

LIFELONG COMMUNITIES INITIATIVE

Tool Box Instructions

The Lifelong Communities Initiative Tool Box was developed as a guide to help communities to focus on, or continue the improvement of the quality of life for seniors. The Tool Box is easy to read and involves a four step process.***

- 1) ***OBTAIN SUPPORT FROM YOUR LOCAL GOVERNMENT.***
Support can include a city or county proclamation. Submit the application and community profile to the Kansas Department on Aging.

- 2) ***SELECT A COMMUNITY STEERING COMMITTEE TO COMPLETE THE COMMUNITY ASSESSMENT TOOL.***
It is recommended the committee be composed of representatives with expertise in at least one of the six Lifelong areas: *Business, Community Service, Government, Health Care, Housing, and Transportation*. Submit the completed assessment tool and send to the Kansas Department on Aging for community self analysis.

- 3) ***DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT AN ACTION PLAN.***
Based upon Tool responses, brainstorm projects that would benefit the community in Lifelong areas. Work with KDOA to develop and implement an action plan for projects that will benefit seniors in your community.

- 4) ***COMMUNITIES WILL BE CERTIFIED AS LIFELONG AS THEY SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETE THE LOCAL ACTION PLAN AND THE CERTIFICATION PROCESS.***

***Communities completing this process will be designated a Lifelong Community by the Kansas Department on Aging and will be awarded a Lifelong Communities Initiative Highway sign.