



Department for
the Aging

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Dear Colleague:

I am pleased to share with you the New York City Department for the Aging's **Annual Plan Summary for 2010-2011**. This Plan provides a valuable opportunity for the Department to share its goals and objectives with the aging network. A series of public hearings on the Plan provides forums for consumers, community partners, advocates, and other interested parties to give the Department feedback and suggestions on issues that impact New York City's older adults.

The Department has been developing visions to enhance the City's livability, improve the health of older adults, and capitalize on the assets that New Yorkers of all ages have to offer one another via strengths-based community programming. The initiatives in "Age-Friendly NYC: Enhancing Our City's Livability for Older New Yorkers," a blueprint for promoting active aging, will be implemented by the Department. The document focuses on four areas: community and civic participation; housing; public spaces and transportation; and health and social services.

I encourage you to attend or testify at one of our five public hearings in October (please see the Annual Plan for the schedule); a Testimony Request form can be found on our website. If you are unable to attend one of the hearings, please feel free to submit written comments via email or mail. The Department welcomes your input and values your expertise. All comments will be carefully considered. I look forward to learning from you as you share your insights and ideas.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lilliam Barrios-Paoli".

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