

Survey To Be Conducted

Elbert, Lincoln, Kit Carson and Cheyenne counties will be participating in a statewide effort to survey Colorado older adults this spring and summer, using the Community Assessment Survey for Older Adults (CASOA™), conducted by National Research Center, Inc., a Colorado-based survey research firm.

In the coming weeks, questionnaires will be sent to a random sample of older adult households; if your household is chosen, your participation is important. The results will be included in a final report to be used for budget decisions and will be used by staff, elected officials and other stakeholders to plan for older adult services, programs and facilities.

The objectives of the CASOA are to:

- Identify community strengths in serving older adults
- Articulate the specific needs of older adults in a given community

The survey focuses on a series of older adult residents' needs and the community supports that foster successful aging. More than forty common needs affecting older adults' well being will be assessed. These forty issues fall into the larger categories of health and wellness, community design and land use, participation in productive activities, and community resources for information and planning. Older adults' opinions about current community amenities and opportunities will be measured in the survey.

Should you (or someone in your household) be selected to participate in this survey, your cooperation would be greatly appreciated. For more information, please contact Terry Baylie or Debby Conrads at 348-5562 or toll free at 1-800-825-0208.