

Age-Friendly Policies at the Department of Human Services

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Hello on wheels: In western Minnesota, help comes to those who need it

Pioneering effort uses retrofitted bus to bring services to seniors.

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The Mobile Community Center for Older Adults serves five counties in western Minnesota.



"Cycling Without Age" Comes to Dodge Center

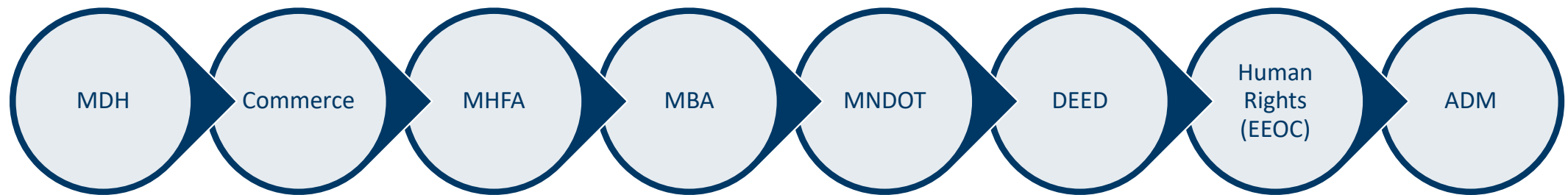


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About one in three seniors experience loneliness according to the latest "National Poll on Healthy Living". But a program that's sweeping the world is looking to socialize and uplift the elderly, all while taking them on a trip down memory lane.

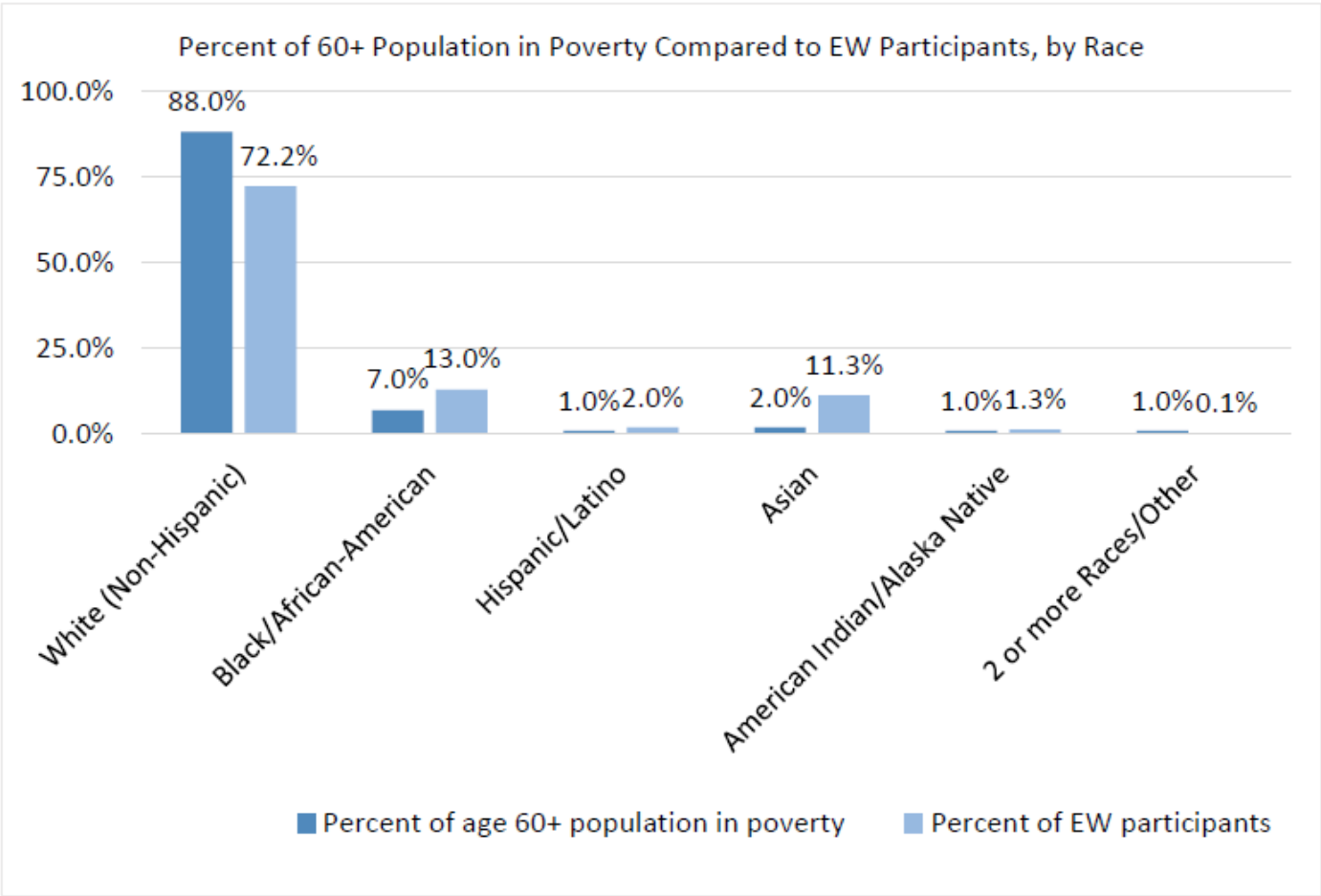
- By the numbers:
 - ~\$1.5 billion in spending on LTSS
 - 400,000+ older adults served
 - 34,000 (EW)
 - 22,000 (SNF)
 - 300,000 calls (Senior Linkage Line)
- Prioritizing equity for underserved minority, tribal and rural communities
- Strengthening county/tribal adult protective services amidst 70,000 allegations of abuse
- Make Minnesota an Age-Friendly state

State agency or other government partners



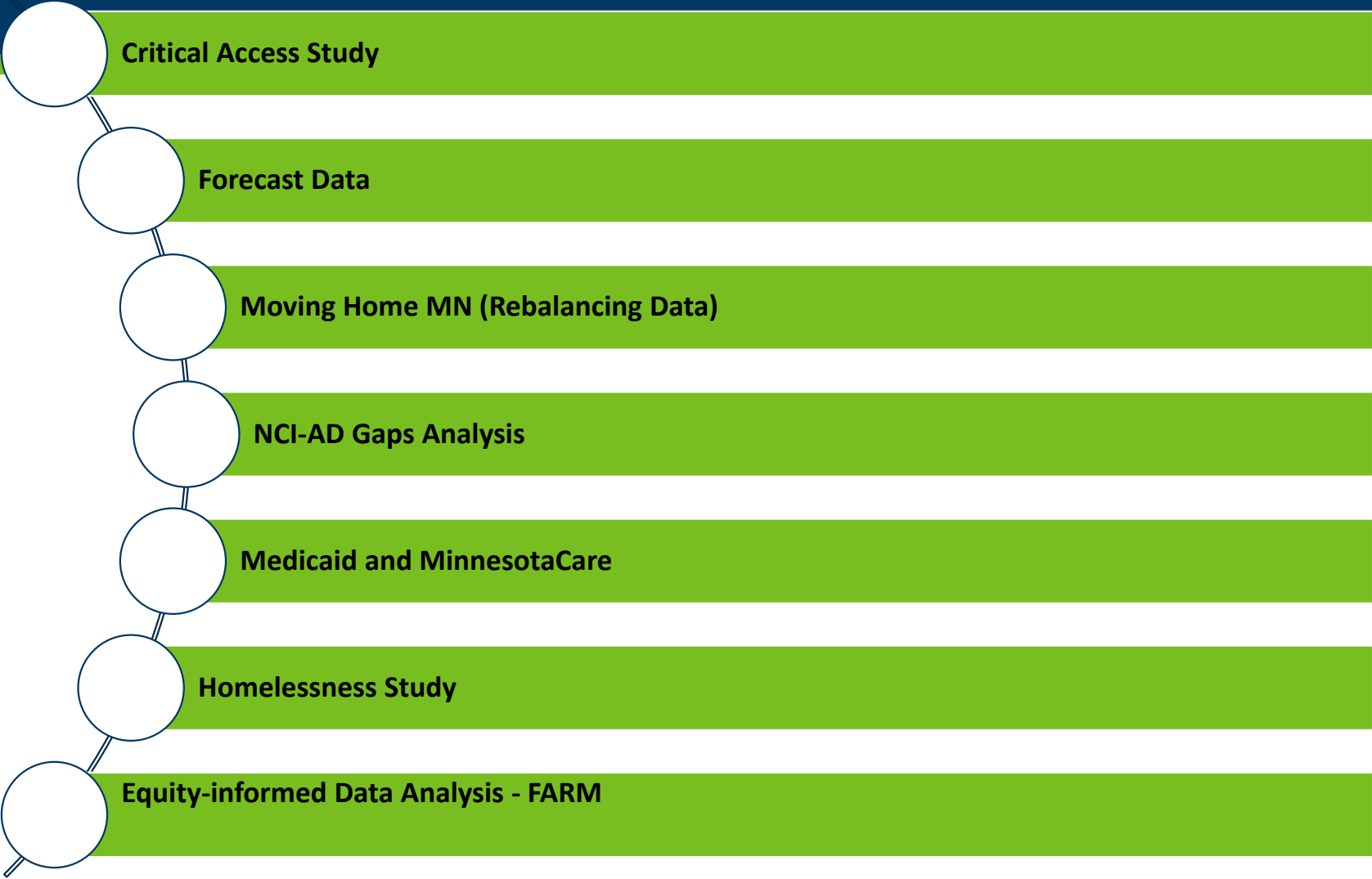
Gaps/Opportunities in Programs

- Evaluating HCBS Assessments for Racial and Ethnic Disparities
- Data suggests clear differences in waiver enrollment, service use and satisfaction by race/ethnicity
- PCA/homecare much likely to be used by non-white clients than elderly waiver and alternative care
- DHS multi-stage research project will use quantitative and qualitative methods to inform and reduce disparities in HCBS for communities of color and American Indians

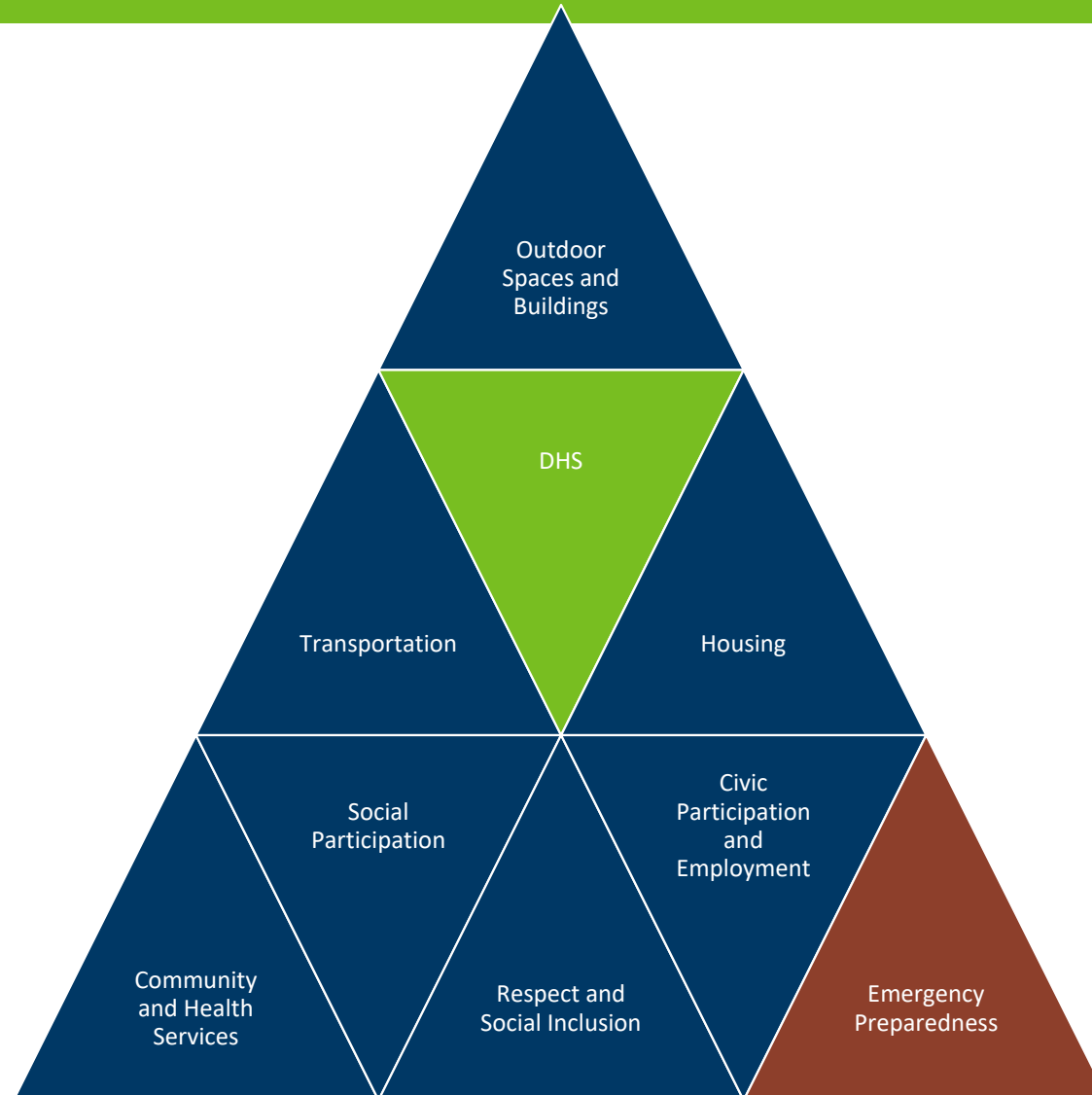


Source: DHS Data Warehouse, State Fiscal Years 2015; Integrated Public Use Microdata Series data, 2014

DHS Reports



Age-Friendly Matrix



Supporting Age-Friendly Communities during a Pandemic

Executive Order 20-12: Waivers under peacetime emergency authority

Minnesota Statutes, section 12A.10 – Additional reimbursement for nursing home and assisted living providers in which one or more residents and/or staff are infected with COVID-19

<https://mn.gov/dhs/waivers-and-modifications/>

Waivers under peacetime emergency authority, Executive Order 20-12: For Medicaid and MinnesotaCare approvals received

- + [1. Preserving health care coverage for Medical Assistance and MinnesotaCare - amended \(CV17\)](#)
- + [2. Allowing phone or internet visits for waiver programs \(CV15\)](#)
- + [3. Expanding access to telemedicine services for Children's Health Insurance Program, Medical Assistance and MinnesotaCare enrollees \(CV16\)](#)
- + [4. Allowing 90-day supply of prescription maintenance medications \(CV19\)](#)
- + [5. Postponing provider screening and re-enrollment \(CV22\)](#)
- + [6. Eliminating cost-sharing for COVID-19 diagnosis, treatment \(CV20\)](#)
- + [7. Expanding telemedicine in health care, mental health, and substance use disorder settings \(CV30\)](#)
- + [8. Allowing phone or video use for targeted case management visits \(CV24\)](#)

Changes under existing authority to respond to COVID-19

In addition to the changes outlined above under the emergency authority, the commissioner made the changes below under the authority of existing laws.

- + [1. Waiving work requirements for certain SNAP participants \(CV18\)](#)
- + [2. Suspending sanctions for some Minnesota Family Investment Program and Diversionary Work Program participants \(CV06\)](#)
- + [3. Expediting payments to nursing homes \(CV01\)](#)

Thank You!

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