

AGE FRIENDLY FAYETTEVILLE

....A COMMUNITY FOR A LIFETIME....

March 5, 2015

~Project Growth~

The Age Friendly Fayetteville Initiative is growing! Currently we have NINE core team members who work on every aspect of the project including community engagement, social Media & technology, focus groups, survey development, and data collection! We meet each week to update each other, work on tasks together and plan next steps! A special thanks to all of the students on our core team: Mark Swafford, Mai Lee Lor, Jon Langner, Jonathan Shannon, Page Daniel, Megan Kale-Cheever, Mona Mardanbigi!

Students! Making it Happen.....

University of Arkansas Students in the spring Social Work Practice III course are hard at work on our Windshield Survey and Walkabout. To accomplish this component of the needs assessment, teams of students from this class have developed data collection plans to systematically take a look at every corner of Fayetteville, inspecting parks, buildings, roads and even riding buses! This is a very important part of data collection for the community needs assessment, as students experience Fayetteville to gauge "Age Friendliness"!

~Provost Grant~

The Age Friendly Fayetteville Community Initiative was awarded a Provost Research Grant! Thank you to Provost Gaber and her review committee for your support! With the \$1450 awarded to the initiative, we have started focus groups all over town! You can participate! **Contact us at: aff@uark.edu or 479-316-5677 to sign up, or for information.**

-Upcoming groups -

Saturday March 7, 2015, 10:00 a.m. at St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Friday March 13, 2015, 9:30 a.m. at Fayetteville Public Library

Monday March 16, 2015, 3:00 p.m. at Fayetteville Global Campus

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.....Spreading the Word.....

Last week, Dr. Jean Henry presented the Age Friendly Fayetteville Community Initiative at the Annual Association of Gerontology in Higher Education Conference in Nashville! Presentations like these are very beneficial to our initiative because interactions at national conferences lead to idea exchanges between researchers from around the U.S. who are working on similar initiatives. These ideas strengthen our initiative and heighten our success. Presentations like these also remind others of just how wonderful Fayetteville and the University of Arkansas are!

In the Press!

<http://www.freeweekly.com/2015/02/26/age-friendly-fayetteville/>

<http://news.uark.edu/articles/26730/fayetteville-residents-invited-to-take-part-in-age-friendly-fayetteville-focus-group>

<Contact Age Friendly Fayetteville>

<Get Involved>

There are many ways to contact the Age Friendly Fayetteville & get involved.

By phone – **479-316-5677**

By email – **aff@uark.edu**

On the web - <https://www.facebook.com/AgeFriendlyFayetteville>

agefriendlyfayetteville.uark.edu

Agefriendlyworld.org

[Twitter.com/affayetteville](https://twitter.com/affayetteville)

On the Facebook page or the website, you can sign up for our emailing list! We are **VERY** interested in your opinions about Fayetteville as an Age Friendly Community. Share those opinions in 1-½ hours or less during a focus group! Available groups listed above.