



Kenai Council on Aging Commission

Work Session

May 14, 2026 - 3:00 PM

Kenai Senior Center

361 Senior Ct., Kenai, AK 99611

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Agenda

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- B. INTRODUCTION** - Rachael Craig, Chairperson
- C. COMMISSION DISCUSSION** - Workplan Goals 2026
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- E. ADJOURNMENT**

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INTRODUCTION

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Objective No. **1** Objective: **Develop 3 Opportunities for Intergenerational Programs** Estimated Time to Complete: **2026**

Strategy: *(Provide a summary of tasks which need to be done to obtain the objective.)*

1. Junior Senior-SeniorProm - Approach Jr-Sr High students to coordinate with senior participants for a "Senior Prom".
2. Reaching Program at Kindergarten Level - Senior visits Kindergarten Class at Mountain View to read once a month.
3. College Level Students - Interact during lunch with seniors.

Narrative: *(Describe the benefits to the residents and visitors of the City.)*

Engaging younger generations with the Senior Center fosters a deeper understanding of its role in the community, helping to break down stereotypes about aging. By increasing awareness of how the Center operates and the programs it offers, more meaningful connections can be formed between senior and younger individuals. These intergenerational interactions not only help reduce loneliness among older adults but also enhance their sense of purpose and value. At the same time, mentoring opportunities allow youth to gain valuable life skills, guidance, and a sense of connection, creating positive outcomes for both generations.

Collaboration: *(Who needs to be involved to obtain the objective?)*

Collaboration will be between teachers at the Kenai Central High School and Mountain View Elementary. The Human Development Class and the Art Classes will also be contacted.

Funding: *(Are funds available, or is funding needed in a future budget?)*

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Objective No. **2** Objective: **Identify Programs and Activities for Health and Wellness** Estimated Time to Complete: **2026**

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1. Senior Health & Fitness Day - May 27th. Get a mailing list and send out invites and a survey.
2. Radio-talking about our wellness programs currently offered and other activities available. Three times a year? Maybe once a month?
3. Have available packets for Medicaid/Medicare/Adult Public Assistance/Senior Benefits.
4. Finish the booklet started in 2025 and disperse among community members.

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