

Colorado

Analysis of Colorado's Statewide Human Service and Public Transportation Networks



With one of the fastest growing elderly populations in the country, Colorado's over-65 population is expected to triple in the next 25 years, putting further strain on already limited transportation resources for the mobility impaired. With this in mind, the HealthONE Alliance and Rose Community Foundation sought help from Nelson\Nygaard in analyzing Colorado's human service and public transportation networks and providing decision-makers in Colorado with a framework for discussing improvements to these systems.

Understanding that coordination between existing transportation service providers would make the best use of available resources, Nelson\Nygaard approached this challenge by analyzing the factors that would need to be addressed to implement a coordination structure for the state.

This included analysis of existing transportation networks, funding sources, demographic trends, and existing coordination efforts.

The recommendations for action detailed specific steps toward implementing coordination. These included the establishment of a bi-level oversight structure and regional and county-based transportation coordinators, flexible service delivery designs, additional outreach, and demonstration pilots. In a follow-up effort, Nelson\Nygaard staff also provided technical assistance to the Colorado Interagency Coordinating Council and facilitated the establishment of the Denver Regional Mobility and Accessibility Council (DRMAC).



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