



EngAGEMENT News: South Florida

Inside Aging-US Number of health care visits within 12 months

Persons 75 & over	%
No Visits	5.8
1 to 3 visits	29.3
4 to 9 visits	39.3
10 or more visits	25.6

Source: National Center
For Health Statistics

Aging Facts: Florida Facts

- More than half of all people over 60 are female (56% in Florida)
- One in five people over 60 lives alone (20%)
- More than 162,000 people over the age of 60 have the primary responsibility for raising their grandchildren

Florida facts provided by Donors
Forum of South Florida
EngAGEMENT Initiative

This month, Donors Forum of South Florida is our featured EngAGEMENT partner. Florida has long been known as a haven for retirees. The state has benefited from the influx of older adults, but it also has faced many challenges. Currently, 22 percent of Florida's population is 60 years old or older.

Donors Forum of South Florida (DSF) covers four counties in the southern tip of the state. Palm Beach county leads the four county area with 28 percent of their population 60 or older. Many of Florida's residents split time with a second home in another state, which raises other issues communities must face.

AoA Release of Senior Transportation Resources

AoA recently released a set of new transportation resources. "Seniors Benefit from Transportation Partnerships: Promising Practices from the Aging Network," is a 'toolbox' of technical assistance materials developed to increase the provision and coordination of transportation services for older Americans. These resources are a component of a multi-faceted initiative undertaken to assist State Units on Aging, Area Agencies on Aging, tribal organizations and community partners to increase

DSF has 110 organizational members in the four county area. Pam Gionfriddo is leading the challenge of exposing new funders to aging in South Florida. DSF has set several goals for the initiative.

First, work to change the attitudes of the communities that senior issues are considered a part of the overall health of the community, not just an isolated issue. **Second**, engage funders so South Florida becomes a learning lab for the rest of the country. **Third**, develop a network of funders who will be leaders in the field of aging. And **fourth**, conduct an environmental scan of programs available to seniors and inventory funding in the region for senior issues (among

foundations and individual donors).

DSF is preparing for the first workshop on aging with their members later this month. The session will have national aging leaders as well as local experts.

Survey work, newsletters, and an interest in developing a program similar to Kid's Count but focused on older adults are just a few of the wonderful projects happening in South Florida.

As the rest of the country's population ages, Florida will be used as an example of the many issues that will need to be addressed. The more we can learn from Florida today, the better prepared we will be tomorrow.

the quantity, quality and efficiency of transportation services for seniors. Coordination is the key to making this happen.

This toolbox contains important information in a CD format and include useful practices in transportation coordination, a handbook for creating door through door transportation programs, a template for communities to build their own transportation resource guide, a comprehensive resource list for transportation coordination

and a presentation on useful practices that can be tailored for different audiences. For more details visit: <http://www.aoa.gov/prof/transportation/transportation.asp>

The Atlantic Philanthropies has just announced a \$3.45 million grant to replicate a sustainable transportation model for seniors. The Rose Community Foundation and The Beverly Foundation are two other GIA members working on senior transportation issues.

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important
unless you’re
a cheese.”
-Helen Hayes
Actress***



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Experience Corps

Experience Corps offers new adventures in service for Americans over 55. Now in 14 cities, Experience Corps works to solve serious social problems, beginning with literacy. Today more than 1,800 Corps members serve as tutors and mentors to children in urban public schools and after-school programs, where they help teach children to read and develop the confidence and skills to succeed in school and in life. Research shows that Experience Corps boosts student academic performance, helps schools and youth-serving organizations become more successful, strengthens ties between these institutions and surrounding neighborhoods, and enhances the well-being of the volunteers in the process.

Many Experience Corps members provide tutoring and mentoring services in the neighborhoods where they live. The volunteers work in teams, so it creates a highly visible and positive force in each school. Experience Corps has wide foundation support across the country. Many GIA members support the work of Experience Corps.

A quote from Experience Corps website stated, “Experience Corps is known for three things. We take on real needs—beginning with literacy. We do real work—through members who are carefully trained and keep regular schedules. And we generate real results—our members make a measurable difference.” All examples of results grantmakers want from their funding.

The following cities have an active Experience Corps chapter: Baltimore, Boston, Chicago, Cleveland, Indianapolis, Minneapolis, New York City, Oakland, Philadelphia, Port Arthur, Texas, Portland, Oregon, San Francisco, Tucson, AZ, Washington, DC. More cities are looking for opportunities to improve their schools results and with the success of Experience Corps in so many school districts, their reach will continue to grow.



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Experience Corps website www.experiencecorps.org

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