

AgingWell
CARE THAT
EVOLVES AS WE DO

Culture and Care

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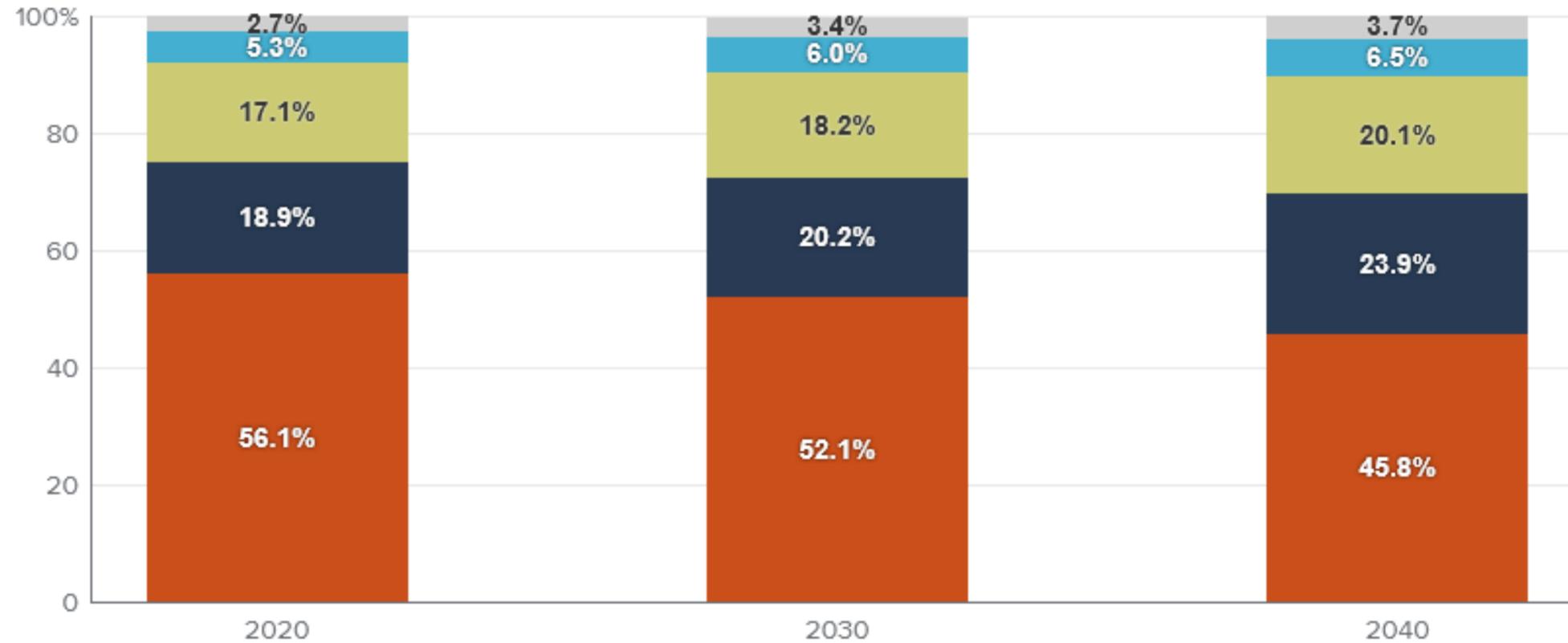
“By 2040 no race or ethnic group will comprise a majority of California’s older adult population”

- Public Policy Institute of California



Race/ethnic distribution of older Californians, 2020–2040

White Latino Asian and Pacific Islander Black Other



SOURCE: California Department of Finance Population Projections, September 2024 Vintage.

NOTES: "Other" includes multiracial, American Indian, and Native Alaskan Californians.



✦ ✦ ✦ Culture and Care - Panelists



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AC Care Alliance (ACCA) Advanced Illness Care Program



AC CARE
ALLIANCE
FAITH & HEALTH CARING
FOR THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Cynthia Carter-Perrilliat, Cofounder, CEO



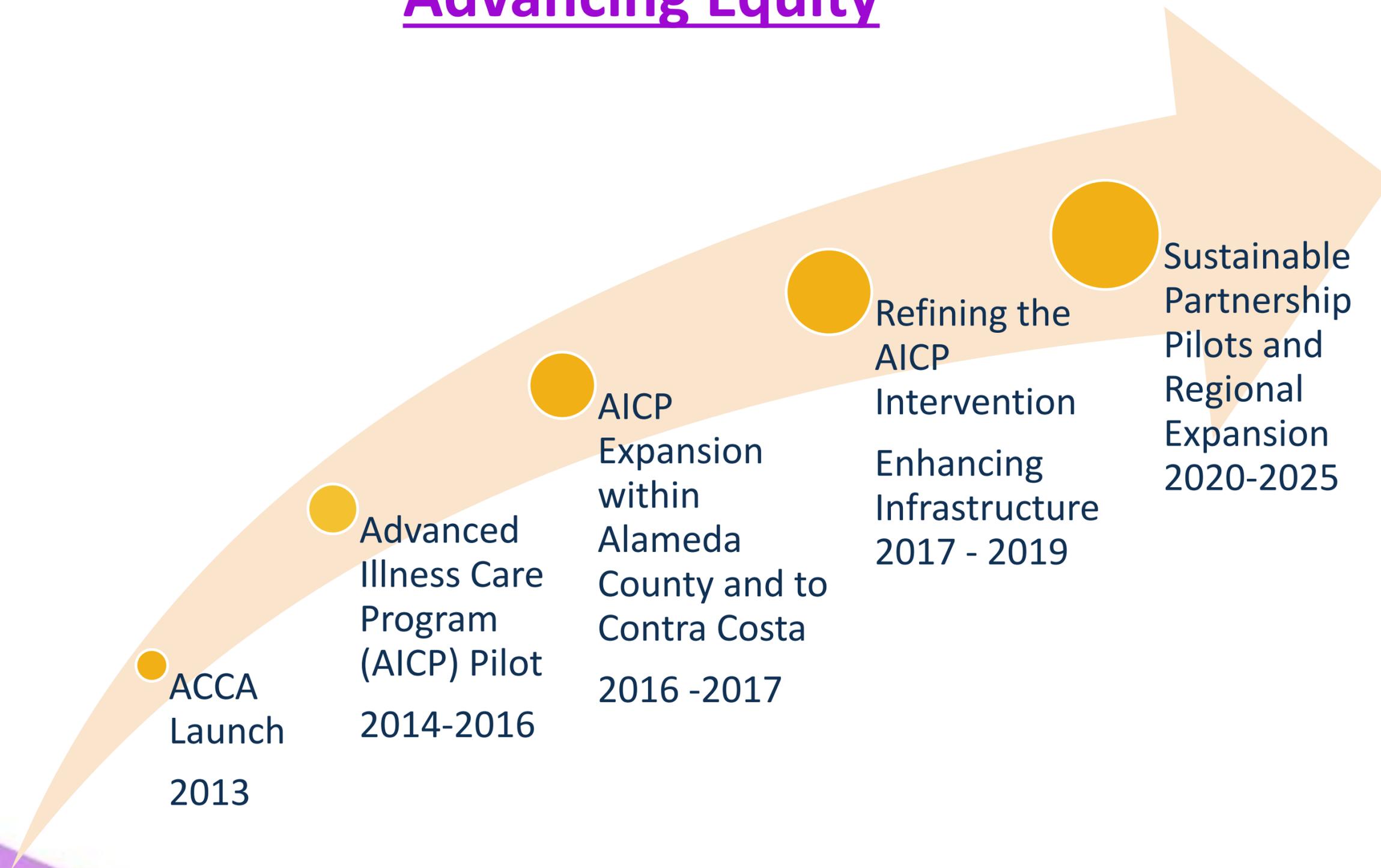
AC Care Alliance



- **Vision:** *Spread* the Model of Care – *vibrant* Healthcare and Community partnership
- **Demonstrate:** Whole-Person Focused - Body-Mind-Spirit
- **New Paradigm:** Care-Alliance Care Navigators in *collaboration* with Health Systems/Plans
- **Goal:** Meet and address the preferences of *each person served*



AC Care Alliance: Bridging the Gap, Addressing Disparities, Advancing Equity



ACCA
Launch
2013

Advanced
Illness Care
Program
(AICP) Pilot
2014-2016

AICP
Expansion
within
Alameda
County and to
Contra Costa
2016 -2017

Refining the
AICP
Intervention
Enhancing
Infrastructure
2017 - 2019

Sustainable
Partnership
Pilots and
Regional
Expansion
2020-2025

Advanced Illness Care Disparities among African Americans & Latinx



- Experience a **disproportionate burden of advanced illness** (compared to non-Hispanic whites).
- Have **less access to care** that relieves suffering and promotes quality of life.
- **Do not receive care that matches their stated preferences** for advanced illness treatment, as growing evidence suggests.

MORE

Prevalence of Advanced Illness
Later detection
Care for loved ones at home
Unmet needs (physical, spiritual, tangible resources)
Medical mistrust
Preference for life-sustaining therapies

LESS

Pain/symptom management
Guidance to make informed decisions
End-of-Life planning/conversations with loved ones and providers
Advance Directives, POLST
Access to palliative care/hospice
Care concordance with desired care

ACCA Advanced Illness Care Program™



Five Cornerstones

Series of 5-12 meetings between the Care Navigator and Person Needing Care or Caregiver over approximately 6 months

Program is personalized to individual participants' needs



Spiritual Needs

Prayer, meditation, and faith
community support



Health Needs

provider communication, physical and
emotional support



Planning for Advance Care

Understanding, choosing and
documenting advance care choices



Social Needs

Transportation, meals, housing,
socialization, financial/legal



Caregiving Needs

Respite care, support groups,
support for caregivers

➤ **Identify needs, provide trusted referrals/resources, empower individuals with tools & training**

Care Navigators Play a Critical Role



- 1 year – ECM : 6 months - AICP
- Identify needs and goals
- Provide trusted referrals/resources
- Empower individuals with tools & training
- Encourage participants to tell their stories

Outcomes



- **1,500** people served; **15,000** people touched (since 2016)
- Goal setting discussed at **100%** of visits
- Prayer provided at **85%** of visits
- Caregiver needs addressed at **53%** of visits
- **16%** of visits included applications for financial assistance
- **3.5** average social referrals per participant
- **50%** individuals completed an advance directive (compared to 15% national average)
- **High Participant and Pastoral Satisfaction!**

Engagement Partners



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SCHOOL OF NURSING



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SHILEY INSTITUTE
FOR PALLIATIVE CARE



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**BUILDING ON
CULTURES OF CARE**

BY 2030, ALMOST 10 MILLION CALIFORNIANS WILL BE AGED 60 OR OLDER.

AT LEAST 5% IDENTIFY AS LGBTQ+ (500,000 CALIFORNIANS).

51% OF LGBTQIA+ OLDER ADULTS FEEL ISOLATED OR LONELY (VS. 36% OF STRAIGHT/CIS PEERS).

73% OF HIV+ LONG TERM SURVIVORS IN SAN FRANCISCO ARE 50+.

THE POWER OF COMMUNITY-DEFINED SOLUTIONS

We empower San Francisco Bay Area LGBTQ+ older adults to overcome unique challenges through housing, direct services, peer support, and social programs.

Our campus at 75 Laguna Street includes an LGBTQ+ affirming senior center, disability and aging resource center, adult day program, support services, and affordable housing.

We serve over 3,600 LGBTQ+ older adults annually, centering their lived experiences and leadership.

community, services, and housing for LGBTQ+ seniors
openhouse



HOW CARE SYSTEMS EVOLVE

From lived experiences, we learn how communities provide care in the face of crisis and exclusion. Care systems can and must draw from this wisdom.

CULTURAL HUMILITY AS DAILY PRACTICE

Lifelong learning of what makes a person whole.

AFFIRMING A PERSON IS FOUNDATIONAL TO CAREGIVING

Culture of care curriculum, developed and co-facilitated with LGBTQ+ elders

Inside the Silver Tsunami: Lessons from Asian Health Services



Asian Health Services: Who We Serve



92%

Medi-Cal, Medicare,
Medi-Medi, or
uninsured

29,000

Medical, dental, and
behavioral health
patients

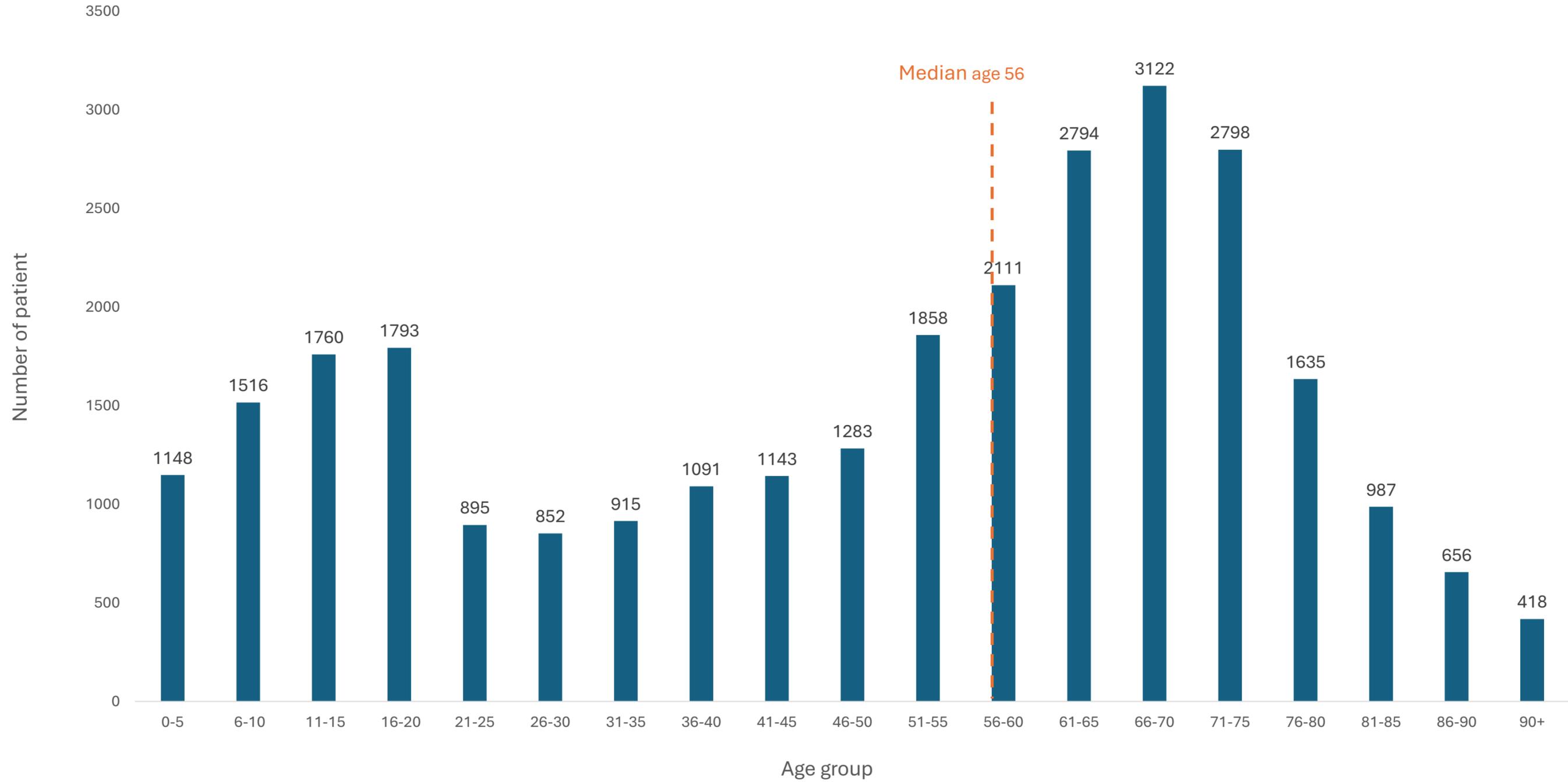
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Asian languages

37%

patients 65+

Patient age distribution



2023 Geriatric Needs Assessment Findings

- While our physical sites are reasonably able to accommodate the needs of our geriatric patients, our specialty resources are limited.
- At the time of the assessment, we did not have any board-certified geriatricians.
- Both providers and patients noted dissatisfaction with 15-minute visits.
- Providers highlighted the need for specialized case management and the importance of community and connectivity in their patients' health
- Patients identified transportation, language concordance, food and housing as top needs.

Developments since 2023

- Piloted internal Chronic Care Management program for qualifying patients with 2+ chronic conditions – after enrollment, received monthly RN calls to review med reconciliation, care plan as designed by PCP, assess for and resolve barriers to getting medication, specialty appointments
- Hired board-certified geriatrician, RN case manager, and Community Health Worker to form our first Intradisciplinary Team in our enhanced geriatrics program
- Referrals: dementia diagnosis and treatment, polypharmacy, fall assessment/prevention, Goals of Care
- Transfers: 65+ with dementia/MCI, 75+ with at least one impaired ADL

Geriatrics Framework



Thank You!





OCTOBER 2025

GLOVERDALE ECO GROUP



Our mission is to collaborate with others to design and implement anti-racist, joy-focused, equitable, sustainable, and affirming practices, initiatives, and policies. We strive to do our work with love, commitment, political action, and freedom dreaming.

MISSION



YEAR ONE ACCOMPLISHMENTS



“I WISH THIS COULD BE”



Main Themes

Infrastructure Repairs

Housing Justice

Language Justice

Transportation Access

Access to Community Spaces

Healthcare Access and Support



ADVOCACY





HOUSING AND TENANT RIGHTS PETITION

NOVEMBER 13TH, 2024:

To the City of Cloverdale,

The Equity Community Organizing (ECO)
Group, along with the undersigned
organizations.....



LEARNINGS



NEW BEGINNINGS



Objective 1: Establish a regular, safe space of belonging in Cloverdale

Objective 2: Assist with Establishing Cloverdale Master Plan on Aging Action Team

Objective 3: Increase knowledge of available resources and participate in local Civic Engagement and increase knowledge of local CalAIM services for continuity



**STAY
ACTIVE
FOR
OBJECTIVES**







THANK YOU!