Age-Related Resources

Administration on Aging - It includes information designed for Older Americans and their families as well as those concerned about providing the opportunities and services to enrich the lives of older persons and support their independence.

Alzheimer's Association - Alzheimers.com is dedicated to preventing and treating the cognitive decline of Alzheimer's disease, and to providing practical, up-to-the-minute information to empower Alzheimer's caregivers to manage the disease more confidently, effectively, and economically.

Alzheimer's Association : Kansas - The Alzheimer’s Association, Central and Western Kansas Office, provides vital services and support to individuals, caregivers and families. We serve 68 counties in Kansas.

American Association of Homes and Services for the Aging (AAHSA) - The members of the American Association of Homes and Services for the Aging (AAHSA) help millions of individuals and their families every day through mission-driven, not-for-profit organizations dedicated to providing the services that people need, when they need them, in the place they call home. Our member organizations offer the continuum of aging services: adult day services, home health, community services, senior housing, assisted living residences, continuing care retirement communities and nursing homes. AAHSA’s commitment is to create the future of aging services through quality people can trust.

American Association of Retired Persons - AARP is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization dedicated to helping older Americans achieve lives of independence, dignity and purpose. AARP excels as a dynamic presence in every community, shaping and enriching the experience of aging for each member and for society.

American Federation for Aging Research - Since 1981, the American Federation for Aging Research (AFAR) has helped scientists begin and further careers in aging research and geriatric medicine. Their mission is to promote healthier aging through biomedical research.

American Geriatrics Society - The American Geriatrics Society (AGS) has a special interest in protecting the rights of older persons, including those who become unable to make decisions for themselves. While the goal should always be to respect patient preferences, doctors and families are often unsure what the patient would prefer in a given situation.

American Public Health Association - APHA brings together researchers, health service providers, administrators, teachers, and other health workers in a unique, multidisciplinary environment of professional exchange, study, and action. APHA is concerned with a broad set of issues affecting personal and environmental health, including federal and state funding for health programs, pollution control, programs and policies related to chronic and infectious diseases, a smoke-free society by the year 2000, and professional education in public health.

American Society on Aging - Enhancing the knowledge and skills of those working with older adults and their families.

Association for Gerontology Education in Social Work - The Association for Gerontology Education in Social Work provides leadership and assistance to social work educational programs and professionals in order to advocate for the integration of gerontological content in undergraduate and social work education, to promote the teaching of gerontology to all social workers, and to develop both short and long-term perspectives in relevant curricular developments.

Association for Gerontology in Higher Education - The Association for Gerontology in Higher Education is a national organization devoted primarily to gerontologic and geriatrics education. It is an educational unit of The Gerontological Society of America.
Blue Cross/Blue Shield - The Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association (BCBSA) is a national federation of 39 independent, community-based and locally operated Blue Cross and Blue Shield companies.

Central Plaines Area Agency on Aging – The CPAA mission is to be the recognized leader in a collaborative effort towards assisting diverse populations of older adults and persons with physical disabilities to maintain their choice of lifestyle through education, advocacy and services. They are an organization dedicated to preserving individual dignity, enhancing the overall quality of life, and nurturing independence for older adults and persons with physical disabilities.

Department of Epidemiology and Preventive Medicine - A multidisciplinary team dedicated to improving the health of the public by training medical students, graduate students, and health professionals, conducting research, and serving as a resource to the university, the state, and the broader community.

Explore your Options – This guide provides a list of all Wichita area organizations that serve older adults. This book will help you through the maze of services available to Kansas seniors. It is designed to help you take an active role in making decisions that affect your health care and living situation. Even if you are faced with a serious illness or disabling disease, knowing that you have options to help you maintain your independence and stay at home can be a great comfort.

Gerontological Society of America - The Gerontological Society of America was established in 1945 to promote the scientific study of aging, to encourage exchanges among researchers and practitioners from various disciplines related to gerontology, and to foster the use of gerontological research in forming public policy. While the Society has grown in numbers and scope along with the field, the founding mission remains the Society’s principal concern today.

Kaiser Permanente - America’s leading nonprofit integrated health plan, Kaiser Permanente serves more than 8.6 million people from 35 hospitals and 431 medical office buildings in nine states and the District of Columbia. Focused on the health and well-being of our members and communities, the people of Kaiser Permanente continually elevate the state of health care with progressive products, services, and advancements. We believe in spreading health—online, offline, through educational programs and awareness campaigns, and through good ol’ word of mouth. We practice well-care as well as sick-care, and advocate prevention as well as treatment.

Kansas Department on Aging - The Kansas Department on Aging mission is to promote the security, dignity and independence of Kansas seniors. The Kansas Department on Aging envisions a community that empowers Kansas seniors to make choices about their lives.

National Association of Area Agencies (N4A) - 4a’s primary mission is to build the capacity of its members to help older persons and persons with disabilities live with dignity and choices in their homes and communities for as long as possible.

National Institute on Aging - The National Institute on Aging (NIA) is one of the National Institutes of Health, the principal biomedical research agency of the United States Government. The NIA promotes healthy aging by conducting and supporting biomedical, social, and behavioral research and public education.

Sedgwick County's Department on Aging - Sedgwick County's Department on Aging mission is to be the recognized leader in a collaborative effort toward assisting diverse populations of older adults and persons with physical disabilities to maintain their choice of lifestyle through education, advocacy and services.

Senior Services, Inc. of Wichita - Senior Services, Inc. of Wichita is a nonprofit organization. It is dedicated to offering innovative, effective programs that allow older adults and their families to lead quality lives and to continue to make positive contributions to the community.
**Social Security Administration** – The SSA delivers services through a nationwide network of over 1,400 offices that include regional offices, field offices, card centers, teleservice centers, processing centers, hearing offices, the Appeals Council, and our State and territorial partners, the Disability Determination Services. We also have a presence in U.S. embassies around the globe. For the public, we are the “face of the government.” The rich diversity of our employees mirrors the public we serve.

**U.S. Senate Special Committee on Aging: Information on internship program.** - The Special Committee on Aging has served as a focal point in the Senate for discussion and debate on matters relating to older Americans. Often, the Committee will submit its findings and recommendations for legislation to the Senate. In addition, the Committee publishes materials of assistance to those interested in public policies which relate to the elderly.