

## 2013 Summit on Aging Well in Jefferson County

### “Living on the Edge”

#### HOUSING WORKGROUP

- Jefferson County is, in general, very supportive of affordable senior housing and always looking for ways to further encourage its development. Demand for options high.
  - Comprehensive Master Plan and community plans w/senior housing policies
  - Many options currently available in Jeffco
    - Multi-family independent and/or age restricted, with or without services
    - Assisted Living
    - Long-term care
    - ADUs
      - Currently looking at making it more accessible
      - Arvada, Golden, others in Denver Metro area have model ordinances
    - Co-housing. House sharing
    - Retrofitting re accessibility, care giver
    - Villages
    - Pocket neighborhoods
  - Affordable/Senior Housing Matrix to analyze costs and benefits
- Goal of most adults, nationally, internationally and in Jefferson County, to remain in one’s own home, whether it is single family, multi-family, owned or rent. With or without services. Low income older adults are challenged to do so.
- Need for in-home supportive services increasing; range from light housekeeping, laundry, shopping plus medication monitoring, bathing. Private pay to OAA funds. Medicaid Home and Community Based Services.
  - Community Without Walls Program
    - Lifeline, medication dispensing servicing, tele-health, care coordination
- Columbine Community Village in Littleton
  - One-call access to volunteer services for rides to doctor or store, household, etc
  - 50 person organization; interest growing throughout region and country
- Universal Design Standards to allow seniors to remain safely at home; Visitability
- Smaller, accessible ranch style homes in limited supply in Jeffco; in June, 23 under 100K
- Affordable homes for aging Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities; outliving parents for first time in history
- Funding for affordable senior housing dwindling nationally and in Jeffco; 2 year wait lists