VISION:

The Center on Aging and Community envisions a society for all ages and abilities.

MISSION:

The mission of the Center on Aging and Community is to provide leadership that enables older persons to lead self-determined lives within their communities. The Center promotes practices that ensure access to opportunities for meaningful, productive, and healthy lifestyles, through:

- An emphasis on community membership and community building;
- Promoting the voices of older persons and adults with disabilities; and
- Conducting research, training, technical assistance and policy development.

TARGET POPULATIONS:

The Center on Aging and Community was established in 1986 in recognition of the growing number of older adults with disabilities. Many adults with developmental disabilities begin to experience age-related changes as early as the third decade.

CURRENT PROJECTS:

- Managing national demonstration project for statewide planning in Indiana to create life span communities.
- Technical assistance and training with the Self-Advocates of Indiana, provider organizations, families, and other persons with disabilities;
- Arts and humanities projects to promote expression and build awareness of the community contributions of older adults and persons with disabilities;
- Website development for careers in the arts for people with disabilities;
- Leadership Series for adults with developmental disabilities in partnership with Indiana Protection and Advocacy Services and Governor’s Planning Council for People with Disabilities
- Consulting/training throughout the U.S. with elder-friendly community initiatives.
- Research and program/policy development on family supports for aging caregivers and adult children with developmental disabilities