

Problem Statement

Age-related eye diseases significantly impair the sight of 12M+ Americans 60+ years old; prevalence will double by 2050; without intervention, daily functioning, physical & mental health are greatly diminished; and costs economy \$145B+ annually.

- Vision issues absent from national aging & healthcare policies
- Aging & vision loss misunderstood by most
- Inadequate & inequitable programmatic public funding
- Limited Medicare & Medicaid coverage
- Lack of accessible transportation, housing & information



Ageing and Vision Loss Theory of Change

Process & Activities



Desired Outcomes



Long Term Outcomes

- **Awareness**
National awareness campaign with eye care, rehab, aging, & allied health partners
- **Policy & Funding**
National/State level advocacy for vision issue inclusion in legislation & increased public funding
- **Data & Research**
Collect/share meaningful vision loss incidence & prevalence data and more
- **Access**
Assure a "No Wrong Door" system for access to vision screenings and rehab services and more

Education & Understanding

- Causes of eye disease
- Vision loss as it relates to chronic health conditions
- Impact of professional vision rehabilitation

Policy & Funding

- Professional vision rehabilitation
- Qualified personnel training
- Assistive devices for older adults



Data & Research

- Professional vision rehab outcomes
- Incidence, prevalence, co-morbidity
- Social determinants of health

Access

- High quality vision rehabilitation
- Accessible living environments
- Accessible Information
- Affordable transportation

and more!

Older adults with vision loss will successfully age in place, be able to engage in meaningful activities by having increased awareness of and access to resources, professional vision rehabilitation services, and independent living tools.

