



Flathead County Agency on Aging

Area Plan on Aging Questionnaire

Thank you for participating in the development of the Flathead County Area Plan on Aging, effective October 2019-September 2022. Your input helps us better serve older adults in our local communities now and moving forward. **Please return by February 8, 2019 to the box provided or mail to 40 11th St. West, Ste. 100, Kalispell, MT 59901.**

1. What are 3 things that most concern you personally about aging?

2. What are 3 things you most enjoy or value about growing older?

3. Of the list below, what do you think are the top five (5) concerns for older adults in the Flathead? Please circle.

- Funding for safety net programs like Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, Older Americans Act programs
- Affordable and accessible housing
- Available and accessible transportation
- Financial assistance for basic needs (housing, food, transportation, insurance/health care/prescriptions)
- Access to and affordability of supportive services in the home to prevent or delay institutional care
- Support for family caregivers of older adults
- Access to health care, including preventive care and mental health services
- Social isolation and loneliness – need for planned and supported opportunities for engagement
- Individual planning for aging years
- Employment opportunities for older adults
- Home maintenance, repair and modifications for accessibility
- Elder abuse, neglect and/or exploitation

4. What makes this a good community for older adults?

5. Of the list below, what do you think are the 3 most important services AOA provides? Please circle.

- Meals on Wheels (home-delivered meals)
- Social dining sites (AOA dining room and area senior centers)
- Information about and help to access community services
- Medicare and benefits counseling
- In-home services like housekeeping and personal care
- Respite for caregivers
- Transportation (Eagle Transit and assisted transportation)
- Ombudsman (advocacy for nursing home and assisted living residents)
- Support for senior centers
- Mobile home repair

6. Beyond the services we provide, what could our community as a whole do better to help older adults remain independent?

Please Tell Us about Yourself

What is your age?

- Under 30 years old
- 30-44
- 45-59
- 60-69
- 70-79
- 80 or older

Are you?

- Male
- Female

Which area do you live closest to?

- Kalispell/Evergreen
- Whitefish
- Columbia Falls
- Bigfork
- Lakeside

Have you or a loved one ever used AOA services?

- Yes
- No

Are you or have you ever been a family caregiver of an older adult?

- Yes
- No

Are you a health, social service or transit professional?

- Yes
- No