Did you know:

- Kentucky is currently ranked 27th in the nation in percentage of its population older than 65.
- By 2020, Kentucky will have the 14th largest percentage of its population older than 65.
- In the 2000 census, more than 670,000 people in Kentucky were 60 or older. That’s nearly 17 percent of the total population.
- Projections indicate that more than 1 million people in Kentucky — or 23 percent of the population — will be older than 60 by the year 2020.

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Is your community prepared for the aging of the baby boom population?

Is your community prepared for an aging baby boom population? What will Kentucky’s citizens need from their communities as they age to 80, 90 or even 100?

What can you do now to prepare for the enormous impact this population shift will have on businesses, churches, neighborhoods and other parts of the community?

The partners in the Kentucky Elder Readiness Initiative (KERI) want to help Kentucky communities answer these and other questions about how Kentucky can prepare to make services such as housing, transportation, recreation and health care available and adequate for a rapidly growing aging population.

KERI will bring together local groups, community leaders, businesses and citizens, first to assess existing services and resources and, then, to help generate a dialogue and encourage communities to address their assessed strengths and weaknesses to meet the challenges and opportunities presented by an aging population.

The Kentucky Aging Research and Information Service of the University of Kentucky Graduate Center for Gerontology and your local Area Agency on Aging will be conducting group discussions and surveys to explore four major topics.

Citizens, representatives from local government, service agencies, churches, housing, transportation, health care, education, the arts and business will be part of this discussion. Surveys will be used to identify resources and supports important for aging Kentuckians both now and in the future.

Results of discussions and surveys will be compiled and presented in 2007 to serve as the basis for ongoing action plans to help communities address issues of importance in each region. KERI partners hope this will be the beginning of a long-term relationship that will work toward developing a comprehensive plan to guide the state in planning and preparation to ensure aging Kentuckians remain supported and engaged in community life.

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<th>The Kentucky Elder Readiness Initiative will explore four major topics in its evaluation of preparedness of services:</th>
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| **Community Resources** | What community resources are currently available for elders?  
What community resources will baby boomers expect as they age and how will these resources be provided? |
| **Health and Safety** | How are health and safety issues for older people currently addressed?  
How will health and safety needs be addressed for baby boomers as they age? |
| **Quality of Life** | What are the supports for maintaining a high quality-of-life for those who are aging in your community?  
What supports for quality of life will baby boomers expect to be available in your community? |
| **Community Involvement** | How are elders in your area involved in volunteering, work and other aspects of community life?  
Will baby boomers be more or less involved in volunteering, work and other aspects of community life? |