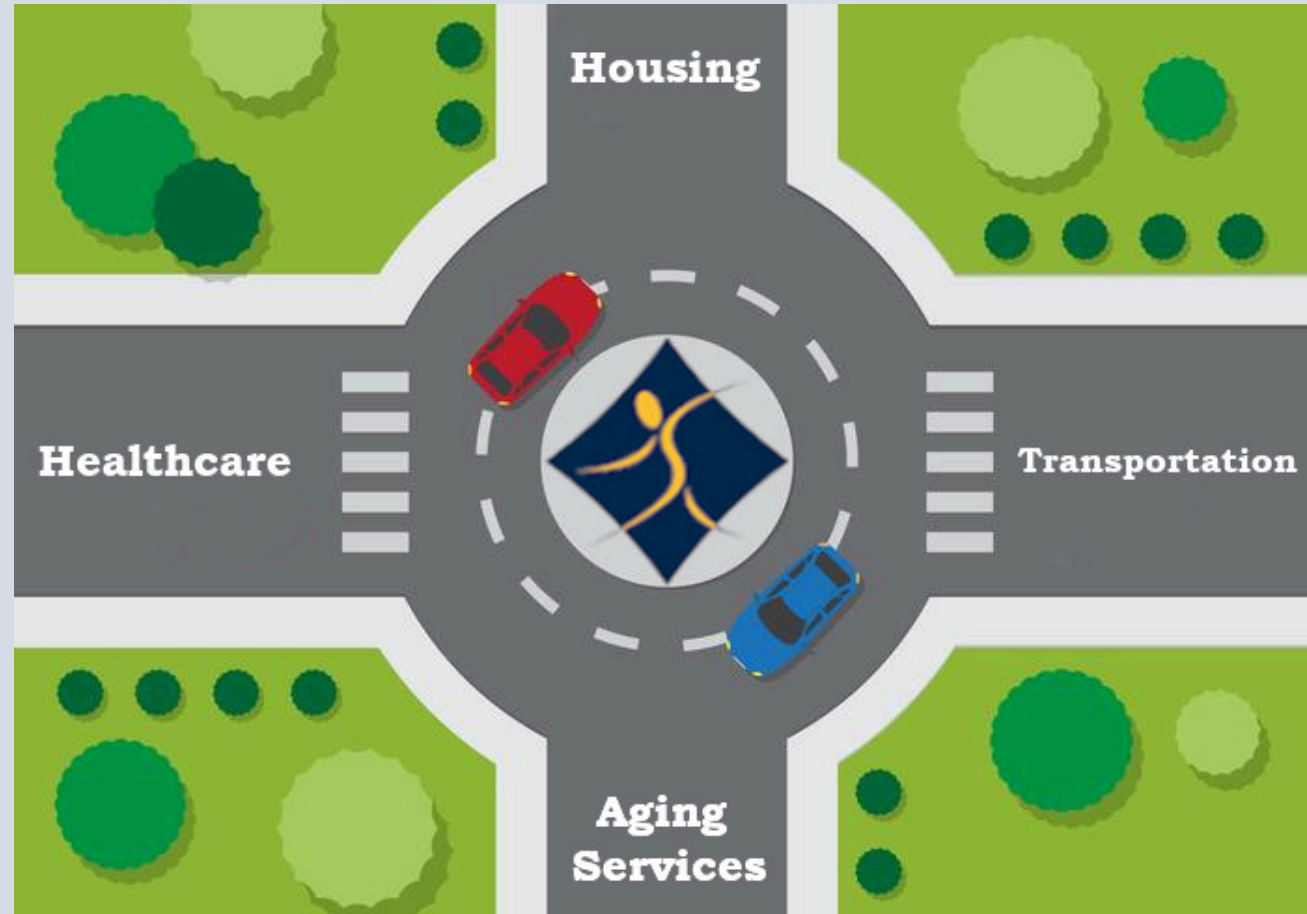


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History: AASC is a private, non-profit 501 (c)(3) designated by the Virginia Department of Aging (now DARS) in 1975 as one of Virginia's twenty five area agencies on aging serving PSA 2 comprised of Buchanan, Dickenson, Russell and Tazewell Counties.

Mission: To advocate, plan, develop, implement and promote independence with a high quality of life for healthy aging that benefits individuals and families of all ages in a sustainable, livable community.



OBJECTIVES:

Why is connection to housing, transportation, health care and aging services so important?

Who's responsible for connecting the aging population to housing, transportation, health care and aging services?

Who makes the referrals?

How is that connection made?

Who are the partners in these ventures?

How does connecting all of these services support the mission of a AAA, or community?

What are the long term benefits?



HEALTHCARE

- PACE (Program for the All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly) May, 2008 granted rural designation and accepted first 8 participants
 - Lack of access to primary care
 - Limited specialty physicians
 - Lack of behavior health/mental health services
 - Distance travel for appointments
 - Supported AASC's mission
- Care Transitions
- Contracted Managed Care Organizations
- Contracted with local hospital system-(Bridge and Link)
- Community Health Fairs
- Annual Agency Sponsored Community Health Fair
- Employee Health program
- Telehealth-PACE and Congregate Nutrition Sites
- Pharmacy
- Wrap around services, In-Home, Nutrition, Aging Services, etc.



AGING SERVICES

- Nutrition
 - Congregate
 - Home Delivered
 - Pet Food
 - Farm Fresh Food
 - Chronic Disease
 - Matter of Balance
 - Evidence Based Programs
- Care Coordination
 - Checking
 - Information & Assistance
 - Heating/Cooling Assistance
 - Fan Care
 - VICAP
 - Options Counseling
 - Care Transitions
 - Connecting Community Resources
- In Home Care
 - Personal Care
 - Homemaker
 - Chore
- Home Repair
 - Emergency Repairs
 - Home Modifications
 - Licensed Contractor



- Connecting Community Resources

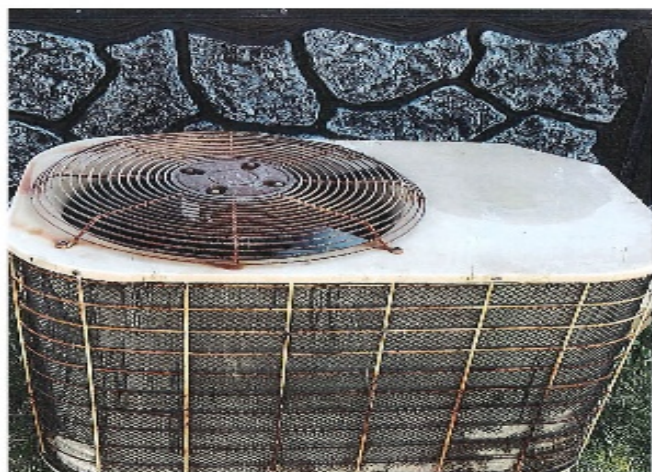




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HOUSING

- Developed Senior Living Community
- Assist Community Housing Projects
- Assist Locating Available Housing
- Real Estate Developers



AASC SENIOR COMMUNITY



COMMUNITY HOMES



TRANSPORTATION

- Public Transportation
- PACE Medical Transportation
- Contracted Transportation
- Veteran's Transportation
- Future Specialized Transportation (non-emergency medical)



AASC'S Public Transit Division

- Four County Transit is a fully coordinated public transit system serving the AASC Service Area.
- Deviated fixed route system with multiple routes in each county with assigned stops and times.
- Majority of routes connect with transfer points allowing travel within and between counties.
- Design of routes include major housing communities, including senior housing.
- Design of routes include life needs such as retail and grocery stores, medical facilities, government offices, library, colleges, etc.



Opportunity for our older population

- We must take care of our aging population.
- Freedom, independence and improved quality of life.
- It must be marketed to help everyone understand it, especially in a rural environment.
- Route schedules include hourly stops at all agency senior community centers.
- Most agency participants ride the bus to the centers.
- Provides social interaction. Many seniors go out on the same days to shop, etc. as a group event.
- Staff training focus is on being friendly and understanding while providing assistance.



Working to improve our service

- Continually review routes to stay current with changes such as housing, employment opportunities and shopping centers.
- Listening to the community to address growing transportation needs.
- Working with local governments to expand service with new routes.
- Expanding into non emergency medical transportation working with companies such as Veyo.
- Providing transportation for veterans to the two area veterans hospitals.
- Contract PACE transportation for non-PACE medical transportation.



VETERAN'S TRANSPORTATION VAN



PARTNERSHIPS

- State and Local Government
- Local Housing Authority, HUD, Department of Housing and Community Development, Appalachian Regional Commission
- Habitat for Humanity
- Rural Development
- USDA
- Community and Civic Organizations
- Faith-based Organizations
- Local Businesses
- Recreation Parks



PARTNERSHIPS

- Department Social Services
- Centers for Independent Living
- Community Service Board
- Community Action Board
- Hospitals/Health Care Systems/Dental
- Managed Care Organizations
- Local Food Pantry/Grocery Chains
- Charitable Organizations
- Farmer's Market
- Local Colleges, Universities and K-12 Education
- Foundations/Grant Opportunities

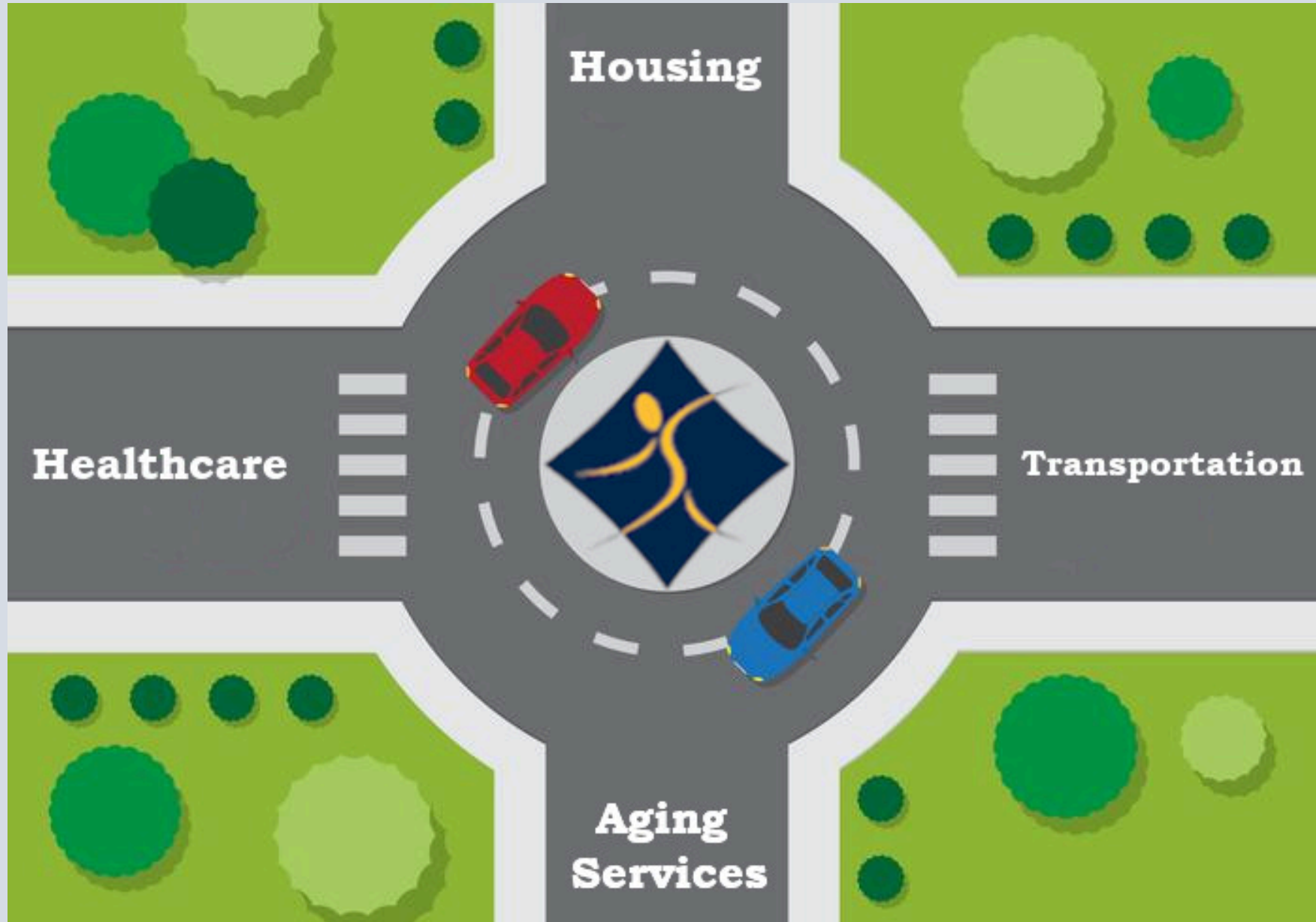


HOW TO CONNECT AT THE INTERSECTION

- Define Mission and Vision
- Survey's (Elder Needs, PACE, Nutrition, Transportation, Community)
- Identify Available Agency Services
- Identify Opportunities
- Strategic Planning (Short and Long Range)
- Develop Partnerships
- Invite Yourself to the Table (Join Community Boards)
- Say "YES"
- Resources to Make the Connection
- Develop and Implement Plans



AAA'S-YOU ARE THE INTERSECTION!!



THE CONNECTION



THE WEDDING



Thank you

QUESTIONS?

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