- Use all available City communication channels to promote training opportunities



Community Support & Health Services

Goals

GOAL: Investment in affordable, accessible and holistic care

- Promote awareness of low and no-cost health services
- Establish focus groups to develop a plan to integrate aging, mental health and wellness programs
- Develops programs and clinics in neighborhoods with large populations of older adults

GOAL: Ensure culturally responsive access to supports and services for engaging the community

- Outreach and awareness of caregiver support and in-home services
- Awareness and access to fresh produce, healthy foods, and government food assistance programs.
- Expand family caregiving resources, including dementia care and respite care

GOAL: Emergency readiness that focuses on needs of seniors

- Preparedness training that involves seniors and caregivers
- First responder training in "age-friendly" best practices
- Emergency preparedness training for 311 operators

GOAL: Stop elder abuse, neglect and fraud

- Elder abuse education for law enforcement and first responders
- Publicize on city website information for detecting, preventing and reporting elder abuse
- Partner with financial institutions to distribute information about elder abuse
- Train 311 operators on elder abuse, neglect and exploitation