

# Orange County Older Adults Advisory Commission

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## **2026-2027 Goals and Objectives**

In support of the Orange County Master Plan on Aging (OC MPA) Priority Initiatives, the Older Adults Advisory Commission (OAAC) is establishing specific tasks to support the three priority initiatives:

1. Housing Security
2. Public Information and Resource Campaign
3. Enhanced Care Coordination

### **Goal 1: Information Access**

- ***Promote community services for older adults and caregivers to boost awareness and access.***
  - a. Collaborate with the Office on Aging (OoA) to distribute readily available information on County, State, Federal, and non-profit services that enhance older adult's lives.
  - b. Promote OoA's Monthly Newsletter and the Older Adult Resource Guide:
    - i. Launch a campaign to expand email subscriptions toward reaching older adults.
    - ii. Improve newsletter content by gathering and submitting updates from senior centers, libraries, and community events to the OoA to increase usability.
    - iii. Expand outreach to older adults via collaborations with senior centers, faith-based groups, libraries, healthcare partners, and public sector agencies and utilities.
    - iv. Support ongoing social media promotion and campaigns that highlight available programs and services.

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## Goal 2: Aging in Place

- ***Promote resources that support older adults to age safely and independently at home.***
  - a. Assist the County in developing a coordinated home-sharing program that matches older adults' homeowners with available spare rooms with individuals in need of affordable accommodations:
    - i. Planning: Research national best practices and engage stakeholders to design program guidelines, including rigorous background screening and matching criteria.
    - ii. Implementation: Support the process of securing sustainable funding and launching targeted outreach to help identify potential participants.
    - iii. Operations: Advocate for the future development of standardized agreements that clearly define household responsibilities and provide a formal process for dispute resolution.
  - b. Compile and promote resources for financial assistance and caregivers supporting older adults.
  - c. Participate in RFP evaluation panels for aging service contracts administered by the County to provide subject matter expert input.

### **To accomplish our Goals OAAC recommends the following:**

- Form an Ad Hoc committee to determine OAAC's Key Performance Indicators (KPIs), metrics, and success criteria.
- Form an Ad Hoc committee to explore Home Share options.
- Participate in RFP evaluation panels for aging services.
- Participate in the OC MPA Action Teams that support the MPA Initiatives.

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