**Age-Friendly Public Health System for Mississippi**

- Creating & Leading Change
- Connecting & Convening
- Coordinating Supports & Services
- Collecting, Analyzing & Translating Data
- Communicating
- Complementing

**Mississippi’s Population**

2,949,965

16.4% are age 65 & older

**$15,673/YR**

The average Social Security Income in Mississippi

**$28,601/YR**

The median household income for an older adult in Mississippi

Mississippi ranks **51st for Long Term Care**

21% of the older adults in Mississippi are Veterans Source

There are **54,582** working older adults in Mississippi

- **28%** of those older adults live alone
- **11%** Mississippi older adult households that have an annual income of less than $10k
- **35%** Mississippi older adult households that have an annual income of less than $20k
- **25%** Mississippi residents 60 and over that receive food stamps
Vision for an Age-Friendly Public Health System in Mississippi:
The vision of an age-friendly public health system in Mississippi is that equitable healthy aging will be a value adopted by all Mississippians.

Values of an Age-Friendly Public Health System in Mississippi:
- Prioritize equity in all elements of assessment, planning, and implementation of initiatives associated with this plan
- Respect and include perspective of residents and communities in the work that is done
- Facilitate collaboration at the state and community levels to identify barriers, address gaps and align resources
- Prioritize the sharing of data, information, and resources to avoid duplication
- Encourage advocacy, policy, and practices that include attention to healthy aging within and across a broad range of issues and sectors
- Respect and strengthen priorities that local communities have already identified
- Integrate initiatives and leverage existing work where possible
- Communicate in a variety of ways that consider various perspectives and skills of the aging population

Principles of an Age-Friendly Public Health System in Mississippi:
- Design and implement the initiatives with a priority placed on equity
- Include community members in any local initiative or collaboration
- Recruit and co-create with cross-sector partners based on the needs of the community
- Use data to continuously learn, adapt, and improve
- Cultivate leaders with unique system leadership skills that foster healthy aging
- Focus on program and system strategies for systems change
- Build a culture that fosters relationships, trust, and respect across participants
- Customize initiative details to be applicable in local context

Goals of an Age-Friendly Public Health System in Mississippi:
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- Complementing Existing Health Promoting Programs