

THE NEXT CHAPTER™ NETWORK

Supplement to the Blueprint for The Next Chapter

THE NETWORK OF LOCAL NEXT CHAPTER PROJECTS

The following is a list and brief background of existing and emerging Next Chapter projects. Many of these projects are in early stages of planning or implementation. Planners are implementing The Next Chapter concept in ways that reflect their local communities.

ARIZONA

MARICOPA COUNTY—**Maricopa Next Chapter Initiative**

The development of the Maricopa County Next Chapter Initiative (initially called the Maricopa Life Options Library Project) began in early 2003 with funding from The Virginia G. Piper Charitable Trust and technical support from Libraries for the Future and Civic Ventures. Early development included convening a county-wide commission, planning grants and technical assistance for seven projects. In late 2004, four projects were selected for three-year implementation grants awarded by the Piper Trust. They are developing separate projects, but will collaborate in four areas: marketing and communications, website development, life planning certification and training, and shared resource and collections.

- **CHANDLER—Boomerang, Chandler Public Library**

www.myboomerang.org

Chandler's Boomerang is a community project and not a single physical center. It will be implemented through multiple points of entry, including community forums, six centers based at libraries and community colleges, and a website. The lead development agency is the Chandler Public Library with support from a broad Community Project Team, which includes the community college, regional hospital, nonprofit coalition, school district, city, public library friends group, workforce development, and corporations.

- **MESA—Mesa Life Options, Mesa Community College, Mesa Senior Services, Inc., and City of Mesa**

www.mc.maricopa.edu/organizations/community/comm_ed/

Mesa Community College joins with Mesa Senior Services, Inc. and the City of Mesa Community Services Department, which includes the libraries, art and cultural division, and parks and recreation, to create Mesa Life Options. Central to Mesa's approach is life planning that will be carried out through a cadre of Peer Life Planning Coaches. Mesa will use multiple strategies to reach out to community members, including two physical spaces that will be established over the next three years.

- **SCOTTSDALE – LifeVentures, Scottsdale Community College**

LifeVentures is sponsored by Scottsdale Community College. It will be phased in over time, first establishing a physical center on the campus and then replicating successes in satellite centers at partner organizations throughout the community. To develop Life Ventures, the community college worked in partnership with an existing community-wide collaboration, called the LINKS Community Collaborative, and engaged others including the city, chamber of commerce, healthcare agencies, local Native American community, other community colleges, community groups, and individuals.

- **TEMPE –Tempe Connections, City of Tempe**

www.tempe.gov/connections

Tempe Connections is developing through the leadership of the City of Tempe’s Public Library and Social Services Division. It will create a comprehensive one-stop resource, a physical space within the library that includes a café as well as space for educational, volunteer and information gathering opportunities. By its third year, it intends to add satellite centers. In addition to the city’s cultural services, parks and recreation, and volunteer departments, partners include a multigenerational service center, recreational center, community college, state university, chamber of commerce, workforce development, community action agency, and other community-based organizations and agencies.

CALIFORNIA

CITY OF CHULA VISTA – Life Options South Bay

www.lifeoptionssouthbay.com

Life Options South Bay is a coordinated by the City of Chula Vista, Southwestern College and the Chula Vista Coordinating Council. It uses its website, as a portal to connect with volunteer opportunities, educational, recreational and health activities, and employment possibilities. It also has two annex locations at a community college and a park center.

FLORIDA

OCALA – Pathways to Living, Learning & Serving, Central Florida Community College

www.pathwaysmarion.com

Central Florida Community College (CFCC) operates the Pathways Center through two locations—one based at the campus and the second in space donated by a local bank. Key sponsors include On Top of the World Communities, Inc., Munroe Regional Medical Center, the Star Banner newspaper, Park Avenue Bank, and the CFCC Senior Institute. Pathways trains and deploys volunteer life planning coaches to provide services for older adults. It also serves as the umbrella organization for two volunteer programs—RSVP of Marion County and Legacy Corps.

ILLINOIS

CHICAGO – Chicago Life Opportunities Initiative, Council for the Jewish Elderly

www.cje.net/future

The Chicago Life Opportunities Initiative is operated by the Council for the Jewish Elderly (CJE), a nonprofit organization providing services for older adults in Chicago and nearby suburbs. To develop this initiative, CJE convened a collaborative group of national experts, local community leaders, consumers, providers of services to older and younger persons, non traditional referral sources, and prospective institutional users. It is a multi-year initiative based on the asset model and is currently piloting an online life planning tool, Mapping Your Future. It is supported by Chicago Community Trust and plans to expand online presence and implement programs with community partners.

EVANSTON – **Life Options, North Shore Senior Center**

www.nssc.org

Life Options is sponsored by the North Shore Senior Center, a nonprofit organization that serves older adults and their families in Chicago's northern suburbs. Life Options was developed in partnership with the local public library, women's exchange, volunteer center, employment service, career resource center, and family service agencies, with funding from the Chicago Community Trust and the New Trier Township.

NEW YORK

WESTCHESTER COUNTY—**The Renaissance Network, Jewish Community Center on the Hudson**

<http://www.jcconthehudson.org/adults.htm#renaissance>

The Jewish Community Center on the Hudson is a nonprofit organization that serves as a community resource for individuals of all ages, races and religions in Westchester County. The Renaissance Network is a collaboration of Westchester county organizations intended to link older adults to existing resources and to develop community events that focus on Next Chapter core components. Partnerships are in place for service opportunities with local family, children and community service agencies, community centers and a food bank. Learning partners include Westchester Community College, a residential camp with programs for older adults, the local Jewish council and Jewish conference. It is being funded by the UJA-Federation of New York.

BROOKLYN – **New Horizons, Sephardic Community Center**

www.scclive.org

New Horizons is sponsored by the Sephardic Community Center, a non profit Jewish social service agency dedicated to serving people of all ages in the Brooklyn community. New Horizons will serve as a hub of multi-dimensional activities for adults from 55 to 70 years old. Funding has been provided by the UJA-Federation of New York and the project is being developed in partnership with the My Turn program at Kingsborough Community College as well as another college institute that offers education for retirees, a multi-service organization and other college centers, organizations and programs that serve both the Jewish and broader community.

YONKERS – **55 Plus Connections, The Yonkers Elder Friendly Initiative**

www.yefi.org

The Yonkers Elder Friendly Initiative is sponsored by the Community Planning Council of Yonkers and St. Joseph's Medical Center, with support from the Helen A. Benedict Foundation. Project plans include a career and life planning series sponsored by the county library system, a Leadership Academy program, learning opportunities in partnership with Westchester Community College, and work and service opportunities in partnership with existing local organizations.

OHIO

CUYAHOGA COUNTY – Cleveland Successful Aging Initiative

www.successfulaging.org

A multi-year effort sponsored by the Cleveland Foundation to improve the quality of life of the region's older population. It is supporting the development of six Lifelong Learning and Development Centers in Cuyahoga County; most began operations in 2003.

- **CLEVELAND – What's Next!, Fairhill Center for Aging**

www.fairhillcenter.org/WhatsNext

What's Next! is based at Fairhill Center for Aging, a nonprofit organization that provides services to older adults and is situated the borders of Shaker Heights, Cleveland Heights, and the Fairfax and Fairwood communities of Cleveland. Its core curriculum centers on a six-week seminar series where participants and their peers meet in two-hour, weekly sessions to engage in discussions and to hear presentations about subjects and processes relevant to the next chapter in their lives. It also includes the What's Next! University with opportunities to learn and join in dialogues, as well as a drop-in center to connect individuals with resources.

- **CLEVELAND – LifeLearn, Goodrich-Gannett Neighborhood Center**

www.ggnc.org

LifeLearn is operated by the Goodrich-Gannett Neighborhood Center (GGNC), a nonprofit organization with a long history of serving its urban, lower socioeconomic, ethnically diverse neighborhood. LifeLearn offers self-assessments and life planning opportunities, as well as a number of specialized programs, including computers and technology, health and wellness, legal, arts, recreation, and caregiver support and education. It was developed in conjunction with the public library, RSVP, vocational services, area churches, a neighborhood development coalition, a nursing program, aging organizations, and other local groups.

- **CLEVELAND – Live II Learn, The Murtis H. Taylor Multi-Service Center**

www.murtistaylor.org

Live II Learn is based at the Murtis H. Taylor Multi-Service Center, which provides comprehensive community services for youth, families, and older adults from the Mt. Pleasant community of Cleveland. Through Live II Learn, life coaches are working with older adults to evaluate opportunities and develop individualized life plans. Based on individual assessments, participants enroll in relevant programs or are connected to other local agencies.

- **CLEVELAND – Pathways for Learning, Cuyahoga Community College**

http://advancencareer.info/wedd/program-area.asp?homedivisionid=11&userid=0

Pathways for Learning is based in the Senior Adult Education Program at Cuyahoga Community College's Center for Applied Gerontology, a part of the Workforce and Economic Development Division. Pathways provides different ways for individuals over 50 to identify and explore opportunities to enrich their lives through holistic retirement planning, self understanding, informal and formal learning experiences, and community

service. Pathways was developed in conjunction with other college departments and community partners such as a local senior center, community house, senior resource center, visiting nurse's association, city aging department, RSVP, and others.

- **PARMA—OASIS Without Walls**

www.oasisnet.org/cleveland

OASIS is a national education organization aimed at enriching the lives of adults 50 and over. Cleveland OASIS offers lifelong learning classes in arts and humanities, wellness, life coaching, technology, and more. OASIS Without Walls takes lifelong learning programming into the community—from community and recreation centers to churches and libraries. OASIS is a public/private partnership sponsored by the May Company department stores and a local hospital system.

- **CITY OF ORANGE—ATLAS Program, City of Orange Community Education & Recreation**

www.orangerec.com/atlas

ATLAS was created to support the emerging needs of baby boomers. ATLAS stands for: Ageless, Timeless, Limitless, Active, and Self-Discovery. It offers a number of inter-related services and programs, including the UnRetirement Life Planning Seminar; Life Mapping and Personal Coaching Services; UnRetirement Graduate Network to connect and support graduates; Learning Center with focused workshops and lifelong experiential learning opportunities; and an UnRetirement Fair. It employs kiosks at a local learning center and a senior center to provide an introduction and link to online programming. ATLAS was developed with the involvement of others including the school district, an umbrella organization representing over 30 community-based groups, the public library, private businesses, and others.

OREGON

PORTLAND—Life by Design, Portland Community College

<http://www.pcc.edu/services/index.cfm/152,html>

Life by Design is operated by Portland Community College, which is currently piloting key program components and referral processes. Its purpose is to provide resources for learning, self-discovery, and civic engagement for retirees and pre-retirees. It was developed through a joint effort of the Portland Community College, Morrison Child and Family Services, Portland State University, Oregon Public Broadcasting, and Hands On Portland. It is being supported by AARP, local community and family foundations, and other private and public sources.

PENNSYLVANIA

LEHIGH VALLEY – Life Links, Lehigh Valley Alliance on Aging, United Way of the Lehigh Valley

www.lvagingmatters.org

The Lehigh Valley Alliance on Aging is sponsored by the United Way of the Greater Lehigh Valley and grew out of an extensive community planning process that involved priority focus committees, a community-wide conference, a conference series that highlighted best practices, and strategic planning. Its website is designed to provide a comprehensive one-stop resource for the region's older adults and the professionals who serve them.

The website incorporates a benefits-finder tool; life planning information and resources; a directory of local services, rights and benefits; resources and a list-serve for professionals who serve older adults; and news geared to older adults.

VIRGINIA

CHARLOTTESVILLE—The Next Chapter, Senior Center, Inc.

www.seniorcenterinc.org

This Charlottesville senior center will physically house much of The Next Chapter programming but will operate also without walls by partnering with area businesses and organizations that can offer additional resources. The project will serve as a portal of information for older adults to access programs and services throughout the community

OTHER LOCAL PROJECTS TO CHECK OUT

Community projects exist around the country that provide additional models and approaches to help older adults move beyond midlife to a productive next stage. The following local programs are working to advance principles and practices similar to The Next Chapter concept.

ARIZONA

Arizona State Department of Libraries, Museums and Archives

The Arizona State Department of Libraries, Museums and Archives is working with Libraries for the Future to train librarians statewide in the Lifelong Access model as part of a statewide EqualAccess Libraries program, which is being funded by national and local foundations and corporations.

GLENDALE – Directions and Connections: Life Options for Mature Adults, Glendale Public Library

Directions and Connections is a collaborative community network sponsored by the Glendale Public Library. It holds seminars, special events and other programs to help link older adults with information and resources. It was developed with support from the Arizona State Library and in cooperation with city departments, older adult centers and agencies, hospitals, the state university, chamber of commerce, community college, volunteer center and other human service organizations.

CALIFORNIA

ORANGE COUNTY – WomanSage

www.womansage.com

WomanSage is a nonprofit organization dedicated to empowering, educating and fostering mentoring relationships among midlife women with a news-based Web site, a quarterly journal, annual conferences, monthly salons, and small special interest group.

CONNECTICUT

Connecticut Aging Opportunity Initiative

<http://www.lff.org/news/lifeaccessct.html>

The Connecticut Aging Opportunity coalition promotes civic engagement of older adults in Connecticut. It was developed through the efforts of Libraries for the Future, the Connecticut State Library, New Haven Free Public Library, Connecticut Commission on Aging, Connecticut Voices for Children, AARP, Volunteer Center of Greater New Haven, the William Caspar Graustein Memorial Fund, and Leadership Greater Hartford.

HARTFORD – Third Age Initiative, Leadership Greater Hartford

http://www.leadershipgh.org/programs/third_age.html

The Third Age Initiative is sponsored by Leadership Greater Hartford, a nonprofit community leadership organization. Its purpose is to prepare older adults for community leadership roles.

NEW HAVEN – Transition Center

<http://www.cityofnewhaven.com/library/transition.htm>

The Transition Center is being planned by and will be housed in the New Haven Free Public Library. The library is working with the volunteer center to carry out a needs and assets assessment, organize a pilot project, and develop a plan for working with other nonprofits as a resource for community engagement.

MASSACHUSETTS

MEDFORD – Purposeful Retirement Project at Tufts University College of Citizenship and Public Service

www.uccps.tufts.edu

The College of Citizenship and Public Service is a university-wide initiative to make the values and skills of active citizenship a hallmark of a Tufts University education. A new project encourages alumni to reactivate their ties with Tufts and rejoin their fellow alums and friends in a Life Planning Workshop for Tufts Alumni over 50 to prepare for a fulfilling next chapter of life fueled by passion and purpose. The project is co-sponsored by the Office of Alumni Relations, the Medical Alumni Association, the Dental Alumni Association, the Tufts Institute of Lifelong Learning, and the Experimental College.

NEWTON – Discovering What’s Next: ReVitalizing Retirement

www.whatsnext.eboard.com

Discovering What’s Next: ReVitalizing Retirement was developed by a community-based collaboration including representatives of RSVP, community education, volunteer services, community service centers, the library, and a statewide Coming of Age Coalition. Current programming includes library forums, hands-on workshops, a film series and small group discussions (Transition Talks) in café-style settings.

MINNESOTA

Vital Aging Network

www.van.umn.edu

The Vital Aging Network is sponsored by the University of Minnesota College of Continuing Education to provide resources for vital agers (loosely defined as anyone age 55 or better). In addition to providing a rich set of programs, its website provides resources that link people to opportunities for meaningful and productive activities and serves as a forum where individuals and organizations can work collaboratively to promote self-sufficiency, community participation, and quality of life for older adults.

NEW YORK

NEW YORK CITY – The Transition Network

www.thetransitionnetwork.com

The Transition Network is a nonprofit organization for professional women over 50. It helps them explore post-career choices and challenges. It was established in the New York Metropolitan area, but envisions becoming a national membership organization intended to involve thousands of women over 50 who have had successful careers.

BROOKLYN – The My Turn Program, Kingsborough Community College

http://www.kingsborough.edu/myturn/index.html

My Turn is a tuition-free college education program open to New York State residents 60 years of age or older. It provides an opportunity to attend regular college classes at the Manhattan Beach campus. It also provides links with volunteer opportunities and special activities such as speaker programs, discussions groups, and end of term party.

NORTH CAROLINA

ASHEVILLE – The North Carolina Center for Creative Retirement, University of North Carolina

www.unca.edu/ncccr

Established in 1988 as part of the University of North Carolina at Asheville, the North Carolina Center for Creative Retirement has the threefold purpose of promoting lifelong learning, leadership, and community service opportunities for retirement-aged individuals. Besides serving the greater Asheville area, it collaborates with organizations in North Carolina and across the country.

PENNSYLVANIA

PHILADELPHIA REGION – Coming of Age Initiative, Temple University Center for Intergenerational Learning

www.temple.edu/cil/

Coming of Age is a new initiative of Temple University's Center for Intergenerational Learning. The Center serves not only as a national resource for intergenerational programming but also helps develop programs in the Philadelphia area. The Coming of Age Initiative is being developed in conjunction with public broadcasting, the library, United Way, and AARP. It is a three-year effort that will begin with piloting the model in Philadelphia (year 1), expanding it to Delaware, Montgomery, and Chester Counties (year 2), and replicating it in Bucks and Berks County (year 3).



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