

# Blueprint Action Team Guide

Action Teams will play the critical role of leading implementation of the Blueprint, with support from Age-Friendly Minnesota. This guide is designed to provide you with the information needed to help make your Blueprint Action Team successful.



## What Action Teams Do

Each Action Team is led by a Convener and made up of actively engaged crosssector members. Their primary work will be to:

- Facilitate partnerships among diverse sectors and partners, such as government agencies, community organizations, and others.
- Keep abreast of emerging trends and challenges associated with the objective area.
- Develop a plan of action to implement tactics identified by the Multisector Blueprint.
- Meet on a regular on-going basis to implement the plan of action.
- Suggest/Advocate for policy changes that support age-friendly design, programs, and systems related to objectives (if applicable).
- Suggest metrics/data that can be used to monitor progress on specific objectives.
- Provide regular updates to the Age-Friendly Minnesota Team.

## Action Team Toolkit

- Sample Agenda for the first meeting
- Forms to submit notes from initial meeting and subsequent meetings
- Questions? Reach out to either:
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  - Farah Baig, Legislative Coordinator for the AFMN Council [farah.baig@state.mn.us](mailto:farah.baig@state.mn.us)

## Additional Resources

- **Multisector Blueprint for Aging** (first version released Dec. 2024)
- Background on **Action Teams**
- **Take a journey through the Blueprint**
- Learn more about **Age-Friendly Minnesota**
- Learn more about **Multisector Plans for Aging**
- **National Center to Reframe Aging**



# Your Action Team



**Domain 2:** Emergency, Preparedness, Individual Rights and Safety

**Strategy A:** Inclusive and Integrated Emergency Preparedness and Response

**Objective 2:** Integrated Emergency Response Systems

## Your Action Team's Priority Tactics

These tactics were identified as priority action steps needed to achieve your Action's Team objectives. View the full Blueprint for more detail and to see them in context. Your Action Team will determine which tactics to undertake first and a general timeline for the work.

- **Communication access for all:** related to emergency responders; translation; transcription; people with hearing loss, FEMA disability experts, and others.
- **Develop integrated emergency preparedness planning for community members living with disability or older adults.** Implementation with multi-disciplinary teams through intentional inclusion of government agencies, utilities, police, fire, EMT/paramedic, county attorney, healthcare, Tribal communities, and local media, plus community partners.
- **Work to expand across Minnesota the model developed by CARE Resource Connection**, which reduces emergency calls for lift assistance (after a fall) both in long-term care and in the community by connecting people to the right resources at the right time and through training for fire departments and long-term care community staff.
- **Identify and be prepared to assist individuals who need extra assistance during an emergency.**
  - Prepare for the growing number of people in the community who may need greater assistance in emergencies; this should include identifying "solos." (e.g., **Vermont CARE—Citizens Assistance Registry for Emergencies**).
  - Develop a process for communities, such as peer networks, to identify where potentially vulnerable residents (such as people with disabilities and some older adults). Within these networks, designate individuals to check on vulnerable residents.
  - Connect emergency responders to older adults living in their own homes (using programs/tools such as **File of Life**, lock boxes).
  - Provide funding for neighborhoods to improve connections with neighbors.