Kansas City Region
Age-Friendly City Experience

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Mid-America Regional Council

- Association of city and county governments.
- Board of 33 locally elected officials.
- Founded in 1972.
- Roles: leadership, planning, action.
- Program areas:
  - Transportation Planning
  - Emergency Services and 9-1-1
  - Environmental Planning
  - Local Government Services
  - Research, Maps and Data
  - Aging/Adult Services and Head Start
  - MARC CSC 501(c)(3)
Checklist

• Public Spaces.
• Transportation/Mobility.
• Housing and Commercial Development.
• Social Inclusion, Communication and Participation.
• Civic Participation and Employment.
• Community and Health Services.
Checklist

- **Bronze**
  - Blue Springs, Missouri
  - Grandview, Missouri
  - North Kansas City, Missouri
  - Olathe, Kansas
  - Peculiar, Missouri
  - Raytown, Missouri

- **Silver**
  - Excelsior Springs, Missouri
  - Liberty, Missouri

- **Gold**
  - Gladstone, Missouri
  - Independence, Missouri
  - Kearney, Missouri
  - Lee’s Summit, Missouri
  - Mission, Kansas
  - Raymore, Missouri
  - Roeland Park, Kansas
Gold Level Communities — Policy Adoption

• Communities for All Ages Master Plan
  • Lee’s Summit and Raymore, Missouri

• Updated Comp/Strategic Plan:
  • Gladstone, Independence and Kearney, Missouri

• Updated Parks Plan
  • Mission, Kansas (updated Park Plan) and Roeland Park, Kansas (R Park Phased Development Plan)
Examples of embedded practices

- City council resolutions.
- Seven communities have applied an “age-lens” to a major city plan (City Council approval)
- Three communities are engaging local high schools to become involved, for example, adding students to committees and commissions.
- One community applied an “age-lens” to a new farmers market.
- Two communities place a “CFAA Impact” statement on all Council agenda items.
- Two communities established a CFAA Advisory Committee (oversee implementation).
Embedded Practices – Planning / Zoning

- Two communities participated in a universal design (UD) Park Charrette and plan to incorporate UD principles in future outdoor projects.
- Accessory Dwelling Ordinance expanded and adopted.
- One community applied an “age-lens” to a neighborhood revitalization plan.
- Elevated understanding of universal design (one community currently researching with intent to adopt a policy).
- Intergenerational parks.
Embedded Practices – Professional Development

- **Mandatory Educational Sessions** (Bronze Level)
  - City council.
  - Department heads.
  - Planning/zoning commission.

- **Communities for All Ages Professional Network**
  - National speakers.

- **Bi-monthly meetings – recognition city representatives**
  - Best practice sharing.
  - Local content experts.
  - Site visits.
Resources and links

- **KC Communities for All Ages**
  All materials are available on the KC Communities for All Ages website:
  www.kccfaa.org

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