

New coalition aims to support lifelong Indiana communities

AARP Indiana, others join statewide group

INDIANAPOLIS – Statewide efforts in support of more attractive, livable and competitive Hoosier communities are now united under the newly formed [Lifelong Indiana Coalition](#).

The Coalition is a collaboration of leading public, private and philanthropic organizations focused on shaping communities Indiana residents of all ages and abilities can make their lifelong homes.

“Lifelong Indiana will work across sectors to earn broad support for the kinds of policies, investments and direct services that help make communities more livable for everyone,” says Marie Beason, a Coalition spokesperson and the director of Special Initiatives at the [Indiana Philanthropy Alliance](#).

Joining the Indiana Philanthropy Alliance as key stakeholders in the Lifelong Indiana Coalition are:

[AARP Indiana](#)

[Back Home in Indiana Alliance](#)

[CICOA Aging & In-Home Solutions](#)

[Governor’s Council for People with Disabilities](#)

[Health By Design](#)

[Indiana Association of Area Agencies on Aging](#)

[Indiana FSSA Divisions](#)

[Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority](#)

[Indiana Landmarks](#)

[Indiana State Department of Health](#)

[Indiana University Center on Aging and Community](#)

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Beason says the Coalition is already meeting monthly to establish initial collaborative projects, which could include efforts like providing resources to service providers, convening statewide dialogue between residents and elected officials, and raising awareness about best practices for age- and ability-friendly community building.

Once identified, some Coalition initiatives could launch by the end of 2014.

“The goal to create and preserve housing and infrastructures where people can comfortably live, work and invest in their communities of choice is not a new concept, but the momentum from collaborative statewide efforts of the newly

formed Lifelong Indiana Coalition is already beginning to gain traction in ensuring Hoosiers of all ages and abilities have the opportunity to flourish in lifelong communities,” says Jacob Sipe, executive director of the Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority, a coalition member organization.

The Lifelong Indiana Coalition is supported by funding through the [Pfizer Foundation](#), [Grantmakers in Aging](#), the Indiana University Center on Aging and Community, the Community Foundation of Bloomington and Monroe County, the Governor’s Council for People with Disabilities, the Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority, Indiana Landmarks, [Indiana Humanities](#) and the [Indiana Chamber](#).

About the Lifelong Indiana Coalition

The Lifelong Indiana Coalition works across public and private sectors to secure broad, inclusive support for policies, investments and direct services that make Hoosier communities more age and ability friendly, work that creates more attractive, livable and competitive places for Indiana residents to call home. Engage with the Lifelong Indiana Coalition on Twitter at [@LifelongIndiana](#).