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LEADER'S LETTER

NCSCA Members,

I am so excited to start a new chapter as the North Carolina Senior Center Alliance Chair! I am beyond thankful to Rich and all other members for allowing me to take this next step in my career and for believing in me. I know I will have big shoes to fill as the Chair, but I am going to work hard and do the best I can do.

A little about me, my name is Anna Claire Kelly (yes, I go by both "Anna Claire"). I am 24 years old and I love what I do for the older adults of Davidson County and North Carolina. I have been married for 3 years to my wonderful husband, Noah, and we have two fur babies. Before coming into the "aging world", I worked at a custom t-shirt boutique in Stanly County (Albemarle). I then transitioned to working for Davidson County Senior Services in November of 2021. I have not been in the aging field for long, but I am very eager to make a positive change in the lives of senior adults. I work as the Senior Activities Coordinator for the Lexington Senior Center planning all sorts of programs from "Painting with Bob Ross" to all kinds of technology classes.

In spring we celebrate a season of growth. As aging professionals, we have the privilege to watch older adults grow and do things they never thought were possible. I would have to say this is one of my favorite parts of my job. I love when an older adult can take a class and say, "I've never gotten to do this before". This is a chance for them to do something for themselves. Let us go and support older adults as they continue to grow!

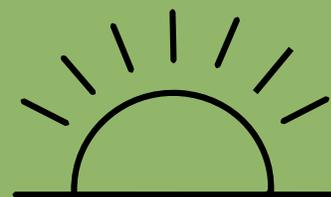
-Anna Claire



Submitted by: Anna Claire Kelly, G, Chair/Website Administrator, Davidson County Senior Services

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NCAOA/NCSCA MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Become a contributing member of one of the state's leading professional associations in the aging field. Your NCAOA membership benefits will easily surpass the cost of annual dues, and include:

- Advocacy - The NCAOA employs a Lobbyist that works daily to promote legislative priorities such as increased HCCBG and other funding sources for Senior Centers. More often than not, lobbyists are the difference in revenue streams coming to the aging field or being routed elsewhere.
- Training - The NCAOA offers Aging Boot Camps and an Annual Conference featuring leading professionals in the aging field. You receive an instant discount with your active membership.
- Partnerships - Your NCAOA membership comes with a complimentary membership to the North Carolina Senior Center Alliance.
- Award Opportunities - Member only opportunities to receive one of the NCAOA Excellence in the Field of Aging Awards.
- Marketing and Communication - Our members receive electronic updates and newsletters with urgent advocacy and legislative updates and more.

If you have questions about whether your membership is due in August or January, please use the email below to receive confirmation for when you should renew. If you are not yet a member of the North Carolina Association on Aging or the North Carolina Senior Center Alliance- this is a wonderful time to begin!

We need to band together and pool resources, ideas, and information more than we need to do so now! Being of a member of these groups gives you access to many free resources and networking opportunities. In addition, there are leadership opportunities (which you know helps you in SCOPE), and even grant or award opportunities.

For more information about the benefits of membership- check out the websites listed below; and to register or renew please use the link below:

REGISTRATION/RENEWAL:

[HTTPS://APP.JOINIT.COM/O/NORTH-CAROLINA-ASSOCIATION-ON-AGING](https://app.joinit.com/o/north-carolina-association-on-aging)

NCAOA:

[HTTPS://WWW.NCAOAGING.ORG/](https://www.ncaoaging.org/)

NCSCA:

[HTTPS://NCSCALLIANCE.ORG/ABOUT](https://ncscalliance.org/about)



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NCSCA IDEA CORNER

The NCSCA Marketing committee has come up with a few ways to share great ideas!

Please share. To have a post featured on the NCSCA Facebook Page (send to: anna.kelly@davidsoncountync.gov) and/or make a submission to the NCSCA Newsletter (send to: katherine.irby@darenc.gov).

For the newsletter, please include simple instructions of how to execute the program/ideas and please include a photo if you can.

Please follow the follow simple rules for Facebook submission.

Types of Content to Post:

Educational Content

Articles, tips, and resources about best practices in senior center management.

Aging trends and strategies for improving senior programs.
Training opportunities and webinar announcements.

Spotlights and Features

Highlighting individual senior centers in North Carolina.
Sharing success stories about programs benefiting older adults.
Recognizing outstanding staff, volunteers, or initiatives.

Event Announcements

Promoting NCSCA-hosted events, training sessions, and conferences.
Sharing state and national events relevant to senior center professionals.

Advocacy and Policy Updates

Informing followers about policies or legislation affecting senior centers.

Sharing advocacy opportunities and encouraging engagement.
Engagement Posts

Creating polls, Q&A posts, or discussion starters.

Asking followers for input on programming needs or professional development topics.

Celebrations and Observances

Recognizing milestones like National Senior Center Month.
Celebrating holidays, anniversaries, or notable achievements.



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NCSCA IDEA CORNER CONTINUED

Resources and Tools

Sharing downloadable toolkits, guides, and funding opportunities.
Posting updates about partnerships and available grants.

Page Posting Rules/Content Guidelines:

Posts must align with the mission and goals of NCSCA.

Avoid political or religious content unless directly related to policies affecting senior centers.

All content must be factual, professional, and relevant to senior center professionals or older adults.

Engagement Rules:

Encourage constructive and respectful discussions.

Monitor comments for inappropriate language, hate speech, or spam.

Remove comments or posts that violate these guidelines.

Image Use Policy:

Only post images with proper permissions or that are royalty-free.

Obtain written consent before posting identifiable photos of individuals.

Use captions to provide context for all images.

External Links:

Share only reputable sources (e.g., government websites, professional organizations).

Verify all links for accuracy and relevance before posting.

Thank you all for your input and your willingness to share ideas and great programming from across the state! It is a wonderful thing to learn from each other during our journey.



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NCSCA NEWS FROM AROUND THE STATE

5 MINUTE CHALLENGE



Each newsletter cycle, a prompt will be sent to you via email requesting that you complete the following 4 steps:

- 1-take a picture of something happening in your center at that very moment, even if working remotely, totally acceptable;
- 2-write a caption in (preferably) 20 words or less to describe what the picture reflects;
- 3- include your name, status with NCSCA, if any, region, and name of the center;
- 4-submit the picture and information to katherine.irby@darenc.gov

It is a very simple way to share and highlight your hard work while giving fresh ideas to our fellow senior center folks!! Or share pictures from over the season.



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OBX: A Winter Wonderland



The Tillett Center doesn't slow down for the chill of winter. The Center hosted the Children and Senior Christmas Giving Tree Programs and celebrations; the annual pilgrimage to the Edenton Candlelight Tour of Homes; began the Nutrition Talks Program; held hundreds of fitness, art, writing, informational and instructional classes...it even snowed!! #SNOBX

We are ready for spring!

Submitted by: Katherine Irby, Marketing, R, Tillett Center



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HERTFORD IN STITCHES



One of the most popular classes at Hertford Office on Aging is quilting. This beautiful blue-and-white, hand-stitched quilt is almost complete and showcases the incredible talent and dedication of the artisand who made it.

Submitted by: Diedra Evans, Q, Hertford County Office on Aging



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PUZZLE PALOOZA



The Haywood County Senior Resource Center in Waynesville, NC recently sponsored Puzzle Palooza contests- individual and team. Here are some of our contestants. Fun was had by all.



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Grace, rhythm, and holiday magic! The Middle Eastern Dance Group brought beauty and energy to our Holiday Jingle & Mingle Program with a performance of Leilet Eid (Arabic Christmas Bells).

Four friends, festive vibes, and sweet treats. We enjoyed a fun monthly meet-up at our local Trask Family Farms, where we enjoyed homemade ice cream, hot chocolate, and great company at their holiday market.

Creating with meaning. We Celebrated Native American Heritage Month with a special presentation and dream catcher art class.



Submitted by: Megan Lanier, O, New Hanover County Senior Resource Center



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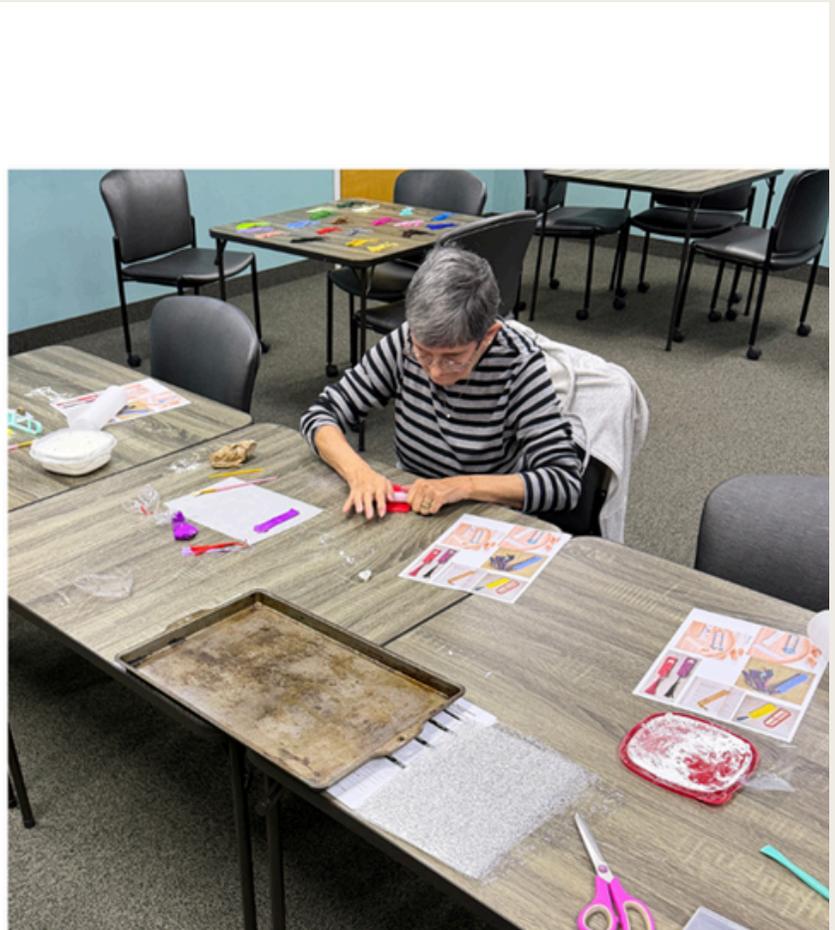
Davidson County Senior Services in Lexington hosted their first Karaoke in January! It was a hit! We had participants sing everything from Styx to James Taylor! Most choose to get up and dance to some songs!

Submitted by: Anna Claire Kelly, G, Chair/Website Administrator, Davidson County Senior Services



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Participants enjoyed making custom Polymer Clay Bookmarks. They made a total of 3 bookmarks, personalizing them for themselves or friends and family!



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Davidson County Senior Services provides an extension of senior center programming at the Southmont Civic Center 3 afternoons each week. One of the recent events was a Tea Party.

Program participants came out in their finest tea party hats, brought yummy treats to share (from petit fours and cucumber sandwiches to scones with clotted cream) and sampled hot tea in China tea cups.

Great conversation and laughter was had by all – so much that the next tea party is already in the works!



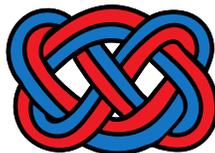
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Tap Dance Class at the South Iredell Senior Center! This photo was snapped on National Wear Red Day to promote Women's heart health.



Participants at the South Iredell Senior Center are braiding recycled plastic bags to make mats to donate to local agencies that support folks experiencing homelessness.





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Monday afternoon classes at Walnut Cove Senior Center- what a blast!

Golden Zumba class is taught weekly for 30 minutes. Julia Schafer is the Zumba instructor in addition to teaching several more classes.

This 55+ class helps to get steps in, gets the heart rate up, and then at the very end...a nice cool down.

The oldest person in this class is in her late 80's.

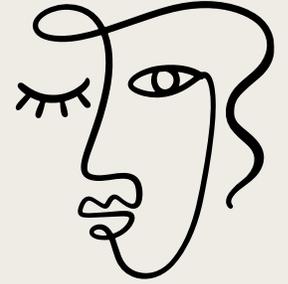
Zumba is gold!

Submitted by: Reba Dodson, G, Walnut Cove Senior Center



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Senior Selfies – Picasso Style

Submitted by: Tonya Garrison, C, Rutherford County Senior Center



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***Chair Fitness Class is one of the most popular at
Pitt County Council on Aging!***

Submitted by: Cyndi Shimer, Q, Member at Large, Pitt County Council on Aging



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NCSCA IN OTHER NEWS





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RECENT AJI GRADUATES



Spring 2025

Jennifer Barraclough – Iredell Council on Aging
 Rebecah Bova – East Burke Senior Center
 Diedra Evans – Hertford County Office of Aging
 Lori Moore – Yadkin County Senior Center
 Lisa Smart – Onslow County Senior Services

Fall 2025

Deb Bauer – Grace Martin Harwell Senior Center
 Paula Hall – King Senior Center
 Kathryn Saine – Lincoln County Senior Services
 Scheduled to graduate Spring 2026



Brooke Adams – Davidson County Senior Services, Thomasville
 Shelia Alston – Franklinton Senior Center, Franklin County Department of Aging
 Jennifer Berry – Avery County Senior Center
 Kristi Bunn – Lois E Harrill Senior Center, Watauga County Project on Aging
 Shelby Cruz – Franklin County Senior Services, Louisburg Senior Center
 Reba Dodson – Walnut Cove Senior Center, Stokes County Senior Services
 Sabrina Evans – Columbus County Department of Aging
 Candi Harper – Tyvola Senior Center
 Mark Hayes – Trotter Active Adult Center
 Lynn Helton – Gaston County Senior Center
 Aleshia Holland – Bazemore Active Adult Center
 Kimberly Hotter – Richmond County Aging Service
 Kesha Howell – Wilson County Senior Activity Center
 Kristy Hunt – Alexander Senior Center
 Anna Claire Kelly – Davidson County Senior Services
 Heather Ledbetter – Neal Senior Center
 Kristie Massey – Columbus County Department of Aging
 Myra Meeks – Cary Senior Center, Town of Cary
 Adriane Mosley – East Columbus Senior Center
 Rebecca Pearce – New Hanover County Senior Resource Center
 Heather Puglisi – BSRI- The Brunswick Center at Calabash
 Lisa Railing-Mobley – Onslow County Senior Services
 Meghan Rushing – Apex Senior Center; Apex Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources
 Brittany Steinkamp – BSRI – The Brunswick Center at Leland
 Sandra Taylor – Chowan Senior Center
 Kathryn Walters – Siler City Center for Active Living
 Rachael Wilson – Sampson Senior Services, Garland Senior Center

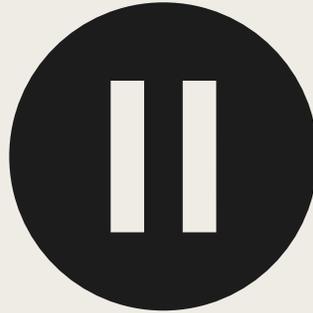
This group of 26 graduates represents the largest graduating class since the inaugural class of 35 in 2004. Twenty-five of them began their journey with Module 2 in March 2023 in Blowing Rock, North Carolina. Congratulations to all!

Submitted by: Selena Royal, NCDA Representative



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NCAOA CONFERENCE



IMPORTANT NCAOA CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENT



AFTER THOUGHTFUL CONSIDERATION, THE NORTH CAROLINA ASSOCIATION ON AGING ANNUAL CONFERENCE WILL PAUSE FOR ONE YEAR AND RETURN IN SPRING 2027.

THIS PAUSE ALLOWS NCAOA TO PLAN A STRONG AND MEANINGFUL CONFERENCE EXPERIENCE THAT REFLECTS THE NEEDS OF OUR MEMBERS AND THE EVOLVING AGING NETWORK.

DURING THIS TIME, NCAOA WILL CONTINUE TO SUPPORT MEMBERS THROUGH ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES FOR CONNECTION, LEARNING, AND ENGAGEMENT.

WE APPRECIATE YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT AND LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING YOU BACK IN SPRING 2027.





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NCAOA BOOT CAMP

NCAOA
NORTH CAROLINA
ASSOCIATION ON AGING

Save the Date!

**VIRTUAL AGING
BOOT CAMP**

May 4, 2026
1:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.

MORE DETAILS TO COME!



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A250



North Carolinians Invited to Commemorate America's 250th Anniversary in 2026

This year, America is commemorating 250 years since the signing of the Declaration of Independence and the creation of a new nation dedicated to “life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.”

The N.C. Department of Natural and Cultural Resources (DNCR) will be leading NC's commemoration of this historic event through an initiative known as America 250. You can find numerous events across the state celebrating the 250th anniversary on the [America 250 NC events calendar](#).

Read a Governor's Office news release that highlights three signature events in Currie, Halifax and Raleigh. Learn more about North Carolina's commemorative activities, explore history, find events and share your story at america250.nc.gov.



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ALL AGES, ALL STAGES

NCDHHS Marks One Year of Progress Toward an Age-Inclusive Future with All Ages, All Stages NC

The North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services is celebrating one year of All Ages, All Stages NC, the state's Multisector Plan for Aging. This plan addresses the needs of the state's rapidly growing aging population in transforming the infrastructure and coordination of services to better serve these populations, ensuring that all North Carolinians can live and age well in their communities. To celebrate this milestone, NCDHHS' Division of Aging is announcing a "Future Self Contest," inviting students from Pre-K through 12th grade to imagine their future selves and reflect on what it means to live in an age-inclusive society.

The Future Self Contest encourages students to submit creative works such as poetry, music, or art that explore themes of aging, respect for older adults, and challenging stereotypes about aging. The contest aims to empower students to inspire positive change in their communities. Winners of the contest will be featured on the NCDHHS Division of Aging website and celebrated at the Year One All Ages, All Stages NC Celebration later next year. The contest period runs from Oct. 13, 2025, through Feb. 23, 2026. Winners will be announced on March 16, 2026.

NCDHHS launched All Ages, All Stages NC, in September 2024 in response to significant demographic shifts in aging residents. In 2024, North Carolina was home to over 1.9 million adults aged 65 and older, and each year more than 49,000 adults aged 60 and over move to the state from other states or abroad. By 2032, older adults will outnumber children under 18 for the first time in the state's history, and adults aged 85 and older are projected to be the fastest-growing age group over the next two decades. Currently, North Carolina ranks ninth in the nation in the number of residents aged 65 and older, highlighting both the size of this population and its rapid growth.

"Supporting all North Carolinians through all phases of life is crucial. With the All Ages, All Stages NC plan, we honor our commitment to the over two million North Carolinians ages 65 and older to foster and promote an enhanced quality of life," said NC Health and Human Services Secretary Dev Sangvai. "Through strong partnerships and transformative initiatives, we are one step closer to reaching our shared goal of implementing long-term solutions that embrace and empower our aging populations."

"North Carolina is at a pivotal moment. Our population is aging, but this is not just a challenge, it is an opportunity to rethink how we support every stage of life," said Michael Leighs, NCDHHS Deputy Secretary for Opportunity and Well-Being. "By investing in financial security, health, caregiving, and inclusive communities, we are not just serving older adults, we are building a state where people of all ages can thrive."

In its first year, All Ages, All Stages NC has moved from planning to implementation, bringing together more than 200 partners across government, health care, housing, education, workforce, and transportation. These partners are advancing key priorities aligned with four overarching goals: Supporting Older Adults and Their Families, Strengthening Communities for a Lifetime, Optimizing Health and Well-Being, and Affording Aging. As part of the All Ages, All Stages NC initiative, NCDHHS launched the Back in the 20s campaign to share stories of this work in action across North Carolina. The videos highlight efforts to expand long-term services and supports, enhance caregiver resources, improve housing accessibility and strengthen the direct care workforce.

Among the initiative's early achievements is the launch of taskforces to build an age inclusive culture through efforts like Ageism Awareness Day and the Future Self Contest. Close to 3,000 caregivers across 98 out of 100 counties are now supported through the expanded NC Caregiver Portal. NCDHHS also launched NC's inaugural National Core Indicators State of the Workforce Survey for Aging and Disabilities this Fall to help advance the data landscape for direct care.

Currently, a new Financial Education Toolkit is being developed to help North Carolinians plan for financial stability and promote multi-generational well-being and we anticipate it will be finalized in June 2026. The state is also addressing the digital divide through initiatives such as the WISEConnect Pilot, a platform that helps older adults access local resources and strengthen social connections through technology, and sustaining the existing Ageless Access Digital Navigators Program, which supports digital literacy and access across the state. Additionally, the Housing subgroup is advancing universal design and accessibility to help people age safely in place, aligning its efforts with the NC Housing Strategic Plan.

"North Carolina's success depends on our ability to support communities where people of every age can thrive. The early work of All Ages, All Stages NC shows what's possible when we coordinate across sectors and take a lifespan approach to healthy aging," said Joyce Massey-Smith, Director of the NCDHHS Division of Aging.

These early efforts highlight the shared vision of the plan to build a state where every North Carolinian, regardless of age or ability, can live with purpose, security, and connection. The plan's next phase will focus on deepening local engagement, expanding data-driven decision-making, and advancing measurable outcomes through public-private partnerships.

For more information about All Ages, All Stages NC and how to get involved, visit NCDHHS' website.

*Submitted by: Divya Venkataganesan Cupitt, Section Chief, Planning and Systems Support, NCDA
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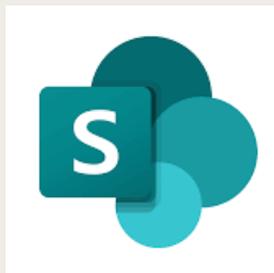
DIVISION OF AGING: FUNDED PARTNER SHAREPOINT

The North Carolina Division of Aging is excited to announce the upcoming launch of our brand-new Division of Aging Funded Partners SharePoint site, designed specifically for you!

This new platform is a momentous step forward in how we collaborate and share information with our valued partners. The Division of Aging Funded Partners SharePoint site will eventually replace the current “Funded Partner Resources” section of the NCDHHS website.

The SharePoint site will be your dedicated resource to access the essential documents and tools needed to support our shared success.

Be on the lookout for your invitation!





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NC PILLARS OF EXCELLENCE

NC PILLARS OF EXCELLENCE (NC P.O.E) SENIOR CENTER CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

The Division of Aging is excited to share that a new certification program will be launched under the name Pillars of Excellence (NC P.O.E.). This is a model that highlights quality standards, leadership, innovation, and measurable community impact.

Centers will demonstrate their unique strengths in five foundational areas or “pillars” of excellence: Engagement, Impact, Quality, Adaptability and Sustainability demonstrating their engagement in a process of continuous quality improvement. There are six sections. Each section contains a purpose statement, applicable questions, instructions for response, and scoring rubric.

The NC P.O.E. program will improve upon the SCOPE model by:

- Shifting from a retrospective 5-year review period to a forward looking 3-year cycle
- Introducing scoring rubrics to promote transparency and reduce subjectivity
- Emphasizing engagement in an ongoing, continual improvement process in all aspects of senior center operations, services, and programming.

We have begun piloting the program in four senior centers across the state. More information will be shared as the evaluation and development processes continue and a detailed formal announcement about the new program and transition will be shared once all the details have been finalized.

Meanwhile, as we transition to the new certification process, senior centers should continue to operate as usual under the SCOPE model, including completing required activities and maintaining documentation, as many of the SCOPE requirements, programming, and operational practices will carry over into NC P.O.E. and support your center’s certified status.

Submitted by: Leslee Breen and Selena Royal, NCDA Representatives

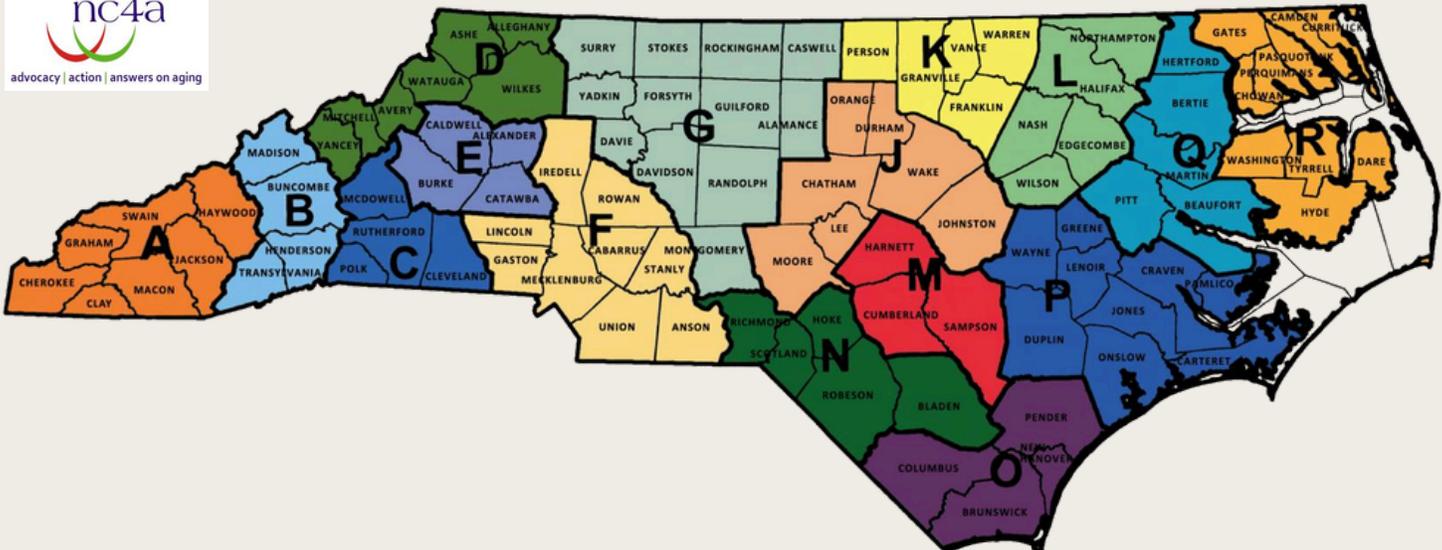


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NORTH CAROLINA SENIOR CENTER REGIONAL MAP



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- Region D – High Country Council of Governments**
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2024-2025

NORTH CAROLINA SENIOR CENTER DIRECTORY

Being a member of NCSCA means staying connected to other in the senior center community.

If you are interested in having access to the NC Senior Center Directory (listed by region) please follow the link:

[HTTPS://WWW.NCSCALLIANCE.ORG/ABOUT](https://www.ncscalliance.org/about)

You may download the document to your computer or print, as you wish.

If you see inconsistencies, please report them to

leslee.breen@dhhs.nc.gov



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2026-27 NCSCA COMMITTEE

Your NCSCA Committee Members are here to help YOU thrive. Please feel free to contact any of the members listed in the chart below for any questions you may have or to just to introduce yourself.

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Membership Roster



<p>Anna Claire Kelly (G) Chair <i>Marketing Subcommittee Lead</i> Davidson County Senior Services 555-B West Center Street Ext. Lexington, NC 27295 336-242-2949 anna.kelly@davidsoncountync.gov Term Expires: January 2028</p>	<p>Jennifer Barraclough (F) Vice Chair <i>Advocacy Subcommittee Lead</i> Iredell Council on Aging 344 East Front Street Statesville, NC 28677 704-873-5171 jbarracough@iredellcoa.org Term Expires: January 2028</p>	<p>Christy Southall (K) Treasurer <i>Special Projects Subcommittee</i> South Granville Senior Center PO Box 766 Creedmoor, NC 27522 919-528-0848 christy.southall@granvillecounty.org Term Expires: January 2028</p>	<p>Betsy Griffin (P) Secretary <i>Membership/Nominations Subcommittee</i> Lenoir County Council on Aging 112 E. Blount Street Kinston, NC 28501 252-527-1545 director@leniorcco.org Term Expires: January 2028</p>
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