



AARP MI Age-Friendly Communities Conference

- 8:30 – 9:00 **Registration and Continental Breakfast**
- 9:00 – 9:15 **Welcome, Introductions and Remarks**
Eric Schneidewind, former AARP National President and MI State President
Paula D. Cunningham, State Director, AARP MI
The Honorable Gretchen Whitmer, Governor of MI (Invited)
- 9:20 – 9:35 **An Age-Friendly Overview: Striving for a Better Michigan**
Danielle Arigoni, Director, Livable Communities, AARP, Washington, D.C.
- 9:40 – 10:50 **Taking Steps Toward an Age-Friendly Community**
Learn about age-friendly from a variety of perspectives. Gain insights from officials in other communities and states engaged in the age-friendly process
Facilitated By: Rosalyn Bliss, Mayor of Grand Rapids
Mayor Panelists: Andy Schor, Lansing; Derek Dobies, Jackson; Ken Sivers, Southfield
AARP State Directors: Beth Finkel, New York; Jeff Johnson, Florida
- 10:55 – 11:30 **The Hartford Foundation Initiative: Don't Forget Health Systems When Launching Your Age-Friendly Movement**
Michelle Moccia, DNP, ANP-BC, CCRN, GS-C, Program Director Senior ER, APN, Senior Wellness Clinic, St. Mary Mercy Hospital, Livonia and Trinity Health System
Introduced By: Dr. Alexis Travis, Senior Deputy Director of Aging and Adult Services, Michigan Department of Health and Human Services
- 11:30 – 12:35 **Working Lunch**
Facilitated Audience Discussion – Karen Kafantaris, Associate State Director, AARP; Jeff Keesler, Program Specialist, AARP and AFS Taskforce members
- 12:40 – 1:15 **Michigan State University's Proposed Retirement Community**
Presenter: Dr. Erin Carter, Project Manager Auxiliary Enterprises, MSU
- 1:10 – 2:00 **State Lawmakers and Age-Friendly Michigan: State Lawmakers Explain Why They Have Endorsed the Plan and How Economics Plays a Role**
State Representatives: Kyra Bolden (Confirmed), Kathy Crawford, Alex Garcia (Confirmed), Bronna Kahle, Nate Shannon, Joe Tate (Confirmed), Angela Witwer (Confirmed), Doug Wozniak (Confirmed)
Facilitated By: Arnold Weinfeld, Director, Urban Policy Initiatives, Michigan State University
- 2:00 – 3:00 **Breakout Sessions – Facilitated by Age-Friendly State Taskforce Members**
 1. Age-friendly best practices from communities who have been there and done that – Auburn Hills, Southfield, Grand Rapids, East Lansing tell their stories.
 2. ABC's of Age-Friendly Communities – Getting started
 3. How to engage the healthcare and business communities in age-friendly work
- 3:00 – 3:30 **Register for Next Steps and Wrap Up**