



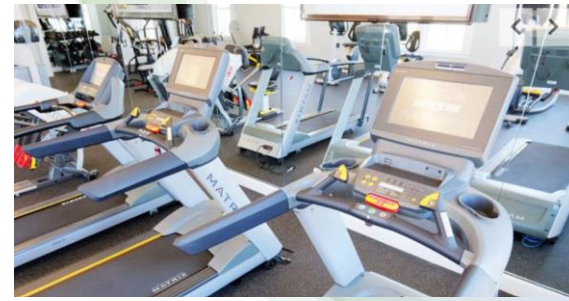
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2023 MGA Fall Presentation Registration: Surprising
Opportunities at Councils on Aging

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Senior Centers/Councils on Aging



- William Hodson Community Center in New York City, opened its doors in 1943.
- Its purpose was to reach out to people who had retired but needed a place to gather to stay connected to others.
- Senior centers serve as an entry point for the aging service network and protect against social isolation
- MA – 350 SC/COAs

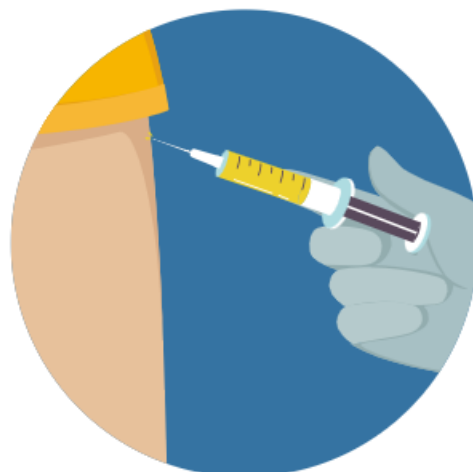
Who Attends and Why??

- 2019 Participation - 51 to 95 years with 79 years being the average age
- White, Black, Mixed Race participation depending on the community – depending on the type of center
- **Please add to the chat what activities you think are held at SC/COAs**



SC/COA and the Pandemic:

We Did It All!



What Surprising Opportunities Can You Find in the Modernized SC/COA?

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