



South Carolina's Operation to Confront Social Isolation & Loneliness:

Member Descriptions



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***SOCIAL Aging is seeking members to assist in raising awareness
and eliminating social isolation and loneliness among older adults
in South Carolina.***

Infrastructure

Backbone

The Office for the Study of Aging (OSA) at the University of South Carolina serves as the backbone support infrastructure for SOCIAL Aging. The OSA is needed to foster cross-sector communication, alignment, and collaboration required to achieve population-level systems change in social isolation for older adults. The OSA primary responsibility is the coordination and creating a place for the work of the coalition to be completed. The time commitment varies, though, a minimum of 10 hours of dedication monthly is required. Additional responsibilities include:

- Maintain open communication between all members, work groups, and partnerships
- Serve as the funding applicant, and if awarded, fund management
- Seek funding opportunities for the coalition
- Provide support to partners who seek collaboration or letters of support for funding opportunities
- Facilitate steering committee and coalition meetings
- Create meeting agendas and minutes
- Maintain the accuracy of the shared drive for coalition members

Steering Committee

The Steering Committee is composed of leaders, decision-makers, and community members who provide strategic direction for the Coalition. The total time commitment for a Steering Committee member is estimated to be 4 hours monthly. Though, additional time may be required to achieve coalition goals and tasks. Responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

- Meet with the OSA at least one time prior to coalition meetings
- Maintain ongoing communication with OSA on the status of identified tasks, funding opportunities, and potential partnerships
- Empower coalition members to maintain active coalition engagement

Workgroup Chair/ Co-Chair

Each workgroup shall have a Chair and a Co-Chair to share responsibilities. These positions may be any coalition member dedicated to achieving the workgroup's goals and tasks. These individuals will lead the workgroup based on personal or professional experience and/or expertise. Responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

- Provide direction and structure to the workgroup
- Maintain communication amongst workgroup members
- Oversee the completion of tasks in a timely manner
- Report progress to OSA to keep the coalition updated

Workgroup Member

Workgroup members consist of professionals with subject expertise and individuals to address the needs of older adults experiencing social isolation and loneliness. Responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

- Attend meetings
- Participate in parts of task completion to the best of their ability
- Engage with workgroup meetings and members

Coalition Member

Coalition members are individuals and organizations who have a passion to address social isolation and loneliness in older adults and want to be a part of active change in the community and across the state. Responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

- Attend meetings
- Engage with coalition members
- Provide professional or personal expertise to achieve coalition goals and objectives



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Contact

If you are interested in learning more about SOCIAL Aging's efforts or about becoming a member, please contact the Office for the Study of Aging at the University of South Carolina.

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