

## **Age-Friendly Buncombe Advisory Group**

2021-2022

### Roles and Responsibilities:

- Promote the Age-Friendly Buncombe common agenda and related activities.
- Support work on Age-Friendly Buncombe goals and objectives.
- Connect Age-Friendly Buncombe with relevant work in the community.
- Evaluate available data and other sources of information to understand the existing, emerging and changing needs and opportunities for an Age-Friendly Buncombe.
- Update the goals and actions of the Age-Friendly Action Plan (at least every 2 years).
- Produce an Annual Report for Age-Friendly Buncombe.

## Age-friendly Buncombe County Advisory Group Roster 2021-2022

First Name	Last Name	Organization	In your own words, describe what an age-friendly community means to you.
Leslie	Apple	Financial Advisor, Edward Jones	A place where age and the conditions of aging are thoughtfully considered in planning community events, services, and infrastructure
Alison	Banzhoff	Adult Care Homes Supervisor, Buncombe County Health and Human Services	Equity of resources in all areas for the needs of the aging population to insure they live healthy, socially fulfilled and meaningful lives.
Heather	Bauer	Executive Director, Council on Aging of Buncombe County	Living well together. A community that has awareness and respect of age-related concepts and the needs of individuals aging in community, as well as policies, standards and practice for diverse, inclusive opportunities for people of all ages. Awareness, advocacy, justice. Engaged, enlivened, supportive, enriching and community-building impact that involves individuals, organizations, businesses and makes generational strides at enhanced quality of life, addresses social determinants of health, and recognizes what matters most. Increased and improved access and mobility, both in the home and in public spaces. Dialogue. Lots of listening. Recognizing the importance of connection.
Rebecca	Chaplin	Community Outreach Associate State Director, AARP	A place that considers the value of age and creates tangible and intangible features that create greater accessibility and inclusivity to thrive.
Max	Cherry	Senior Games Coordinator, City of Asheville Parks and Recreation	Opportunities for All
Marc	Czarnecki	Community Connector, WNC Broadband Project	Community network that supports each other.
Richard	Duncan	Executive Director, R. L. Mace Universal Design institute	An AFC is one where older adults have supports and choices that allow and encourage them to live a full and safe life, as interdependent as they choose and engaged in family and community life.
Linda	Giltz	Community Planner, Facilitator, Project Manager with Linda Giltz Consulting; Past President, Connect Buncombe	A community where people of all ages feel welcome, are able to access opportunities for social and civic engagement and can easily move around the community and meet their needs.
Erika	Goffin	Hands On Volunteer Engagement Manager, United Way of ABC	An age friendly community is one where the needs and voices of our elders support the co-design of community and considers aging well in the aspects of health, environment, policies, business, education, transportation, different abilities and recreation to be inclusive to ALL.
Vicki	Jennings	Manager, Mountain Mobility	"Age-friendly" indicates a holistic approach to planning and providing services so people across the age spectrum can remain active and engaged in their community.
Linda	Kendall Fields	Clinical Assistant Professor and Program Coordinator, UNC Cares UNC Chapel Hill School of Social Work	To me, an age-friendly community continually learns and grows together to facilitate an environment, both physical and social, that will support & empower individuals and families throughout their lives.
Bob	Krollman	Owner, SkyHeart Consulting Services, LLC	It is an inclusive, collaborative initiative that would offer a voice to the elder community in the planning and development of programs in our community.
Philip	Lenowitz	AARP Volunteer; Retired HR Director National Institutes of Health	It's a place and a state of being that honors and respects people as they age.
Denise	Lockett	Supervising Attorney, Legal Aid of NC	An age-friendly community is one in which individuals are empowered to live their fullest lives and are valued for the richness of their experience; it's a welcoming, safe, and supportive community for all.

Carol	McLimans	Program Associate, Family Caregiver Support Program	An age friendly community is a community in which individuals older individuals are treated with dignity and respect, have knowledge about and easy access to community services and resources that allows them to live safely in their community of choice and allows them as much independence as possible.
Bill	O'Connell	Executive Director, Communities for Older Adult Health	Developing our community in many ways to facilitate opportunities for older adults to be healthy, feel engaged, and to be present as an active resource to the general community; the opportunities pursued for advancing ABC are selected because they contribute to the overall advancement of fulfillment of the needs of all ages and are responsive to also advancing social equity among all groups of our neighbors.
Angie	Pittman-Vanderweide	CEO, Allies for Outcomes	a place where older adults are safe, healthy, and have strong social determinants of health; policies and social and physical elements support aging well
Philippe	Rosse	Vice President of Business Development, NovusWay	It means that we better ensure the efficient and effective application of services, resources and opportunities to allow those who are aging in our community the greatest amount of safety, choice and enjoyment.
Susan	Schiemer	Delegate, NC Senior Tar Heal Legislature	Where elders are respected as positive, productive members of the community.
Natalie	Shaft	Human Resources Director, Biltmore Farms	An age-friendly community means valuing experienced workers for the skills and wisdom they can give and pass on to others due to their past and present experiences.
Diana	Sierra	Interim CEO, YWCA of Asheville	An age-friendly community means a place where aging adults can remain integrated, connected, and engaged with the greater community. Where they are are safe, valued, protected, heard, and actively participating.
Stephanie	Stewart	Executive Direcor of Community Health, YMCA of Western North Carolina	Creating community supports to increase older adult accessibility to public and private resources.
Jen	Teague	Adult and Aging Services Program Manager, Buncombe County Health and Human Services	A community in which individuals can age in a place of their choosing. A community in which individuals can access services to meet their needs. A community in which people of all socio-economic levels, race, sexual orientation, and gender identity can be heard and seen. A community where older adults are valued, appreciated, and services that meet their needs are well-funded and supported.
Butch	Thompson	Executive Director, Blue Ridge Pride	A safe environment where members of the aging community can gather for education, celebration, information and socialization. Having a 'one stop' center helps to make things more efficient and accessible. As a member of the LGBTQ+ community I am excited to see how Blue Ridge Pride and myself can aid in the development of this program and advance it for all citizens.
LeeAnne	Tucker	Executive Director, Area Agency on Aging at Land of Sky Regional Council	It means a community livable and welcoming of folks of all ages and abilities.
Elizabeth	Williams	Executive Director, MountainCare	A community where older adults have multiple opportunities to thrive, engage in life, and age respectfully in a community that meets their needs. One where it is clearly evident that older adults are valued, supported, and honored via both services and policies, and the community's embracement.
Tasha	Woodall	Co-director, Center for Healthy Aging, MAHEC	a community in which services, facilities and policies are in place that promote the ability of its residents to age safely and successfully (however they may define success) and remain an integral part of their community