



We provide services, connections and innovations that meet the changing needs of a growing population of older adults – we help people optimize well-being as they age.



# Area agency on aging

As the designated area agency on aging for the Twin Cities metro area, we serve individuals and organizations in Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, Scott and Washington counties.

## We:

- Ensure services and policies are tailored to the needs and aspirations of the people living in local communities
- Award federal Older Americans Act funding to organizations that provide services to older adults and caregivers
- Provide direct services to older adults and caregivers as part of the statewide Senior LinkAge Line®

## By the numbers



**88,000+ contacts each year with older adults and caregivers through the Senior LinkAge Line**



**\$7 to 14 million awarded annually to community organizations through the Older Americans Act**



**20,000+ persons served through community organization partners**

# In the forefront, turning ideas into action

Trellis is meeting opportunities and challenges of an aging population with new solutions and partnerships. The Juniper® network – providing evidence-based health promotion programs across Minnesota through a network of community organizations and health systems – is one example.

We've invested in the technology, infrastructure and networks needed to engage healthcare organizations as payors for services for older adults. The result: Older adults gain access to preventative care and supportive services that make it easier for them to live healthy and connected lives.



**Juniper at a glance**

**23,490 Participants**

**2,323 Classes**

**164 Organizations**

**850 Class leaders**

# Diversity, equity and inclusion

Trellis is committed to reducing disparities in access to services, particularly for Indigenous people and people of color. We are increasing the diversity of our staff and board; aligning communications with diversity, equity and inclusion goals; and implementing new processes and procedures for awarding Older Americans Act funding.

“*If we are going to meet the needs of the next generation of older adults, it is essential that we experiment with new ways of doing business and forge new partnerships.*”

–Dawn Simonson, President and CEO, Trellis



# A catalyst for collaborative action

Trellis brings people and organizations together in community-wide efforts to address some of our most vexing issues. We help build age-friendly and dementia-friendly communities. We support advocacy efforts to effect change that helps people live better lives. As an active member of the Minnesota Leadership Council on Aging and in other leadership roles, we're having an impact on policy development and systems change.



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