

# Vulnerable Adults In Davis County

## 2024 Needs Assessment



### WHO WAS SURVEYED



**113**

Total Respondents



**89**

Vulnerable  
Adults\*



**24**

Providers\*\*

### SERVICE ACCESS



#### Mental Health Services

Mental health services had one of the highest usage rates among vulnerable adults (16%), following only healthcare (58%).

#### Senior Centers & Volunteers

9% of vulnerable adults access senior centers and volunteer opportunities, making them some of the most commonly accessed services.

### KEY FINDINGS

These findings highlight the most pressing needs of the community. The Senior Services Division's Four-Year Plan priorities align with these key findings to directly address these issues.



#### Housing & Affordability

Housing and affordability are frequently mentioned as top concerns and barriers to services.



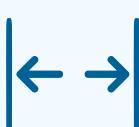
#### Awareness of Services

Low public awareness of available services is a significant concern for vulnerable adults.



#### Social Isolation

Social isolation is identified as a community challenge among both vulnerable adults and providers.



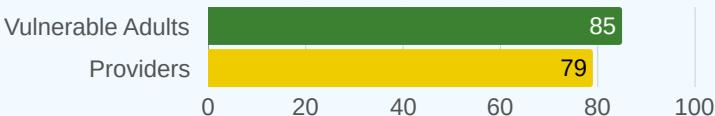
#### Service Gaps

There are gaps between the needs reported by vulnerable adults and stakeholders.

### SERVICE NEEDS

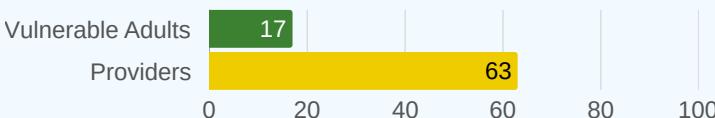
#### Perceived Availability of Services

Senior centers were the most commonly reported available service.



#### Needs Identified

Low-income housing services were the most recognized need.



#### Unmet Service Needs

17% of vulnerable adults reported unmet needs for low-income housing, and 17% of providers said their organization cannot meet housing needs.



\*Vulnerable adults are defined as individuals with a disability and those age 65 and over.

\*\*Providers are individuals who provide services to vulnerable adults.

## BARRIERS TO SERVICE



### Funding

Lack of funding was identified as the top barrier to service access for vulnerable adults by 75% of providers.



### Income

38% of vulnerable adults said their income was too high to qualify for services, while 12% said they did not have enough money to afford services.



### Awareness

Public awareness was the most common community need reported by providers (54%), with vulnerable adults also noting a need for better access to information.



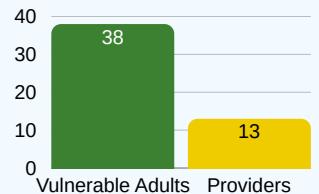
### Lack of Services

15% of vulnerable adults and 46% of providers identified a lack of services for older adults as a key barrier.

## AREA AGENCY ON AGING (AAA)

**61%** of vulnerable adults were familiar with the Area Agency on Aging

Increasing public awareness of services was a common suggestion from both vulnerable adults and providers for how the AAA can help.



## COMMUNITY STRENGTHS



### Strong Community

21% of vulnerable adults and 13% of providers reported a strong sense of community as a strength.

## ADDITIONAL FINDINGS

### Adult Protective Services (APS)



44% of vulnerable adults were familiar with APS. The most common barrier to reporting abuse for vulnerable adults (29%) was not wanting to get family members in trouble.

## COMMUNITY CHALLENGES



### Lack of Information

A lack of information, awareness, and guidance regarding services was a top challenge for both vulnerable adults (23%) and providers (21%).



### Financial Strain

10% of vulnerable adults and 8% of providers perceived financial strain as a significant challenge.

### Aging In Place



83% of vulnerable adults reported that it is important to remain in their home as they age. The greatest concerns about aging in place were housing costs (24%) and mobility issues (22%).

### Housing & Affordability



24% of vulnerable adults reported struggling to pay for their mortgage or rent in the past year. The most common housing issue was finding affordable housing (20%).