A healthy aging population is vital to North Carolina’s future

**WHAT ARE THE SYMPTOMS?**

- **65**
  - Every year, 50K North Carolinians reach age 65. That’s nearly the population of Rocky Mount.

- **31st**
  - North Carolina’s average Senior Health Ranking since 2013.

- **60+**
  - By 2019 NC will have more people over age 60 than under 17.

**SOURCE:** America’s Health Ranking, 2013-2017; OSDM, 2008-2019

**WHAT ARE THE CONDITIONS IN NC?**

Over the last decade North Carolina’s older adult population has grown by 44%, but state funding for the Division of Aging and Adult Services has not responded, increasing by only 6% since 2008. Additionally, state investments towards the Home and Community Care Block Grant, a program that provides services to older adults in their homes and communities, have decreased by $2.3 million since 2012.

**STATE FUNDING FOR AGING & ADULT SERVICES HAS NOT RESPONDED TO THE GROWING NUMBER OF OLDER ADULTS IN NC**

**WHY TREATMENT MATTERS**

- Better investments will provide a stronger quality of life for older adults in NC.
- More older adults will be able to safely age in place.
- When older adults are in better health, costs are reduced for everyone.
- Healthier older adults relieve some of the burden on caregivers, who work hard to support older adults.

**SOURCE:** OSDM, 2008-2019; NCDHHS, 2012-2019

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