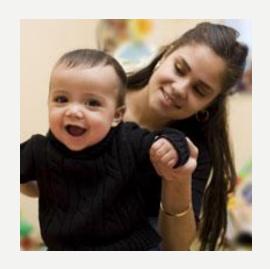
#### 2015-2016 HUMAN SERVICES NEEDS UPDATE

BELLEVUE NETWORK ON AGING AUGUST 4, 2016







#### **OVERARCHING THEMES**

- The need for affordable housing is still the number one issue and comment from a variety of populations and in all our surveys
- Though the unemployment rate is much lower, many people still report needing more than one job to afford to live in East King County to pay for the basics
- Substance abuse is on the rise for youth and adults, with mental health issues also a big concern
- Transportation access issues continue as the top barrier to services and employment
- The growing diversity in all areas of Bellevue is bringing up the need for responsive services as well as community dialogue about differences

### SPECIAL FOCUS AREA: THE DIVERSITY ADVANTAGE PLAN

- Adopted in December, 2014 with its vision statement, "Bellevue welcomes the world. Our diversity is our strength."
- The Plan relies on a few key terms that are important to define: Diversity, Equity & Cultural Competence
- Diversity Advantage Outcomes
- Through the public engagement process, recurring themes around of each of the 6 Focus areas; cultural competence, human services, public safety, education, economic development civic engagement

# HIGHLIGHTS FROM CHAPTER ON OLDER ADULTS

- AARP predicts that most older adults will need long term services and supports at some time in their lives; about 1/3 will have costs that exceed their ability to pay
- More older adults are remaining in the work force longer, due to higher costs of living, fewer with defined pensions, and loss of investments due to the recession
- Housing costs: over 61% of older adult renters in Bellevue paid more than 30% or more of their incomes on housing
- Transportation still an issue which limits health care, basic needs, socialization; more will need alternative modes such as vans or volunteer drivers
- Alzheimer's Disease and other forms of dementia are increasing with age wave: 2010-2040, 181% uptick predicted

# HIGHLIGHTS FROM CHAPTER ON OLDER ADULTS

- Support for family caregivers including respite and financial support is a growing need
- In 2014 almost a quarter (I in 4) of the participants at the Bellevue
  Hopelink Food Bank were age 55 and older; 24% were born in the US
- Meals on Wheels participants increased by 3% and the number of meals by 5.5% between 2013-2014
- Racial diversity for 65 and over:
  - White-20%
  - Black-7%
  - Asian-6%
  - Other-7%

### OLDER ADULTS-OTHER GOAL AREAS

- Reports of elder/vulnerable adult abuse including exploitation are going up statewide: reports grew 45% between 2010 and 2013 with the largest number in financial exploitation.
- Number of older adults with developmental disabilities cared for by aging parents continues to increase
- Dental care is still an overwhelming need
- Growing homelessness among older adults

#### TIMELINE:

- Preliminary recommendations have been made by the Human Services Commission
- They will review these in September when they reconvene
- Recommendations will go to the City Council in the fall to be considered as they review their biennial budget
- Agencies will have new contracts beginning in January
  2017

#### **EMERGING ISSUES**

- What do BNOA members think are the top emerging issues that the City should pay attention to in 2016-2017?
- How can the City departments be proactive in addressing these issues?

# QUESTIONS OR IDEAS ABOUT HOW TO USE THESE DATA TO HELP OLDER ADULTS IN EAST KING COUNTY?

