

**Communities for a Lifetime
Article - Human Services**

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There is a Maryland Communities for a Lifetime Program in the Department.

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The Department shall collect and make available best practices on policies to encourage aging-in-place.

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(a) A county or municipal corporation may establish a process to certify communities as Communities for a Lifetime under the Maryland Communities for a Lifetime Program.

(b) The Department shall recommend criteria that local jurisdictions may use to certify Communities for a Lifetime, including:

(1) the extent to which a community has sought and plans to expand public health, prevention, and wellness programs that serve older adults;

(2) the extent to which a community has sought and plans to expand affordable transportation options;

(3) the extent to which a community has sought and plans to expand affordable rental housing and the ability to own affordable homes;

(4) the extent to which a community has sought and plans to expand employment, civic engagement, recreation, and leisure options for older adults; and

(5) the extent to which a community has sought and plans to expand other initiatives that boost the abilities of older adults to age in place.

(c) A Community for a Lifetime shall submit to the Department on or before September 1 each year a progress report on the community's efforts to enable aging in place and a report on the community's plans to enable aging in place in the future.