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Key Principles for Creating Age Friendly Communities

- Outdoor spaces & buildings
- Transportation
- Housing
- Respect & social inclusion
- Social participation
- Communication and information
- Civic participation & employment opportunities
- Community support & health services



Source: World Health Organization

Examples of Community Response



- **Lumby:** created a community garden across from the seniors centre, developed walking paths & senior's recreation programs, & constructed 16 seniors affordable housing units
- **Revelstoke:** expanded the bench dedication program & focused on areas with seniors services
- **Sechelt:** offered educational workshops on accessibility design for local builders, planners, & engineers
- **Port Hardy:** provided free seniors transportation to key community meetings / events
- **Alert Bay:** purchased an accessible van in partnership with 'Namgis First Nation and neighbouring communities

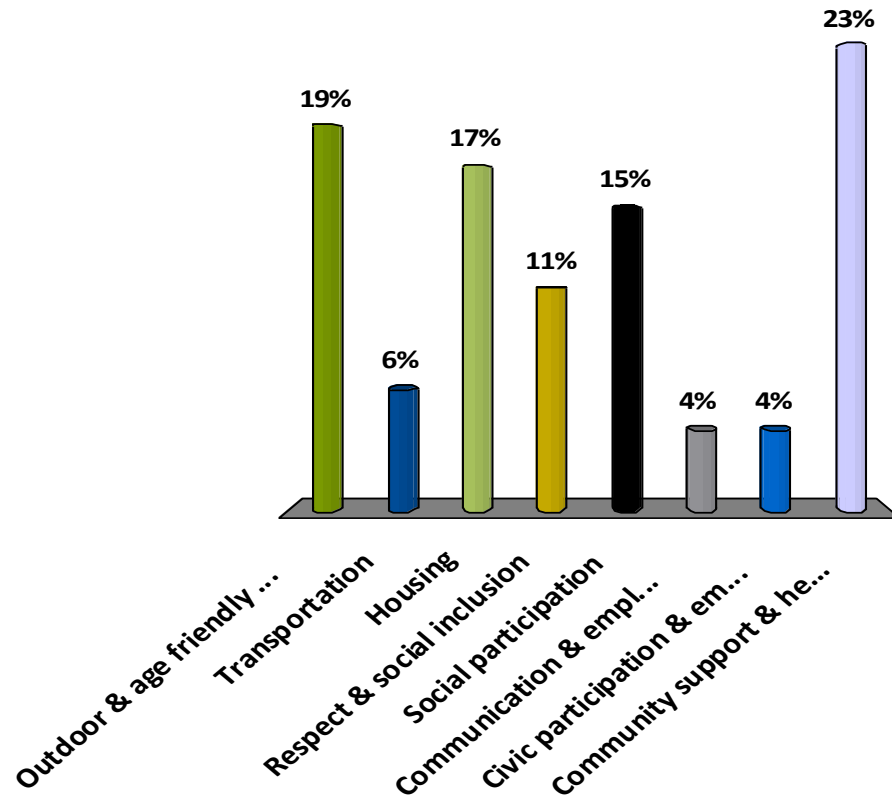
Tumbler Ridge Case Study

- Task force formed, needs assessment conducted and strategic plan developed
- Seniors' needs coordinator hired, seniors' drop in centre opened and 12 seniors' housing units built
- Partnerships with Health Authority (transportation) and College (seniors' education)
- Accessibility improvements (sidewalks, stores, community trails network) and snow removal prioritized



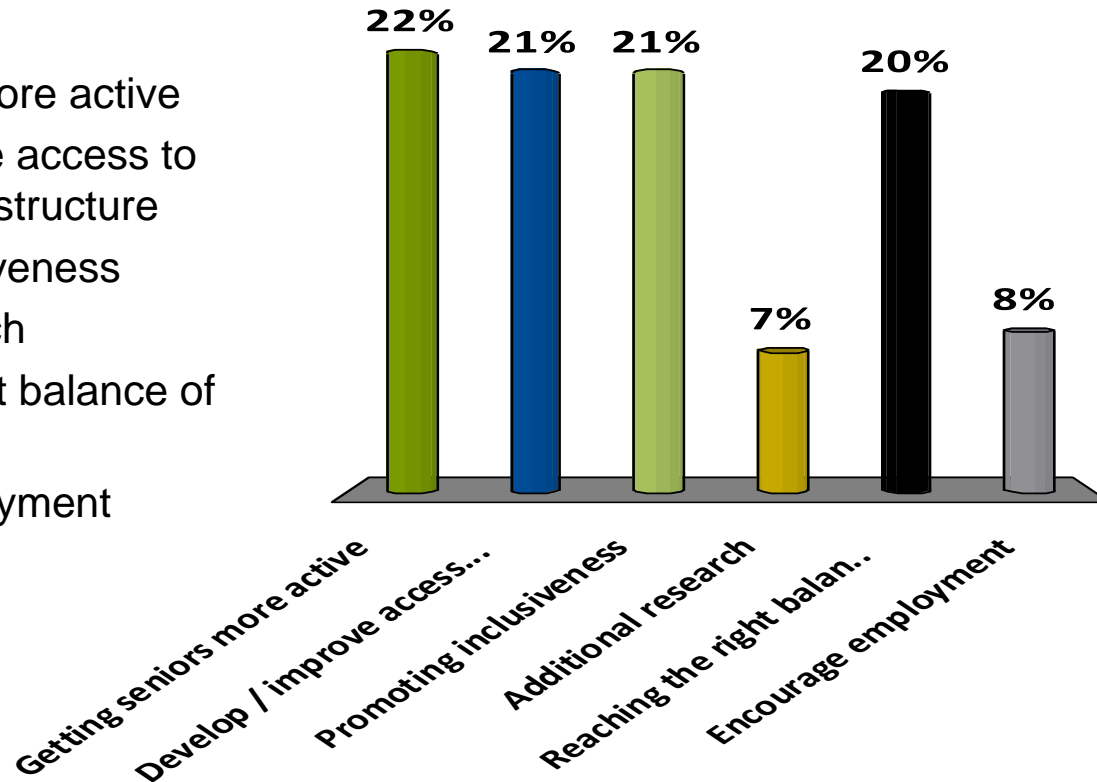
What are the most important age-friendly themes we should consider?

- A. Outdoor & age friendly spaces
- B. Transportation
- C. Housing
- D. Respect & social inclusion
- E. Social participation
- F. Communication & employment
- G. Civic participation & employment opportunities
- H. Community support & health services



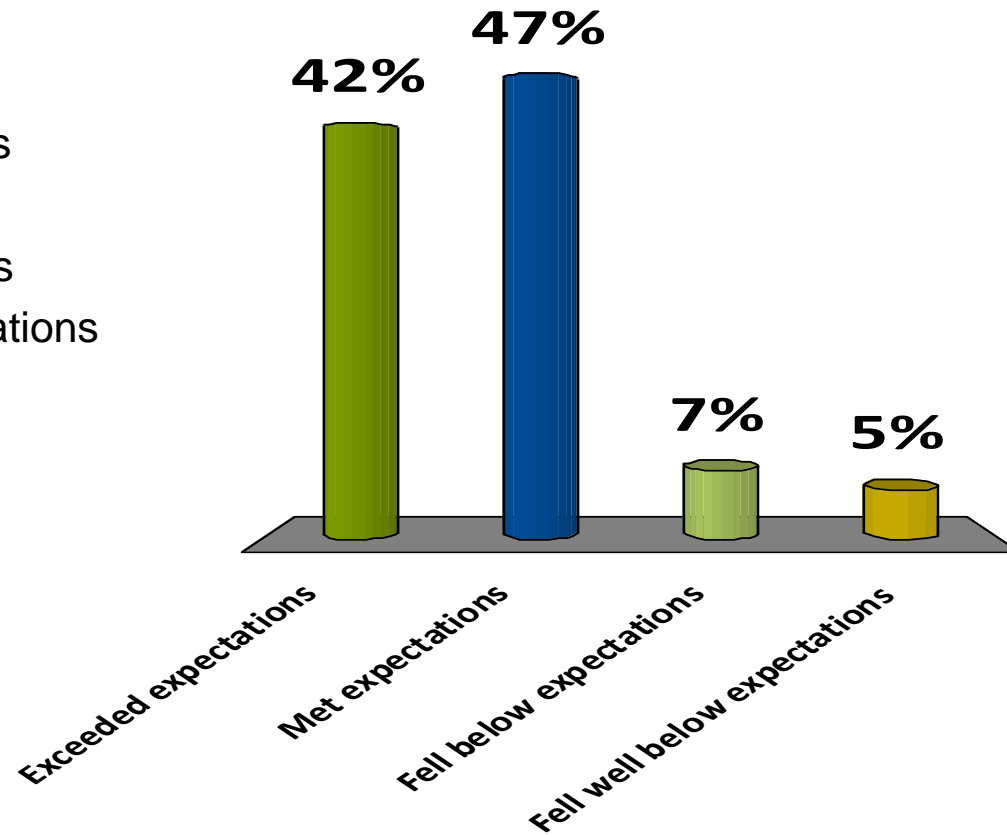
What emerging themes from today resonate most (pick 3)?

- A. Getting seniors more active
- B. Develop / improve access to quality of life infrastructure
- C. Promoting inclusiveness
- D. Additional research
- E. Reaching the right balance of beds / in home
- F. Encourage employment



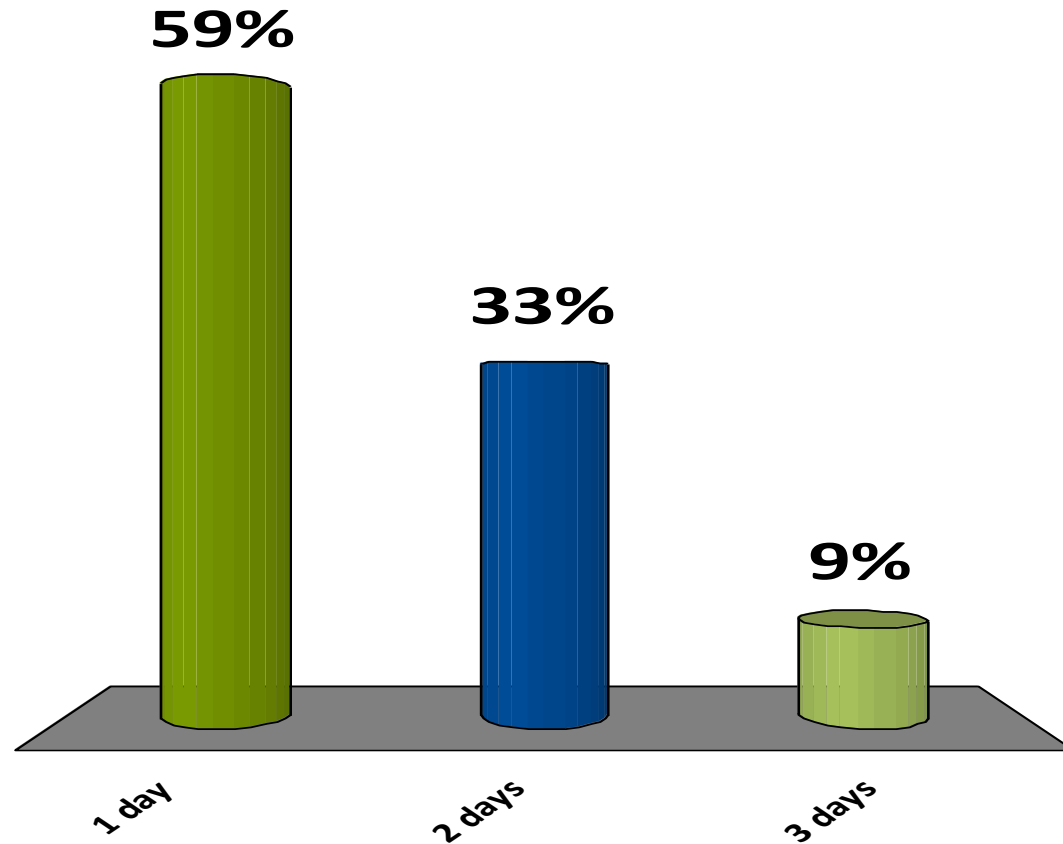
Please rate the quality of today's learning experience.

- A. Exceeded expectations
- B. Met expectations
- C. Fell below expectations
- D. Fell well below expectations



If a follow up, more detailed learning event was hosted, how long should it be?

- A. 1 day
- B. 2 days
- C. 3 days





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