

# ORANGE COUNTY OLDER ADULT POPULATION COLLECTIVE

## HEALTH EQUITY PLAN OVERVIEW

### INTRODUCTION

For the Older Adult community in Orange County, we, the members of this collective are operating under the common shared understanding of what will lead to health equity in our community.

#### Key focus areas:

- 1 Food Security & Nutrition
- 2 Elder Abuse Prevention
- 3 Housing
- 4 Healthcare

### COLLECTIVE MEMBERSHIP

The Collective, Orange County Aging Services Collaborative (OCASC), has a total of 40+ member organizations. In addition, 2 community members are also engaged in OCASC's work.

2-1-1 Orange County (211OC); AARP; Abrazar; AgeWell; Alzheimer's Association; Alzheimer's Family Center; Alzheimer's Orange County; Braille Institute; Community Health Initiative OC; Community Legal Aid SoCal; Community Action Partnership OC; Council on Aging-Southern California; Dayle McIntosh Center; Easterseals Southern California; LGBTQ Center OC; OC Community Foundation; Hoag Pickup Family Neurosciences Institute; Hope Community Services; Jamboree Housing; Meals on Wheels Orange County; OMID Multicultural Institute for Development; Peer Voices; Sahaas For Cause; Radiant Futures; BeWell OC; Older Adult Behavioral Health Advisory Council; Office on Aging Orange County; OC Social Services Agency-Adult Protective Services; OC Health Care Agency; Radiant Health Centers; CalOptima Health; SCAN Health Plan; St. Joseph, Providence; Caregiver Resource Center OC; California Collaborative for Long Term Services and Supports; OC Veterans & Military Families Collaborative; California Senior Legislature; Multi-Ethnic Collaborative of Community Agencies (MECCA) ; Second Baptist Church; Veterans Affairs (VA) Long Beach; AltaMed; UCI MIND; UCI School of Medicine; CSU Fullerton Institute of Gerontology; Saddleback College Emeritus Institute; The Cambodian Family; United Way; City of Hope Orange County; Human Options; Institute for Healthcare Advancement; Somang Society; Soul Rapha; South County Outreach; and Healthy Aging Center Acacia & Laguna Woods



## STRATEGIC HEALTH EQUITY ACTION AREAS

Four of the key areas, **Food Security & Nutrition, Elder Abuse Prevention, Housing, and Healthcare**, align with the Social Determinants of Health identified by the Equity in OC partnership.

### Strategies to Impact Policy and Systems

- Update the county on the implementation of the CA Master Plan for Aging to increase community engagement in the planning process.
- Create an Older Adult advocacy agenda.
- Participate in Senior Rally Day 2024.
- Conduct ongoing education for Elected Officials.

### Strategies to Build Partnerships and Power

- Increase diversity of new voices by outreaching to non-member organizations with the intent of growing the Collective.

### Strategies to Strengthen Infrastructure and Data

- Conduct OCASC Survey 2024 (of over 3,000 older adult residents) to identify the unmet needs of the underrepresented populations within Orange County.

<sup>1</sup>This is an abbreviated version of the report meant to provide highlights of the work. For the complete report, including data and attachments, please email [equityinoc@unitedwayoc.org](mailto:equityinoc@unitedwayoc.org). For more information on this Collective, contact Jocelyn Rubio-Melendrez at [jocelyn.rubio@alzoc.org](mailto:jocelyn.rubio@alzoc.org).