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Overview of Shared Sites

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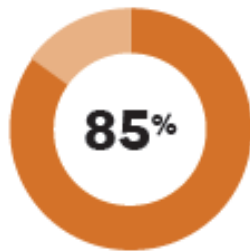
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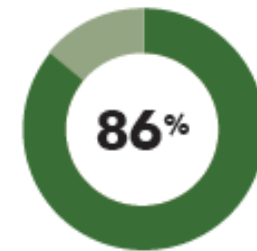
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People prefer intergenerational care settings to those with just a single age group.

When it comes to personal preferences, more than 4 in 5 Americans say if they (85%) or a loved one (86%) needed care services, they would prefer a care setting where there are opportunities to interact with people of different age groups over one with just a single age group.

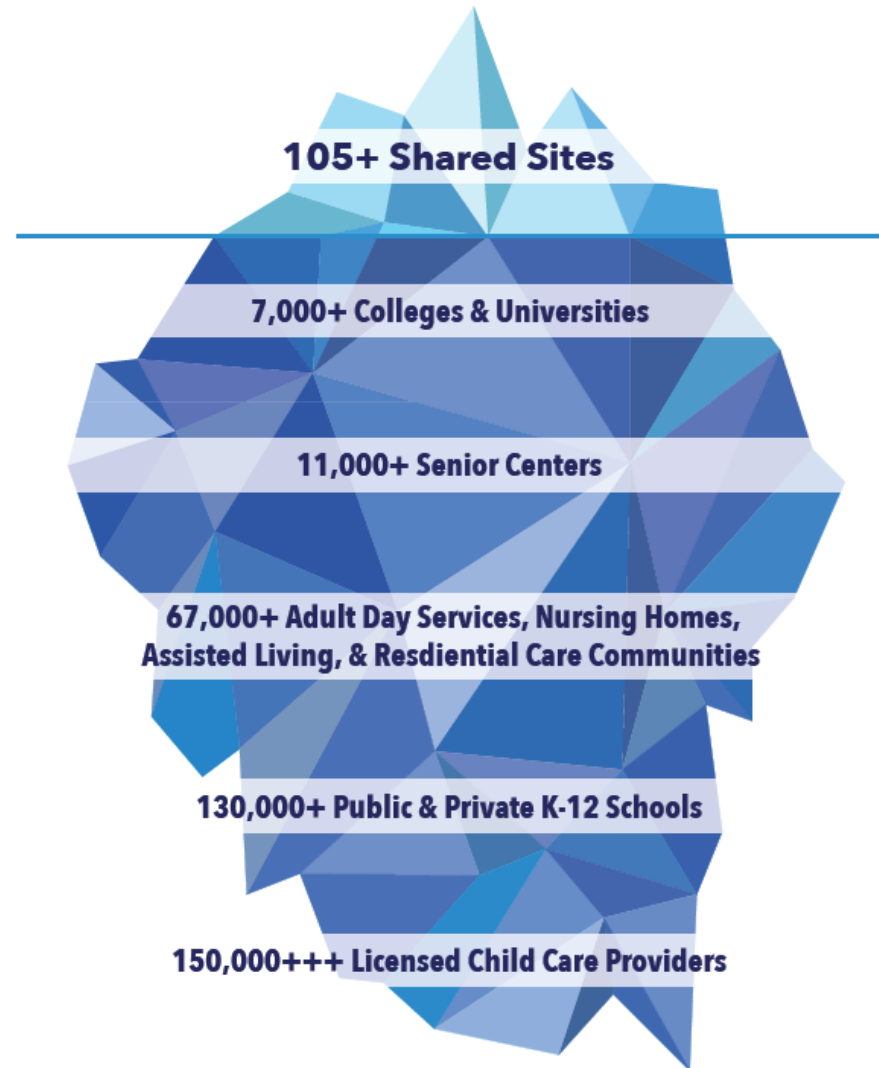


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Shared Sites are just the tip of the Iceberg



Intergenerational Opportunities in the Older Americans Act 2020 Reauthorization

Overview

In 1965, Congress enacted the Older Americans Act (OAA) to provide grants to states to develop and improve services and programs to help older people. The services and programs provided by the OAA have made notable differences in the lives of millions of older adults and those who care about them. Throughout the Act's 54-year lifespan, Congress has modified and amended it through the reauthorization process to ensure that older individuals maintain maximum independence in their homes and communities. Previous reauthorizations have added and expanded opportunities for intergenerational programs.

Intergenerational programs encourage young and old to share their talents and resources and support each other in relationships that benefit both populations and the community as a whole.

Current Context

The OAA was reauthorized through the Supporting Older Americans Act of 2020 which was signed into law on March 25, 2020. The Act—which includes a series of bipartisan intergenerational provisions that Generations United helped champion—has been reauthorized through 2024. The following identifies the intergenerational opportunities that have been expanded or newly created through this reauthorization of the Older Americans Act.

National Family Caregiver Support Program – Sec. 217 and Sec. 218

The National Family Caregiver Support Program (NFCSP) provides grants to state agencies on aging that award funds to area agencies on aging (AAA's) for caregiver support. The NFCSP was among the first intergenerational additions to the OAA and has allowed various family caregivers to qualify for support, including grandparents and other relatives age 55 and older who are raising children. NFCSP support services include: educating caregivers on what services are available; assisting caregivers in accessing the services; individual counseling; organizing support groups or caregiver trainings; respite care; and supplemental services that complement care provided by the caregiver. Previously, there was a 10% cap on the funds that could be spent on grandparents and other relatives raising children.

The reauthorization law removes the 10% cap, allowing states to determine how to best spend their funds and to best meet the needs of their communities. It also allows the Secretary of Health

and Human Services to award funds for activities of national significance that improve supports provided to older caregivers.

Grant Program for Multigenerational Collaboration – Sec. 306

The OAA reauthorization expands upon an existing grant program to encourage projects that focus on multigenerational collaboration. It specifies that these programs can and should reduce social isolation which occurs most commonly in the youngest and oldest generations. Key goals to be developed when carrying out intergenerational activities are creating meaningful roles for participants, ensuring reciprocity in relationship-building, promoting lifelong learning, reducing social isolation and building social connectedness. The reauthorization specifies that programs supporting older caregivers of children including kinship navigator programs qualify for these grants. The grant periods for these programs are at least three years. Programs serving both young and old should be prioritized, and the Assistant Secretary shall give preference to shared site



Federal Funding Opportunities for Intergenerational Shared Sites

Relationships, ingenuity, and persistence is a consistent thread that is found in intergenerational shared site programs. While the Older Americans Act provides specified funding to support shared site programming, the limited federal funding appropriated to those programs constricts their reach.

It is more typical to have a combination of private philanthropy together with federal, state, and community funding to support shared site activities. Construction of intergenerational sites have distinctly different funding sources than the ongoing operating resources necessary to maintain or expand programming. However big or small, all require strong relationships throughout government agencies that allow for the opportunity to use a combination of funding sources to support intergenerational activities.



This chart is designed to share some of the federal funding sources that include – or could include – support for intergenerational shared sites. More information on funding intergenerational shared sites can be found in [Piecing It Together: What We Know About the Funding Puzzle for Spaces that Connect Young and Old](#). Additional resources on intergenerational shared sites can be found at www.gu.org/resources/intergenerational-shared-sites.

PROGRAM	DESCRIPTION
21st Century Community Learning Centers (Title IV Part B of No Child Left Behind Elementary and Secondary Education Act)	Administered by the Department of Education to support the creation of community learning centers that provide academic enrichment opportunities during non-school hours for children, particularly students who attend high-poverty and low-performing schools. The program helps students meet state and local student standards in core academic subjects, such as reading and math; offers students a broad array of enrichment activities that can complement their regular academic programs; and offers literacy and other educational services to the families of participating children. Source: https://www2.ed.gov/programs/21stcrlc/index.html
AmeriCorps	AmeriCorps (formerly the Corporation for National and Community Service) is a federal agency that provides grants to national and local nonprofits, schools, government agencies, faith-based and other community organizations and other groups committed to strengthening their communities through AmeriCorps and AmeriCorps Seniors (formerly Senior Corps) volunteers. AmeriCorps Seniors includes such programs as Foster Grandparents that provide volunteers age 55+ to serve as role models, mentors, and friends to children with exceptional needs and RSVP one of the largest volunteer networks in the national for people age 55 and over. Source: https://www.nationalservice.gov/programs/seniorcorps/what-senior-corps



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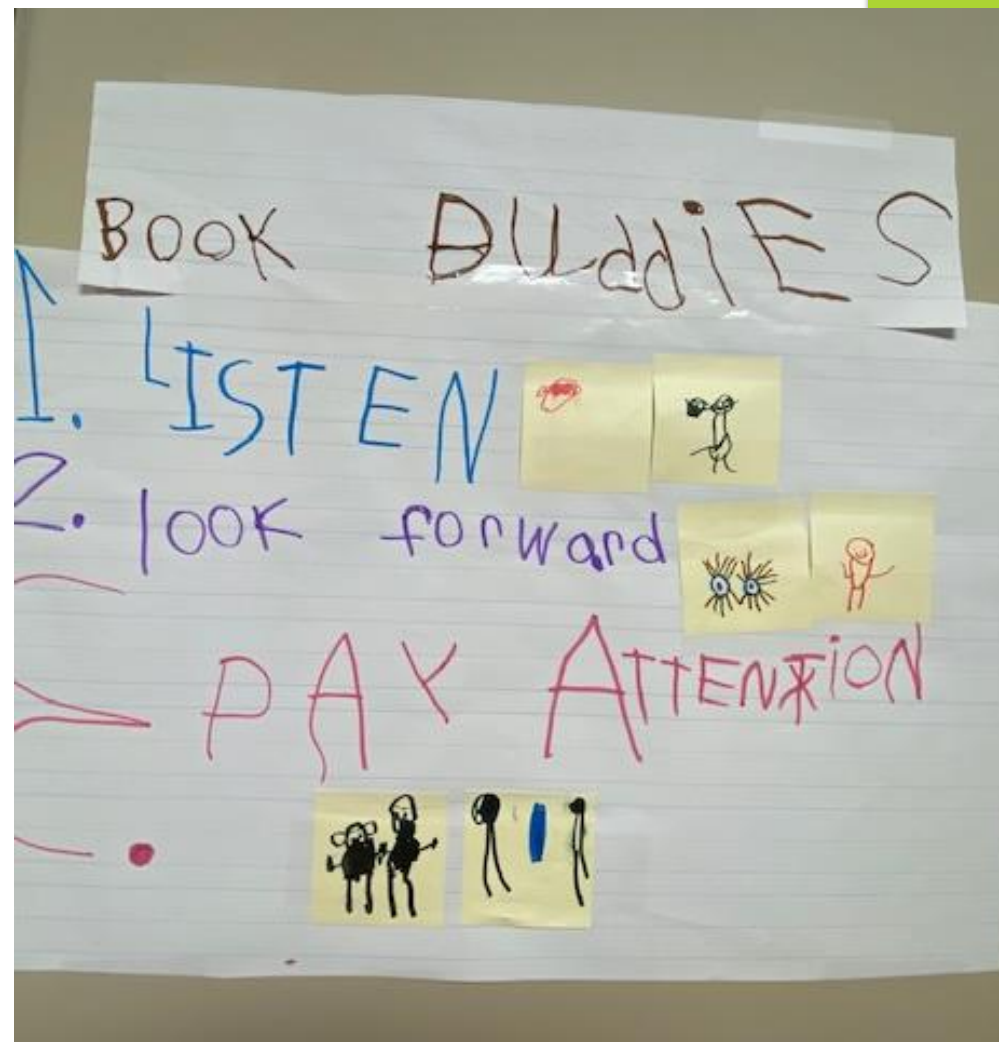
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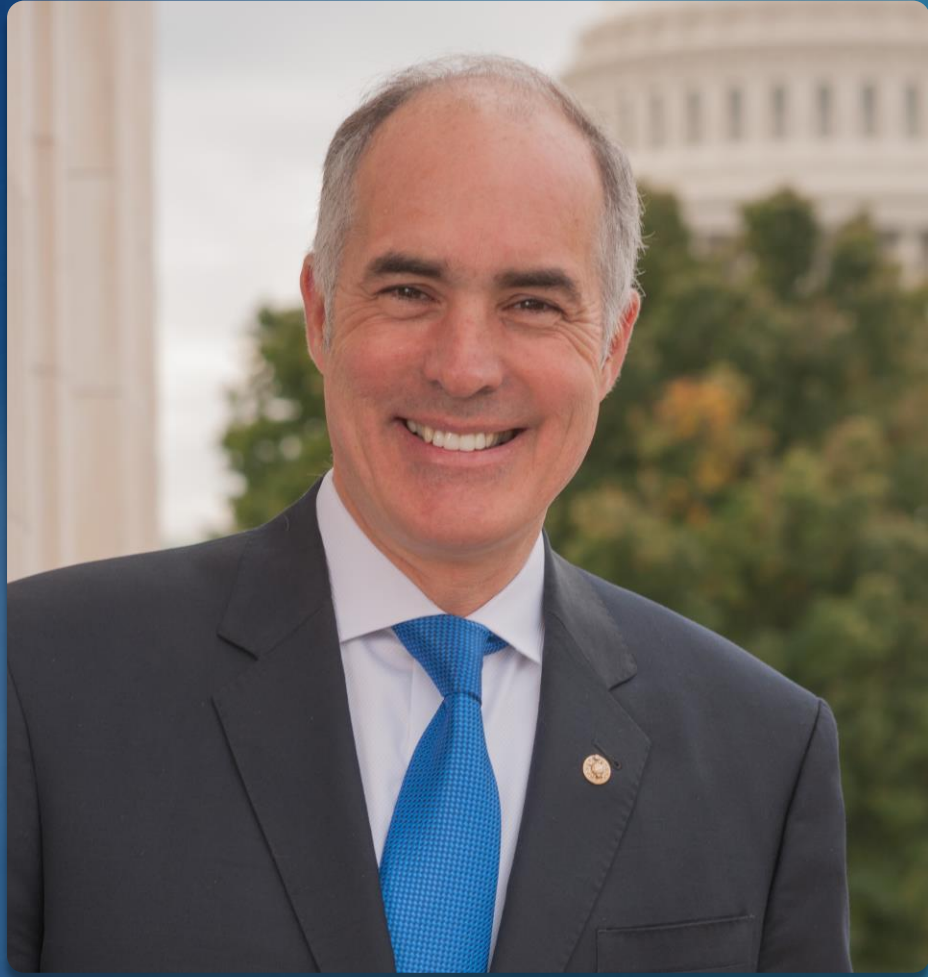
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Overview of the Older Americans Act

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