



# Assignment 1: Exploring Your Own Community

## Instructions

### Assignment 1: Exploring Your Own Community (40 points, 20% of the final grade)- Due at the end of Week 3

In order to best serve the needs of older adults, aging services providers must understand the dynamics of the older population in the areas they serve.

Do you know how to gather the information you need about the older people in your own community? For this assignment, you will do some investigative work and write a report that describes the older adult population in your area and the services available to them. The goal is to provide a comprehensive profile of the older adults in your community.

Your report can include the following information, or you can include other information that you think provides insight into your community.

- The number/percentage of older adults in your area. How many are young-old (65-75), old-old (75-85), and oldest-old (85+)?
- The proportion of men to women
- The racial/ethnic composition of the older adult population in your area.
- Number/percentage of grandparents raising grandchildren.
- Number/percentage of older adults living in assisted living and nursing homes.
- Is the older adult population increasing or decreasing in your area?
- Other: education, income, multigenerational households

In addition to this demographic information, do a search (or explore on foot or by car!) to see what services in your area specifically cater to older adults.

This information can be difficult to find, so an optional discussion area has been set up to allow you to collaborate with your classmates. The discussion is called "Assignment 1 Collaboration Area" and it is linked to the Week 1 – 2 modules. If you find a rich source of information that you think will help your classmates, post it in the discussion. If you are struggling to find something, see if one of your classmates can help.

While you may collaborate to find information for your report, this is an individual assignment. The work you submit should be your own.

Your report will consist of the following components:

- A detailed profile of the older adult population in your area or community. (Be sure to specify what you mean by “area” or “community.” Are you referring to your neighborhood, zip code, city?)
- A description of how you located the information used in your report. Where appropriate, include in-text citations and a reference list.
- A description of the services in your area that cater to older adults. Is the Aging Network well-represented in your community?
- Based on what you now know about the older population in your community, identify and aging services you think are lacking.

Your report should be 3 to 5 pages in length (double-spaced). Submit as an attachment to the Assignment 1 link in the Week 3 module.

Late submissions must be approved by the instructor and may be subject to a late penalty of 10% per day late.

**For all of the following assignments, use the following guidelines:**

- These assignments will give you the opportunity to practice your written communication skills which are essential to effective program management. Use your best formal writing skills. If you need help with writing, see the “Writing Resources” module under the Content tab in this online classroom.
- Your paper should be original and use APA-7 format. If you need help with APA-7, see the “APA Citation and Style Resources” module under the Content tab in this online classroom.
  - Use your own words rather than quoting or copying verbatim from another source.
  - You may not “recycle” an assignment that you wrote for another course.
  - You must use in-text citations and a reference list to give proper attribution to your sources.
  - Your paper should include the following: traditional font, 1” margins, pagination, double-spacing.
- Please submit your assignments as attached documents to the assignment folder (MS Word is preferred). Assignments 1 and 2 will be submitted to Turnitin through the LEO assignment folder and will generate a Similarity Report. This report indicates the percentage of your paper that is taken directly from another source. The higher your similarity score, the less original your paper is. If you would like to see the Similarity

Report before submitting your assignment for a grade, you may submit multiple drafts of your assignments to the “Drafts” folder.

### Submissions

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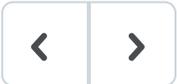
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### Activity Details

Task: Submit to complete this assignment

Due June 8 at 11:59 PM

### Assessment



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