



# Aging in America Summit

July 23, 2025 | Washington, D.C.

#### **Digital Program**



### **Welcome Remarks**



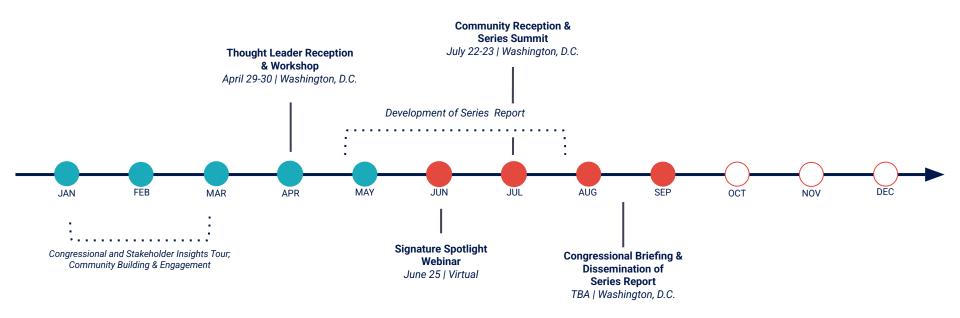
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#### **2025 SIGNATURE SERIES TIMELINE**

Aging in America





### The Alliance's Listen-First Approach

Stakeholder Interviews & Thought Leader Workshop













## **Full Day Summit Agenda**

9:00 - 9:30 AM ET	Registration
9:30 - 9:40 AM ET	Welcome
9:40 - 10:00 AM ET	Keynote: Not Your Grandparents' Aging: A Modern Lens on Growing Older
10:00 - 10:15 AM ET	How It Adds Up: A Participatory Aging Reflection
10:15 - 11:00 AM ET	Aging Today: Who Are We Creating Policy For?
11:00 - 11:45 AM ET	Executive Insights: Shaping Aging Policy for Innovation and Impact
11:45 - 12:45 PM ET	Lunch
12:45 – 1:30 PM ET	Autonomy and Aging Policy: Leveraging Behavioral Economics to Empower Early Decisions
1:30 - 1:45 PM ET	Move to Thrive: Energizing Movement Break
1:45 - 2:30 PM ET	The Future of Aging: Bright Spots in Policy and Practice
2:30 - 2:40 PM ET	Closing Remarks

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## **Today's Goals**



#### **Goal 1**

Discover new ideas, connect, and learn



#### Goal 2

Find new experts and resources



#### Goal 3

Join our community



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# **Keynote: Not Your Grandparents' Aging: A Modern Lens on Growing Older**



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# How It Adds Up: A Participatory Aging Reflection



Sydney Shepherd
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### **Stand Up for Aging Instructions**

#### Challenges

- Begin by standing up or raising your hand; Participation is optional—feel free to reflect quietly if preferred.
- Sit or lower your hand when your card's color is called.
- Each color represents a real challenge older adults face—like isolation, poverty, or chronic illness.
- As you sit or lower your hand, we begin to see those challenges reflected in the room.



### **Social Life**

Nearly 1 in 4 (~25%) of adults aged 65 and older is socially isolated, putting them at higher risk for heart disease, dementia, and premature death.

National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine, 2020



## **Economic Stability**

15% of adults 65+ live below the federal poverty line or are economically insecure.

National Council on Aging, 2023



## **Physical Health**

Roughly 60% of older adults live with at least one chronic condition

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), 2022



## **Stand Up for Aging Instructions**

Strengths

- Now, stand or raise your hand if your card's symbol is called.
- A star or smiley face represents the resilience, caregiving, and satisfaction in aging.
- As you stand or raise your hand, we will begin to see the positive aspects of aging reflected in the room.

## **Support**

Over 1 in 4 family caregivers in the U.S. is aged 65 or older, demonstrating older adults' continued contributions to caregiving.

AARP/NAC "Caregiving in the U.S.", 2020



### Wellness

83% of older adults report being satisfied with their lives, despite health or financial challenges.

AARP, "The Longevity Economy", 2023





### **Aging Today: Who Are We Creating Policy For?**

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**Moderator & Panelists** 



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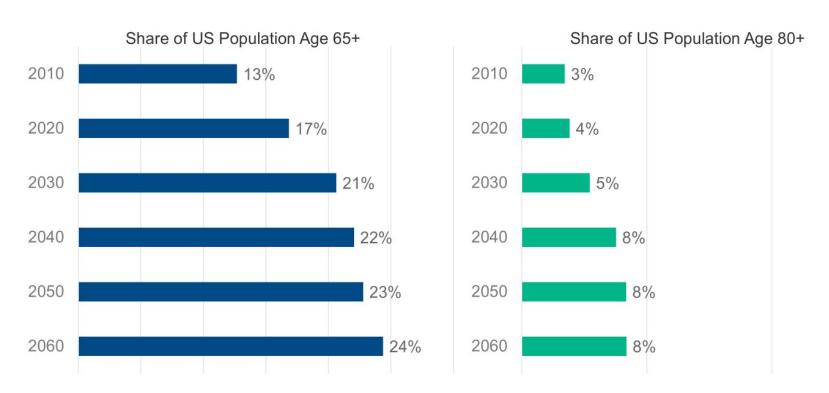
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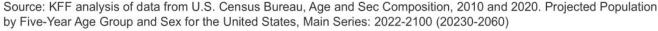
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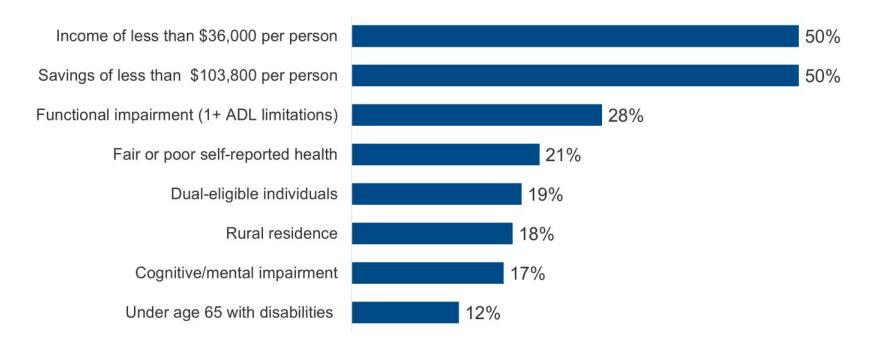
#### Older People Will Comprise a Larger Share of the U.S. Population Over the Next Several Decades







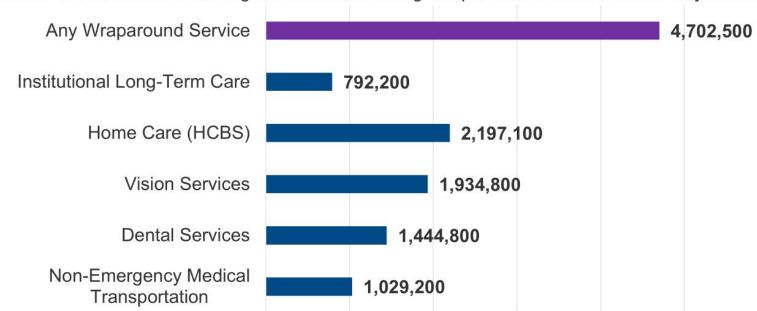
# Medicare Covers 68 Million People, Many of Whom Have Significant Health Impairments and Limited Financial Resources





# In Addition to Paying Medicare Premiums and Cost Sharing, Medicaid Fills Gaps in Medicare Coverage for Lower Income People

Number of Full-Benefit Dual-Eligible Individuals Using Wraparound Services Covered by Medicaid, 2021







# **Executive Insights: Shaping Aging Policy for Innovation and Impact**

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# LUNCH

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After lunch, we move from insight to action (plus a fun movement break)!

**Evaluation Survey** 







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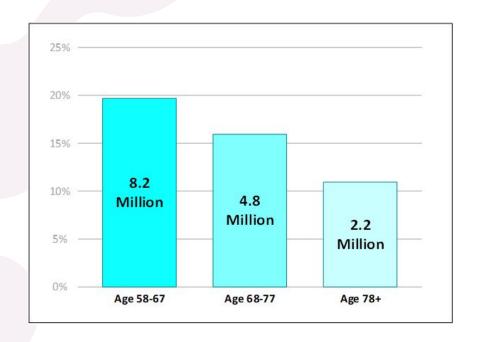
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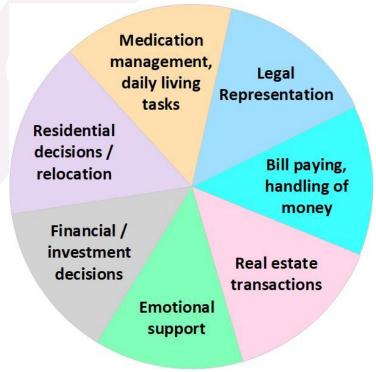


# How Many Childless Older Adults Are There?





# Adult Children Typically Provide Help With...





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# Move to Thrive: Energizing Movement Break



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# Move to Thrive: Energizing Movement Break

A Mini Wellness Investment for Busy Policy
Leaders
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# It's Me: Kelley

Health Coach
Professor
Founder of The H401K
Framework

Helping busy professionals invest in their greatest asset:
their health.



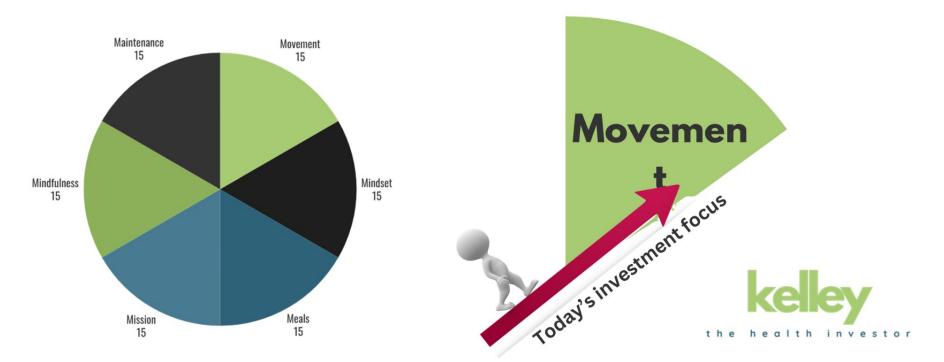
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## The H401K Framework

My signature health framework includes six wellness pillars for sustainable habits that compound over time: just like smart investing.



### 5 Minutes Standing Exercises:

No equipment needed. Choose what feels good

#### today!

- Lateral Leg Raise (L/R)
- Raise the Roof
- Reverse Leg Raise (L/R)
- Bent Over Flies
- Standing Hamstring
- Shoulder Shrug
- Standing Calve Raises
- Shoulder Retraction
- Triceps Extensions
- Bicep Curls



Set your timer for five minutes and choose five exercises each to be completed for a minute or ten exercises to be completed for 30 seconds.



### **5 Minutes Chair Exercises:**

No equipment needed. Choose what feels good today!

- Leg Extension
- Lateral Raise
- Seated Glute Squeeze
- Front Raise
- Calve Raises
- Shoulder Press
- Sit To Stand
- Shoulder Retraction
- Abdominal Accordions
- Bicycle Abs



Set your timer for five minutes and choose five exercises each to be completed for a minute or ten exercises to be completed for 30 seconds.



# Keep Moving, Keep Investing!

Our health behaviors accrue like compound interest: invest 1% in your health and wellness every day!

Thank you!

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# The Future of Aging: Bright Spots in Policy and Practice

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## **Closing Remarks**



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