



WHO WE ARE

The Connecticut Age Well Collaborative is a statewide, cross-sector initiative that fosters aging, dementia and disability-inclusive communities. Delegated by the Commission on Women, Children, Seniors, Equity & Opportunity, we're leading the state's livable communities initiative (Conn. Gen. Stat. Section 17b-420a). Livable communities are inclusive, vibrant, intergenerational places where we all can thrive across the lifespan.

WHAT WE DO



Embrace every age, every ability.

We developed, launched and lead a campaign to inspire each of us to look at our own deeply held, implicit beliefs about aging, dementia and disability.



Build community authority and value lived experience.

We convene the Community Leaders Fellowship program, a compensated opportunity for Connecticut community members who are aging, living with dementia, living with a disability, or acting as a care partner to someone who is, to create community authority and deepen municipal government's valuing of lived experience in local planning.



Celebrate and scale community action.

We celebrate innovation in Connecticut communities through our *Wellspring Awards*, with emphasis on projects and policies with long-term, systemic community impact.



Provide education, resources and support.

We lead the Age Well Academy, a training series tailored specifically to municipal leaders and staff but open to everyone to share best practices on fostering greater aging, dementia and disability inclusivity at the local level. We also provide customized community assistance, including facilitating *Daring Dialogues*.



Lead multi-sector planning and policy efforts.

We're laying the groundwork for Connecticut to develop and implement, a multi-sector plan for aging and disability, a roadmap to help transform policy, infrastructure and service coordination across all sectors for rapidly aging populations and people with disabilities.

The Connecticut Age Well Collaborative and the CT Healthy Living Collective are initiatives of Connecticut Community Care.



WHY WE DO IT

We're living longer and healthier lives than ever before. As demographics shift in unprecedented ways, there's a new urgency and opportunity to prioritize aging, dementia and disability inclusivity in all of our work.

The Connecticut Age Well Collaborative is inspiring municipal governments, community stakeholders and residents toward deeper age and ability-based equity, resulting in better communities for everyone. Through a collective impact model, we're aligning efforts across organizations through the following framework, adapted from international efforts for Connecticut.



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