

Re-Engage

Day One – June 21, 2022

8:30 Zoom room opens. Optional break out rooms for networking with other participants

9:00 Conference opens. Welcome and overview

9:15 – 9:30 Remarks by Susan DeMarois, California Department of Aging Director

Susan DeMarois will talk about villages and the California aging services landscape.

9:30 – 10:30 *How Are Villages Re-Engaging?* Community Conversation led by Laura Peck of Ashby Village and the DEI Training Institute

Often, the best part of a conference is the exchanges you have over coffee or in the hallway as you share your insights and excitement about what you are seeing and hearing. We will mirror that experience through two focused conversations about how you have been supporting, connecting, and engaging members and volunteers. The conversations will happen in breakout rooms of four to five people. Each room will have different participants so you can meet more villagers. The conversations will invite you to share innovative practices from your village, stimulate new thinking, and make new connections.

10:30 – 10:45 Break and opportunity to meet sponsors in optional break out rooms

Join a breakout room to meet the staff of our sponsors: AARP, FrontPorch, California Phones, Senior Medicare Patrol, and Kaiser Permanente. Several are eager to set up follow-up presentations for your village.

10:45 – 11:45 *Creating Joy in Your Village*, an Interactive Workshop led by Katie Wade and Jessica McCracken of Front Porch

Creative Aging is all about having fun and creating joy. Two top practitioners, Katie Wade and Jessica McCracken, will share two simple exercises you can bring back to your village to stimulate joy and creativity. They'll offer ways to access resources to bring Creative Aging to your village community.

11:45 – 12:00 Remarks by Kate Hoepke, Village Movement CA Board Chair and Executive Director of San Francisco Village

Kate Hoepke will share her thoughts about the deep value of villages during this time of demographic and social change.

12:00 Closing

12:05 – 12:30 Optional break out rooms with sponsors and Ashby Village's ElderAction

Leaders of ElderAction, Ashby Village's largest interest group with 100+ members, will share a strategy they're using to make being old their superpower. They'll describe how some of Ashby Village members, in the Bay Area in California, are using their skills and experience to further social justice, locally and beyond.

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Day Two – June 22, 2022

8:30 Zoom room opens. Optional break out rooms for networking with other participants

9:00 Conference opens. Welcome back

9:15 – 10:45 *Bridging the Divide: Building Understanding, Trust, and Respect*, an Interactive Workshop led by Barbara Farmer and Michael Siegel of Braver Angels

Braver Angels is a non-profit, non-partisan organization whose mission is to bring Americans together to bridge the partisan divide and strengthen our democratic republic. Braver Angels workshops teach the communication skills of listening, sharing, and speaking. Like our country, villages can be a place where people build community through the expression of ideas and opinions. Braver Angels Southern California leaders will offer skill-building exercises for participants to explore and seek common ground and shared values.

10:45 – 11:00 Break and opportunity to meet sponsors in optional break out rooms

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11:00 – 11:15 Announcement of the new DEI Training Institute

Leaders will share a new, exciting opportunity for villages to build knowledge and skills for engaging with diverse older adults as members and volunteers.

11:15 – 11:30 *Why Engagement in the State's Policy Process is Crucial to Village Sustainability*, remarks by Leza Coleman, Legislative Director of CA Commission on Aging and Village Movement CA Board Member

The Master Plan for Aging includes a specific village objective, an important starting point for gaining government recognition and the funding required to sustain villages. Our speaker will share her successes and her advice for gaining government support through education and advocacy.

11:30 – 11:50 *State of California's Village Movement*, Charlotte Dickson

Village Movement California has achieved remarkable success since launching in 2018. Charlotte Dickson will share her thoughts about pivoting from a successful start-up to a solid player in California's aging services continuum. She'll talk about the opportunities we must seize to grow and sustain our model of care.

12:00 Closing

12:05 – 12:30 Optional break out room with sponsors and DEI TI leaders

Yvette Leung, Laura Peck, and Donna Terazawa will share details about the DEI Training Institute along with the process and timeline for applying.