



VISIONEERING WICHITA

Creating the future for our regional community.

**Formation of an
Older Adults Strategic Alliance
December 19, 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Self Help Network
358 N. Main
(Parking available south of the building)**

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Visioneering Wichita

Visioneering Wichita completed Phase I in December, 2004 which brought together over 16,000 area residents along with government and community leaders to understand and address the significant challenges and opportunities facing south-central Kansas. The result of this unprecedented effort was the publication of a 20-year strategic plan and vision for our metro area (see www.visioneeringwichita.com for plan).

Now is the time to aggressively implement that plan. Strategies within the document feature a section on Older Adults where we embrace our older citizens as community resources.

Your organization has been identified as a needed valuable asset to begin an exploratory discussion regarding the formation of a strategic alliance on older adults. You and/or a representative are invited to attend this initial meeting which will specifically discuss the following:

Older Adults

1. Embrace our older adult citizens as a community resource for history, education, employment, and other aspects of community life.
2. Provide and maintain safe and affordable housing for older adults.
3. Provide better healthcare resources or optional healthcare resources for senior citizens.
4. Increase services for the older adults and market them effectively.
5. Continue support for senior employment programs.
6. Provide ways to get our mature adults more involved in the community

Please indicate your attendance by contacting Diane Longfellow at 316-268-1141 or via email at dlongfellow@wichitachamber.org by Monday December 18. If you are unable to attend you are welcome to send a representative. Questions? Call Suzie Ahlstrand at 268.1135 or contact at sahlstrand@wichitachamber.org.