

# 2020 Aging Concerns Unite Us (ACUU) Conference

June 2-3, 2020 ▫ Desmond Hotel & Conference Center, Albany, NY

Conference tagline: *Encouraging partnerships / Enriching Lives*

Conference theme: ***“Building Age Friendly Communities across New York State”***

The 2020 ACUU Conference keynote presentations, general sessions, and all conference workshops will focus on *“Building Age Friendly Communities Across New York State.”*

In 2017, New York State was certified as the [first age-friendly state](#) in the nation by AARP and the World Health Organization. This accomplishment was the result of two approaches launched by Governor Cuomo in 2017 and 2018—[Health Across All Policies](#) and Age-Friendly NYS—which seek to create and foster healthier, more integrated communities that allow New Yorkers of all ages to easily access services, take part in civic activities, and move around their community without being dependent on an automobile. This is achieved through system-level changes, such as offering incentives for age-friendly concepts, establishing new program and procurement guidelines, or implementing regulatory changes. In 2018, the Governor issued an [executive order](#) directing all state agencies to adopt and incorporate the principles of age- and health-friendly communities into their programs, policies, spending, and reporting.

Age friendly is not about old age—it is about the value of all ages. It is about designing communities for everyone that strengthen people's connections to each other, improve health, increase physical activity and support. and advance the economic environment through proactive design and future-based planning. Communities that understand and adopt the principles of livability and smart growth are communities that are healthy and vibrant places to live for people of all ages to grow up and grow older.

Age Friendly communities are created, developed, and sustained by focusing on the [eight domains of livability](#):

1. Outdoor spaces and buildings
2. Transportation
3. Housing
4. Social participation
5. Respect and social inclusion
6. Work and civic engagement
7. Communication and information
8. Community and health services

NYSOFA and the Association on Aging in New York strongly encourage partnering organizations, leading aging professionals, and local visionaries to submit Requests for Proposals for workshops at the 2020 ACUU Conference that focus on *“Building Age Friendly Communities Across New York State.”*

If your organization is working toward building Age Friendly policies and/or programs that contribute to making your neighborhoods more accessible and/or offer key services and/or provide more opportunities for people to participate in community activities and support affordable housing initiatives, we want to hear from you!

**For questions, please contact:** Cristy Tutt, Education Project Manager, Association on Aging in NY, 272 Broadway, Albany, NY 12204-2717, (518) 449-7080 EXT. 10 OR [CRISTY@AGINGNY.ORG](mailto:CRISTY@AGINGNY.ORG)



## Workshop Presenters

4. **PRESENTERS** The lead presenter is the contact person and is responsible for coordinating the workshop and providing information to co-presenters. *It is not recommended to have more than 3 presenters per session.*

### **LEAD PRESENTER**

(CONTACT PERSON)

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Organization: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

### **PRESENTER 2**

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Organization: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

### **PRESENTER 3** (MAXIMUM)

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Organization: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

5. **Brief biography for each presenter (50 words or less) for introductory purposes at the conference.** Please do not send full CVs or Résumés.

**Lead Presenter:**

**Presenter 2:**

**Presenter 3:**

6. **Special Needs. Please list any requests regarding special needs (e.g., access, vision, hearing) of presenters so that we can make accommodations in advance of the conference.**

**Submitted By:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date submitted:** \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

If you are listed above as one of the presenters, it is not necessary to provide the following:

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Organization:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Proposal Checklist:**

- Provide workshop title and description
- Have you described how your workshop relates to Building Age Friendly Communities in New York State?
- Provide complete contact information for all presenters
- Provide a brief biography for each presenter

**Important: For Workshops that are accepted:**

- Make arrangements for audio visual equipment if needed
- Register for conference and pay conference registration fee
- Bring 75 copies of handout materials to the conference.

*By submitting a proposal for ACUU, you agree to the terms above.*

**Check desired date** (We will do our best to accommodate). Length of workshop is **1 hour 15 minutes**.

**Date:**  Either day okay – June 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup>       June 2<sup>nd</sup> only       June 3<sup>rd</sup> only

**Guidelines for ACUU Workshop Proposals**

**Conference Fees/Registration:** Presenters attending the conference are required to register at the fee appropriate for the day(s) they are in attendance.

**Handouts:** Presenters are required to bring up to 75 copies of their handouts to the conference. Presenters agree that handouts and PowerPoints may be posted on the ACUU web site.

**Audio/Visual Equipment:** Standard workshop room set-up *includes a projector*, screen, audiovisual cart and speaker table. Presenters are responsible for either providing their own laptop or contracting with the Desmond Hotel directly and making their own rental and payment arrangements.

**Workshop Content.** Presenters will not sell or promote services/products for financial gain or market share.

**Completed Proposals.** Please submit typed form by email to [cristy@agingny.org](mailto:cristy@agingny.org) by **February 10, 2020**, in order to be considered. A limited number of workshop slots are available. The ACUU Advisory Committee will review all submissions and notification will occur in March.

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## ACUU 2020 – Category Suggestions

New York State's health and long-term care systems are changing rapidly to finance value over volume. It is well understood that [social determinants of health](#) (individual behaviors and social and economic factors) make up 60% or more of health spending. New York State is employing a more proactive and interactive approach to improving New York's overall population health to become the healthiest state in the country. Using the state's [Prevention Agenda](#) as the overarching framework, the Governor launched a [Health Across All Policies](#) approach, where health and non-health related state agencies work together to take into account how policies and programs can positively impact public health. This approach is broad-based and inclusive of community partners, local government and philanthropy and it benefits New Yorkers of all ages in all geographic areas.

Governor Cuomo signed [Executive Order #190](#) in November 2018, directing state agencies to include New York State Prevention Agenda priorities and the AARP/World Health Organization (WHO) 8 Domains of Livability into agency policies, guidance, procedures, and procurements, as well as federal and state plans, where practicable and feasible. The Executive Order encourage physical environment and quality of life policies including but not limited to:

- Planning and implementation documents that may include but are not limited to economic development, community development, housing affordability, affirmatively furthering fair housing, and civic engagement;
- Use of modern zoning codes and development standards that promote smart growth principles such as a mix of uses, compact development, transit-oriented development, shared parking, and walkability;
- Application of [Complete Streets](#) principles that add to the enjoyment of amenities by all abilities and ages;
- Presence of expansive non-discrimination laws and/or other protections of diverse populations;
- Application of [Smart Cities](#) innovation technology;
- Opportunities for improved alignment and coordination of Prevention Agenda and age-friendly-related programs and policies across all state agencies and among public and private partners;
- The impact on the ability of individuals to continue living in their communities in a manner consistent with their abilities and values;
- Opportunities for civic engagement and how to expand them;
- Strengthen infrastructure for home- and community-based services;
- Consider approaches that build toward a future in which every New Yorker can enjoy wellness, longevity, and quality of life in strong, healthy communities;
- Each community's special strengths in technology, innovation, research, health care, and business, and how those strengths may be leveraged to support healthy aging and the work of family caregivers;
- Consideration and inclusion of healthy and age-friendly communities in programs that support community design, planning, zoning and development;
- Promotion of caregiver support;
- The provision of cost-effective, high quality services to New York residents, especially older adults, adults with disabilities, and their caregivers; and
- Increasing consumer access to health and supportive services.

We are seeking proposals that describe programs and services that meet these overarching age-friendly goals that can be replicated in other communities, as well as any outcomes you have achieved to date.