

Village-to Village Network in Wisconsin

As we work toward creating Aging-Friendly Communities, the Village model can be part of the solution!

Village Formation Stages

Exploratory: Not sure yet if a *Village* is feasible or what the options are in forming one.

Development: You have decided to create a *Village*. You have made basic choices and now need to get organized.

Operational: Have members and offering services and programs.

Mission of the Village:

To enable seniors to age-in-place

- In their own community
- As healthfully as possible
- As independently as possible
- As long as possible

Common Characteristics of Villages

Non-profit—Complements the publicly funded services and programs; fills gaps; has more autonomy.

Volunteerism – Programs and services are largely volunteer-based.

Community & Connection – Serve, geographically based communities, expanding connections with neighbors.

Grassroots Self-Governance – The organization is led by and for older adults.

Consolidator of Services – “One call does it all” concierge service provider.



- SAIL is the second oldest Village in the country, started in 2005. Beacon Hill Village enrolled first members in 2002.
- SAIL helped many other Villages get started. Now there are over 200 throughout the U.S. and one in New Zealand.
- SAIL is a model that has a 501 (c) 3.parent organization that created a SAIL Council for governance of day-to-day operations with 12 Members, of which 9 are SAIL Members.
- SAIL has 370 memberships and that includes 500 individual members throughout Madison.

SAIL Services—also see the SAIL website for more info: www.sailtoday.org

- At Your Service Information and Assistance
- Invitations to Interest Groups, Social, and Educational Events (rides provided)
- SAIL Monthly Messenger
- Shredding
- Volunteer Opportunities
- Rise & Shine Check-in
- In-home Technical Help
- Transportation and Other Volunteer Services
- Medication Reviews
- House Checks
- Mattress Flipping & Perks

Access to:

- Pre-screened Service Providers
- SAIL's Tech Tutoring 4 You Program
- Information and/or Referrals to Community Resources & Professional Service Members
- Selected Programs at Attic Angel Community and Oakwood Village

Discounts on:

- Life Assist Personal Emergency System
- Madison School and Community Recreation Programs
- EZ SMARTPHONE