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## Public Hearings Participants Cite Issues And Obstacles Facing Older Adults

Social isolation, scams, health care, housing and transportation were among the issues participants in AgeOptions' annual public hearings cited as obstacles to living well in one's community.

Each year, AgeOptions invites the public to take part in hearings on the Area Plan on Aging for Suburban Cook County. AgeOptions is designated by the Illinois Department on Aging to plan, coordinate, advocate and fund services for people 60 and older in suburban Cook County. Members of the community are encouraged to attend the public hearings to learn about services, share their ideas and help AgeOptions meet the needs of older adults, people with disabilities and caregivers.

The Area Plan on Aging is a public document that outlines how state and federal funding will be used to serve and support older adults, people with disabilities and caregivers in suburban Cook County. Public input can help influence how services are provided at local, state and national levels.

Public hearings on the 2020 Area Plan on Aging took place in May at three locations in suburban Cook County: North Riverside Public Library, Chicago Ridge Public Library and Morton Grove Public Library.