

Forum on Aging, Disability, and Independence

The National Academies' Forum on Aging, Disability, and Independence provides a unique platform for dialogue and collaboration among thought leaders and stakeholders in government, academia, industry, foundations, and patient advocacy, with the ultimate goal to promote healthy aging, independence, and community living for both older adults and people with disabilities. The Forum is particularly concerned with bridging the research, policy, and practice interests of the aging and disability communities to achieve common goals. The Forum seeks to promote this bridging to accelerate the transfer of research to practice and identify levers that will effect change to the benefit of all.

Fostering collaboration and inspiring action

The National Academies consensus study *Hearing Health Care for Adults: Priorities for Improving Access and Affordability* (2016) derived from the Forum's workshop *Hearing Loss and Healthy Aging*. The 2016 consensus report provides recommendations for key institutional, technological, and regulatory changes that would enable adults with hearing loss to more easily access and to more fully benefit from affordable and effective services, technologies, and supports.

Forum co-chair, Terry Fulmer, authored a *Health Affairs Blog* titled "*Independence—It's What Older People Want*" in November 2015, which notes that the Forum provides a neutral venue to bring together stakeholders in aging and disability from around the country, accelerate the transfer of research to practice and policy, and identify levers of change.

The Huffington Post published an article in January 2016 titled "*Opening the Front Door to Better Care*" discussing the overarching themes of the Forum's workshop *The Future of Home Health Care*. The article suggests that the Future of Health Home (FOHH) Project, developed by the Alliance for Home Health Quality and Innovation, "really picked up steam" because of the workshop.

The Forum's publication *The Future of Home Health Care: Workshop Summary* was highlighted at a Congressional briefing on the subject of achieving the Triple Aim for home health care in May 2015. Congressman David McKinley (R-WV) attended and spoke about the reforms needed to improve care.

U.S. News and World Report published an article in September 2014 titled "*Is Home Health a Solution to Rising Health Costs?*" based on the Forum's workshop *The Future of Home Health Care*. The article cites specific workshop presentations related to the potential for home health care to "give people better health outcomes and the kind of care they want."

Who is reading the Forum's workshop proceedings

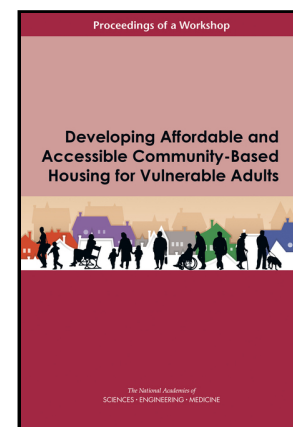
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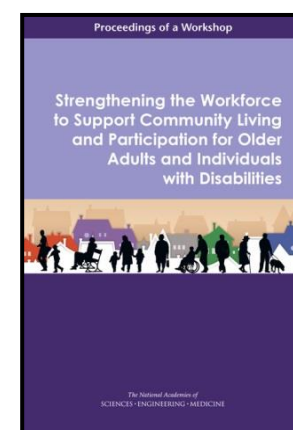
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How the workshop proceedings are being used

“To enhance my education on **healthy aging and its interface with technology.**” (School of public health, US)

Used “in the **development of virtual care strategies for care management** in a rural area.” (Health system, US)

To help “**train our future geriatric workforce.**” (University, US)

To serve as a reference in “**developing a technology-based intervention** for older adults with mild cognitive impairment in the community setting” (US) and in “**designing medical devices** for self-managed rehabilitation and long-term conditions.” (University, New Zealand)

“For **advancing policy discussions and dialogue** with SMEs [small and medium-sized enterprises] and insurance companies on the use of technologies adapted to the needs of [an] aging population.” (Israel)

“To **communicate the importance of this topic** to professionals who work in the field of hearing health.” (Hearing technology company, Australia)

“To **disseminate knowledge** of the workshop and its conclusions within an industrial research context.” (Research company, Denmark)

“To **inform . . . government policy** concerning disability care” (Disability healthcare program, Australia) and to “**inform policy development** for Medicaid long-term services and supports.” (State government, US)

To “**integrate information into our strategic plans**” (Long-term care facility, Canada) and to “**inform thinking, discussions & planning** in my organization.” (Home health care agency, Canada)

“For **exemplar research in considering management practice.**” (Health system, Ireland)

To help “**prepare our clinicians and organization to be ready and respond well to the changes in healthcare** as we secure our position as a prominent part of the health care continuum.” (Home healthcare company, US)

To provide “insight into **evaluation and planning of our long-term care services** for our elderly and persons with disabilities.” (Hong Kong)

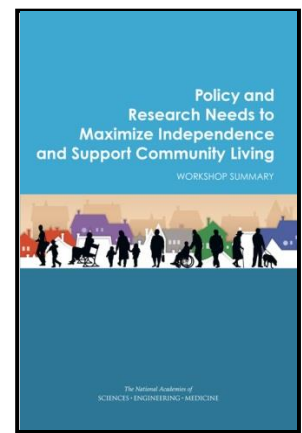
To “**incorporate data and recommendations in business strategy.**” (Healthcare education company, US)

“To **better support employees with disability** in the workplace.” (Australia)

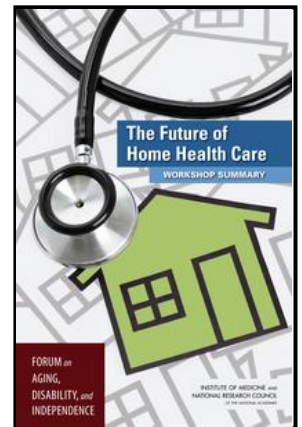
To “better understand the system and learn about **ideas for collaboration between agencies.**” (University, US)

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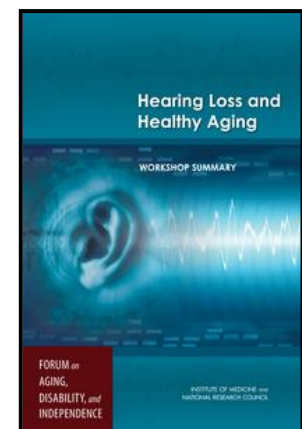
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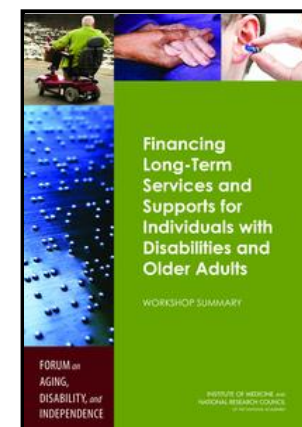
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