



2022 Housing Series Summary

There is not one large step from living independently in one's home to needing assisted living – there are many steps and options along a continuum of needs, finances, preferences, and opportunities

The NJAAW Housing Series brought together experts in housing for older adults to explore options for people at various stages and levels of need. Reviewing housing from the perspective of the older adult, we explored strategies to help people stay in their home with modifications and built design; options for getting help in the home; options for downsizing and when assisted and supportive living becomes necessary. The series closed with policy perspectives on what is available now and what is needed to allow NJ residents to age in the setting of their choice.

Recordings and slides from the presentations are available on our website, www.njaaw.org/events.

Session 1: Planning and Adapting to Stay in Your Home

Recording link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IY3sziDOaGo>

Speakers:

- Christine Newman, AARP: Home fit Guide
- Diane Vitillo, President, Home Heart Beats LLC, Adaptations to your home
- Steve Leone, Spiezle Architectural Group: Staying Well at Home - Home Renovations
- Jack Carman, Spiezle Architectural Group: Designing Your Outdoor Space

Session 2: Help in the Home

Recording link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y7Otyin0wQo&t=7s>

Speakers:

- Larry Aaronson, Homewatch CareGivers of South Orange: Home Care 101
- Lori Morell, Parker at Monroe Adult Day Center: Adult Day Care
- Edgar Brisbon, Silver Lining Advantage: Pay for Home Care
- Kani Burgos, Lutheran Senior LIFE at Jersey City: The PACE program

Session 3: Residential Options

Recording link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t0RYrJAuE8M&t=36s>

Speakers:

- Harold Colton-Max, Jewish Housing Community Corp: Defining Residential Options
- James Tavormina, Springpoint LLC: The Continuing Care Model
- Carl Archer, Archer Brogrn Elder Law: Financing Assisted Living and Long-term Care
- Diane Riley, Supportive Housing Network: Supportive Housing

Session 4: Policy & Plans for New Solutions

Recording link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WhkD8FrgBVA&t=7s>

Speakers:

- Dean Dafis, Mayor of Maplewood, ADU and Housing Policy in NJ
- Cassondra Warney, Corporation for Supportive Housing: Supportive Housing Updates
- Laurie Facciarossa Brewer, LTC Ombudsman: Long Term Care and Assisted Living