

Theme and Summary Statement Worksheet

Sub-Topic: Seniors

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Themes

Promoting social engagement of seniors
Fostering and sustaining independence of seniors
Recognizing seniors as economic and community resources
Attending to senior housing needs
Welcoming aging boomers

Summary Statement

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Notice that the sub-topic and themes are captured in the summary statement.

If the community's vision for the future becomes a reality, what will our sub-topic be like in Columbia?

Seniors will have a voice across topics and will be full members of the community.

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Disabilities
Basic needs
Immigration / refugees
Single Point of Entry
Funding and Resources

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In the future there will be a single point of entry to access affordable childcare and basic necessities for disabled persons and people with barriers. All social service agencies will be funded to eliminate poverty.

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