What is the Goal?

To build community resources that support “Aging in Place”:

The ability to live in one's own home and community safely, independently and comfortably regardless of age, income, or ability level.

(Centers for Disease Control)
Medicare will not pay for many of our care needs as we age

Medicare — the federal health insurance program for people over the age of 65, and some disabled people under the age of 65 — is often confused with Medicaid, another health program for individuals and families with low incomes and few if any, resources.

What Medicare Doesn’t Pay For:

- Assisted Living Facilities
- Home Maker Services
- Home Health Aides
- Transportation to/from doctors’ visits
- Routine eye, dental or hearing exams
NURSING FACILITY VS. HOME CARE

Annual Facility Care Costs

- Medicaid FINANCED Nursing Facility: $53,593
- Private Pay Assisted Living: $42,600
- Private Pay Nursing Facility: $81,030

Annual Home and Community Care Costs

- Homemaker & Adult Care Services: $18,200-$20,800
- Home & Community Based Medicaid Services: $24,675

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Profile of Older Adults in Jackson County

**Nutrition:**
- 45% find preparing meals difficult
- 46% find shopping difficult

**Transportation:**
- 45% cannot drive
- 1 in 3 cannot access public transportation

**Home Repair:**
- 44% need help with home repairs
- 1 in 3 need help with lawn services

**Isolation:**
- 31% of seniors live alone

**Employment:**
- 2 of three older adults report their employment opportunity needs aren’t met

**Mobility:**
- 40% find walking difficult
- 1 in 3 have difficulty with light housekeeping or laundry

**Jackson county older adults have a higher than average prevalence of falls, Alzheimer’s, arthritis, depression, and stroke**

**1 in 10 live in poverty**

**1 in 5 are food insecure**
Funding for older adults not keeping pace

Source: National Association of States United for Aging and Disabilities, 1980 - 2010
More people, living longer in Jackson County, MO

In 2000, just 12% of Jackson County’s population was over 65. By 2030, 18% will be.
The Challenge Will Continue

- A man reaching age 65 today can expect to live until age 84.3
- A woman turning age 65 today can expect to live until age 86.6
- One out of every four 65-year-olds today will live past age 90
- One out of 10 will live past age 95
A Viable Solution

Senior Service Fund
The Senior Service Fund

- Property tax of 5 cents per $100 of assessed valuation (real estate and personal property)
- For every $100,000 of appraised value, the homeowner would pay $9.50 per year
- Dollars raised in Jackson County stay in Jackson County
55 Missouri counties have passed this tax

counties that have passed a tax

- Northwest: Atchison, Worth, Gentry, Harrison, Mercer, Putnam, Chariton, Howard, Boone, Callaway, Audrain, Cooper, Boone, Audrain, Cooper, Boone, Audrain, Cooper
- Northeast: Jackson, Lafayette, Saline, Howard, Boone, Callaway, Audrain, Franklin, St. Francois, Ste. Genevieve, Cape Girardeau
- West Central: Platte, Clay, Ray, Carroll, Chariton, Saline, Howard, Boone, Callaway, Audrain, Franklin, St. Francois, Ste. Genevieve, Cape Girardeau
- Central Missouri: Bates, Henry, Benton, Morgan, Miller, Gasconade, Montgomery, Gasconade, Montgomery
- South Central: Crawford, Washington, Ste. Genevieve, Cape Girardeau
- Southwest: Barton, Dade, Polk, Dallas, Laclede, Dent, Iron, Reynolds, Madison, Jefferson, Cape Girardeau
- Southeast: Bolivar, Girard, Stone, Taney, Ozark, Howell, Oregon, Ripley, Butler, Franklin, Cape Girardeau
- South Central: Crawford, Washington, Ste. Genevieve, Cape Girardeau
- Northeast: St. Louis City, St. Louis County, St. Charles, St. Louis County, St. Louis County
It’s Working North of the River

Clay County Senior Services Tax Revenue: $2.0 million

Platte County Senior Fund Tax Revenue: $1.2 million

• Programs and Services: care management, respite care, adult day care, home repairs, in-home care, personal safety monitoring, transportation, meals-on-wheels, senior centers

• Health and Wellness: fall prevention, exercise and physical activity programs, brain and mental health

• Helpful Resources regarding housing, benefits check-ups, caregiving, and future planning

Jackson County
CARES FOR SENIORS
$5.3 million in revenue to meet critical needs
Jackson County older adults:

- Transportation
- Nutrition
- Health and Wellness
- Community Engagement
- Safety and Confidence at Home
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