

## Partners in Social Engagement: Collaborating with Parks and Recreation Agencies

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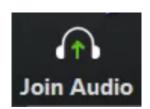
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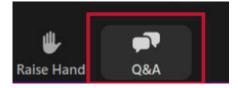
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- National effort to increase social engagement among older adults, people with disabilities and their caregivers
- Administered by USAging
- 18 Project Advisory Committee members: www.engagingolderadults.org/partnerships
- Funded by the U.S. Administration on Aging, which is part of the Administration for Community Living



## **Presenters**



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#### Supporting Healthy Aging

A Community Based Approach Through Parks and Recreation



#### A Quick Temperature Check



### A Quick Introduction





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#### At NRPA...

We seek a future where the full power of parks and recreation is widely recognized for creating a better life for everyone by building strong, healthy and resilient communities.

We advance this vision by investing in and championing the profession as a catalyst of positive change for equity, climate readiness and overall well-being.



## The Power of Parks and Recreation









## Advancing Community Health and Well-Being

Park and recreation professionals — and the services they provide — are key to a fully integrated public health system.

Park and recreation professionals serve as stewards of Community

Wellness Hubs — trusted gathering places that connect every

member of the community to essential programs, services and spaces
that advance health equity, improve health outcomes and enhance
quality of life.



## NRPA's Work to Support Healthy Aging



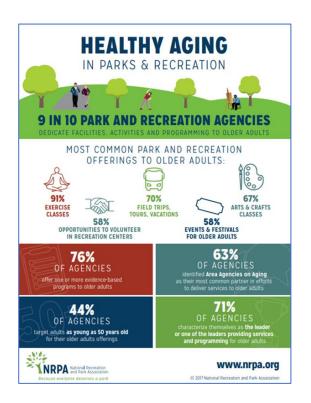
#### Since 2016, NRPA has:

- Expanded the availability of evidenced-based programs for the prevention and management of chronic conditions;
- Supported the development of innovative delivery systems for evidence-based programs;
- Implemented community integrated health strategies like electronic health record referrals to evidence-based programs offered by P&R agencies.





## Supporting Healthy Aging: The Role of Local P&R

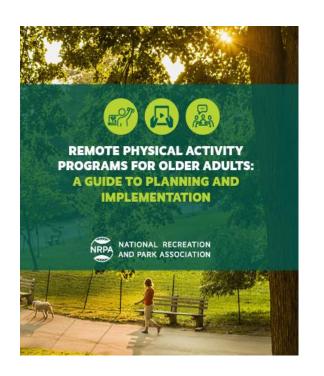


- P&R agencies are leading providers of services and programming for older adults.
- P&R professionals provide older adults with a wealth of resources that improve mental and physical health including evidence-based chronic-disease management programs.
- P&R agencies and professionals are part of the solution to addressing systemic obstacles to social participation.





## From Physical Activity to Social Connectedness



- With funding from the CDC, NRPA supported 9-local park and recreation agencies to implement evidence-based physical activity programs in remote settings.
- The remote delivery pilot proved to be effective at expanding access to evidence-based chronic-disease management programs, AND...
- Helped to bridge gaps in social connectedness among older adults who might otherwise experience social isolation.



#### Why Partner with Parks and Recreation





We are trusted leaders of our communities

We bring lifesaving benefits to our communities

We create and implement upstream solutions to our most pressing challenges

We put people first – centering the lives of those most vulnerable in the equation

We are connected across the community to people and partners

We are maintainers of vital spaces, including treasured outdoors access

We rise when called upon and take swift actions to support health and resiliency

We serve all people, creating welcoming and inclusive environments

We are champions for change, and we get the job done



## Partnering with Parks and Recreation





- Establish goals early in the relationship.
- Create clear project management structures.
- Fund the work of the partnership.
- Develop a messaging framework.
- Explore other like-minded organizations.
- Include community members in partnership building.



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#### Looking to the Future...





With support from the CDC, NRPA will be able to continue this work for the next 5-years!

Equity will guide our work to expand access to evidence-based programs that improve both physical and psychosocial health among older adults from historically disenfranchised populations.

NRPA will support up to 55 communities to implement NRPA's Elevating Health Equity in Parks and Recreation: A Framework for Action.







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### Thank You





# ENHANCING ENGAGEMENT AT PARKS AND COMMUNITY SPACES IN SAN DIEGO COUNTY

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Building Better Health

Living Safely

Thriving

Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA)
Aging & Independence Services (AIS)
www.LiveWellSD.org





**Age-friendly Communities** 





Dementia Friendly America Communities

# Age Well San Diego

## INTERGENERATIONAL EFFORTS & MODELS





#### **SUPPORTING AT-RISK ELDERS AND FAMILIES**



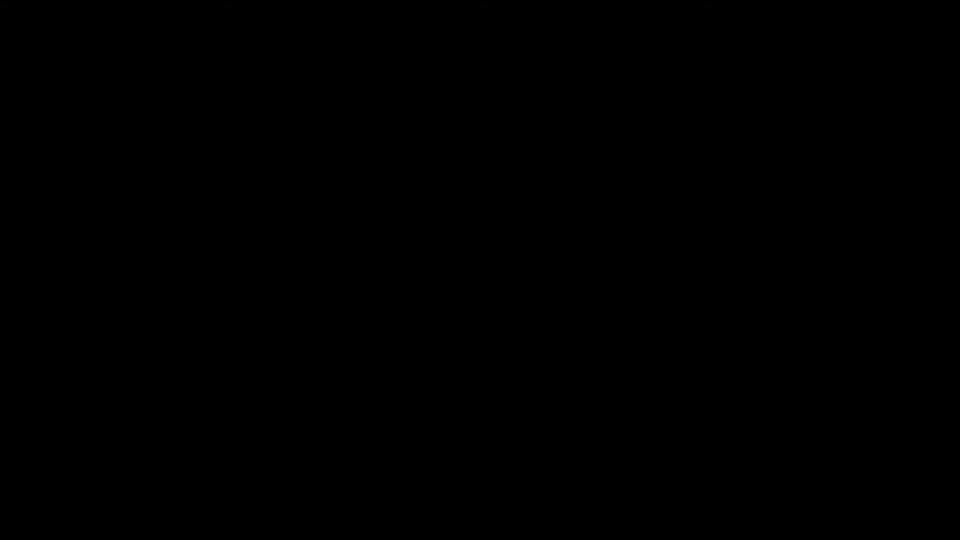


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#### **ENHANCING INCLUSION**









**Safety Features** 

## PROMOTING CONNECTION ACROSS THE GENERATIONS







### Intergenerational Games



Intergenerational Dance



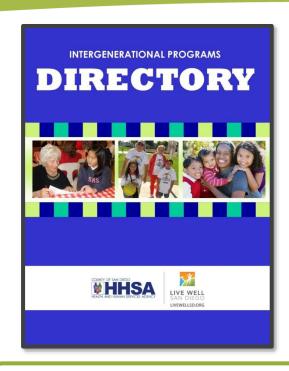
- Look for common goals
- Remember that small and simple steps
   make a difference too!
- Tap into the upside of the outside





#### SHARING WAYS TO GET INVOLVED





www.livewellsd.org/intergenerational





## Building livable communities for all ages across the lifespan





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## engAGED Resources

- Innovations Hub
- Toolkits and template materials
- Videos
- Consumer brochures
- Newsletter and blog
- Resources and research links
- Information on upcoming events



## **Connect With Us!**

- www.engagingolderadults.org
- Facebook: @engAGEDCenter
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## **Commit to Connect**

- ACL campaign working to combat social isolation through:
  - Network of champions
  - Connection to resources
  - Establishment of partnerships
  - Sharing of successful initiatives





https://committoconnect.org/



## **Questions and Discussion**

Please submit your questions or comments through the Q&A.



## **Thank You!**

- Please complete the survey which will be displayed in your browser after Zoom closes.
   There is also a brief 3-month survey.
- The recording will be available on www.engagingolderadults.org.
- Thank you for attending today's webinar!