

YOU'RE INVITED!

The Vance County Senior Center and Kerr-Tar Area Agency on Aging will host a

PUBLIC FORUM

When: *Thursday, February 22*

Where: *Vance County Senior Center, 126 S. Garnett Street
Henderson*

Time: *10:30 a.m.—11:30 a.m.*

Let's talk about the future of aging in Vance County! A Leadership Team is developing the Vance County Aging Plan that will identify goals to accomplish for the next few years. We need your help. Vance Senior Center and the Kerr-Tar Area Agency on Aging are planning a public forum to gather input from residents, service providers, community leaders and local businesses. Please plan to attend and discuss aging issues like long-term services and supports, transportation issues, elder abuse awareness, nutrition and senior center programs.

For more information call the Vance County Senior Center 252-430-0257!



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Let's Come Together to Talk about the Future of Aging in Vance County

Public Participation Needed for Vance County Public Forum

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We keep in mind that our region's baby boomers are reaching retirement age, and a collective response is required to foster and support creative ideas, leverage resources, and build both public and private partnerships to ensure positive outcomes to meet the diverse needs of our citizens. Although most of our plan's focus is on older adults, aging as a lifelong process requires a broader view across the lifespan.

Any discussion of long-term services and supports, for example, must also consider the needs and interests of individuals with chronic health conditions, regardless of age or ability. There is a strong need for actions that maximize our collective resources and encourage and reward personal responsibility. Other long-term services and supports can include transportation issues, elder abuse awareness, nutrition and senior center programs.

We can expect the next several years will see increased efforts on the part of state and local agencies that serve older adults and their families to enhance collaboration, streamline service administration, target available resources and emphasize accountability for improved person-centered outcomes. During the public forum, we welcome input, ideas and personal testimonials from individuals regarding issues concerning older adults, their caregivers and adults with disabilities. We plan to use this information as we develop our Vance County Aging Plan.

The Kerr-Tar Area Agency on Aging will lead, develop and enhance community based services, opportunities and protections for older adults, persons with disabilities and family caregivers to empower them to live independent, healthy and improved quality of lives in their community of choice for as long as possible. We serve five counties, Franklin, Granville, Person, Vance and Warren.

For more information about the Kerr-Tar Area Agency on Aging, please call 252-436-2040.