



# The Age-Friendly City Research Resources

## People

- One of the best ways to understand the advantages and disadvantages of aging is to talk to the people who are living it. For example, interviews can be conducted with grandparents and older neighbors. Students can also arrange to interview seniors at a local senior center, independent living, or assisted living community. Most seniors would love to help young people!

## General

- AgeLab, Massachusetts Institute of Technology  
<http://agelab.mit.edu/research>
- World Health Organization
  - Age Friendly Environments  
<http://www.who.int/ageing/age-friendly-environments/en/>
  - Age-Friendly World  
<https://extranet.who.int/agefriendlyworld/why-become-more-af/>
- 8 80 Cities (Making cities work for people from 8 to 80)  
<http://www.880cities.org/index.php/>
- AARP/Network of Age-Friendly Communities  
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<http://irpp.org/research-studies/insight-no14/>

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"Aging in Place, Stuck without Options: *Fixing the Mobility Crisis Threatening the Baby Boom Generation*"  
<http://t4america.org/docs/SeniorsMobilityCrisis.pdf>
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