



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

MISSISSIPPI OLDER ADULT HOUSEHOLDS THAT HAVE AN ANNUAL INCOME OF LESS THAN \$10K

11%

35%

MISSISSIPPI OLDER ADULT HOUSEHOLDS THAT HAVE AN ANNUAL INCOME OF LESS THAN \$20K

MISSISSIPPI RESIDENTS 60 AND OVER THAT RECEIVE FOOD STAMPS

25%



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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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Promoting Programs