

# **SHAPE THE FUTURE OF SENIOR LIVING LEADERSHIP**





#### State of the Industry

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#### SPECIAL THANKS TO ARGENTUM'S 2025 INDUSTRY PARTNER CIRCLE MEMBERS



#### **Share of US Population by Generation**



Reference: Brookings Institute

# Older Population Expected to Rise by 42% by 2025



#### IL Occupancy Gains Outpacing AL in Recent Quarters

Senior Housing & Majority Property Type Occupancy | Primary Markets | 1Q06 - 1Q25



#### **Near-Term Inventory Needs**

Major Near-Term Inventory Growth Needed to Keep Pace



Source: NIC

#### **Our Value Message**

### ASSISTED LIVING IS THE MOST AFFORDABLE CHOICE OF SENIOR CARE



\* A home health aide costs an average of \$6,483 for 44-hours per week of care; for comparable 24/7 care, a home health aide costs an average of \$24,793. Neither of these amounts include the cost of housing or meals.

#### **More Older Adults Than Children**

#### FOR THE FIRST TIME IN U.S. HISTORY OLDER ADULTS ARE PROJECTED TO OUTNUMBER CHILDREN BY 2029



Projected percentage of population

#### **More Than 3 Million Workers Needed**





Reference: Argentum Workforce Projections Report

#### **Three Big Ideas**

#### **OUR TEN-YEAR VISION**

Senior living is recognized by residents, family, workers and the public as being the most effective, efficient, and compassionate care delivery system to meet the needs of America's seniors.

#### PEOPLE

Engage, Develop & Support 2 Million People

#### TRUST

Improve Policy Influencer's Perception of the Industry

#### CHOICE

Increase Access

### **Tell Our Story**



Advocate and increase our impact as the voice of the senior living industry.

- Educate policymakers on the value of senior living.
- Provide members with research, tools, and messaging to attract talent
- Provide members with research, tools, and messaging to attract residents

#### **I Love Assisted Living**





#### **State Association Partners**



#### **Testifying Before Congress**





#### **America's Invisible Epidemic**



#### **Loneliness Among Seniors**



#### **Public Policy Institute and Fly-In**



#### Host a Community Visit with a Lawmaker





#### **Become an Argentum Advocate**





#### **2025 ADVOCACY FUND CONTRIBUTORS**





#### 2025 Cobb Cup







#### **Increase Access**



Facilitate the curation of new solutions and offerings to improve access to senior living communities.

- Drive policy solutions to support senior living and healthcare partnership
- Develop policy solutions to support expansion and affordability of senior living product
- Curate technology and resources to improve customer experience and workforce recruitment/retention

#### Support for a government-administered long-term care insurance program similar to Medicare has increased since 2013.

Percent of adults age 40 and older who strongly or somewhat favor



Reference: AP-NORC Long-term Care Poll, 2013-2022

## **What Matters Most to Americans**

Most Important Issues When Voting in an Election



#### **Retirement Savings is Lacking**



Percentage of Baby Boomers that lack a retirement account

Percentage of retirees who report they are very confident they can afford long-term care

#### Senator Elizabeth Dole 21<sup>st</sup> Century Healthcare and Benefits Improvement Act





JANUARY 02, 2025

#### Press Release: Bill Signed: S. 141

BRIEFING ROOM > LEGISLATION

On Thursday, January 2, 2025, the President signed into law:

S. 141, the "Senator Elizabeth Dole 21st Century Veterans Healthcare and Benefits Improvement Act," which amends various Department of Veterans Affairs authorities related to health care, economic opportunity, disability and memorial affairs, veteran homelessness, and oversight and investigations.

Thank you to Senators Moran, Tester, and Hassan, Representatives Ciscomani, Bost, Brownley, and Takano, and many others for their leadership.

#### **Voters Are Supportive**



Support a program that would allow senior veterans to choose assisted living instead of skilled nursing facilities.







#### **Caring for Seniors Act**







Lori Trahan (D-MA)

### **Credit for Caring Act – Bipartisan Support**

The Caring for Seniors Act (H.R. 3000) is bipartisan legislation that would provide programs to increase access and affordability of assisted living and address the industry's workforce development needs, by:

- 1. Helps lower-income seniors receive affordable care in assisted living through cost-reduction program, saving Medicaid money.
- 2. Re-targets existing HHS and DOL workforce training programs like Job Corps, American Job Centers and others to offer specializations in senior care.



#### **Supportive of Tax Credits**



Percentage that are supportive of tax credits

#### **Supportive of Tax-advantage Accounts**



The percentage of voters who are supportive of using any tax advantage accounts to help pay for a family member's long-term care needs.

#### **Adoption of Electronic Health Records**



### **Interoperability Continues to Be a Barrier**


## **Effect of Artificial Intelligence**





How involved would you like to be in making decisions about your (or your loved one's) healthcare?



Reference: Value-Based Care: Delivering What Matters Most to Senior Living Residents



approaches. Incorporating cultural, spiritual, and/or personal care needs is very important

## **Health Over Wealth Act**

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#### **Measure What Matters**



Demonstrate our value and maintain trust with residents, families, workers, partners, policymakers, and the public through data, transparency, and best practices

- Define and facilitate the collection and dissemination of quality data
- Strengthen the state regulatory framework by advancing best practices and industry accreditation around health and safety
- Establish industry "brand protection" opportunities/programs

#### **2013 Public Opinion Strategies Poll**



Percentage of senior residents report high satisfaction in 2013 and 2024





Percentage of senior residents report feeling safe in 2013 and 2024



Percentage of families report high value in communities

#### **US News and World Report**



### **JD Power Senior Living Satisfaction Survey**





## **Quality of Assisted Living Collaborative**

QUALITY IN ASSISTED LIVING COLLABORATIVE

Infection Prevention & Control Guidelines for Assisted Living Communities





#### A Framework for Infection Prevention & Control Plans

Guidance for Senior Living Operators

ECOLAB.



### **Earn a CDAL Credential**

#### ✓ Stand Out

Join top senior living leaders with this respected industry credential.

#### Build Trust

Show residents and families your commitment to quality care and leadership.

#### ✓ Lead with Confidence

CDAL proves you have the skills, knowledge, and judgment to run a successful community.

#### ✓ Get Certified

Pass a rigorous exam developed by senior living experts.





#### **Develop Our People**



Expand the pipeline and retention of qualified and diverse talent to meet the needs of a growing senior population.

- Expand and promote career pathways and pipeline through strategic partnerships, culminating in apprenticeships, incumbent worker training, and recruitment and retention
- Engage the "total career opportunity" through supportive programs for workers
- Advance policy solutions to expand the workforce pipeline and enhance retention

#### **Senior Living Workforce by Race/Ethnicity**



Reference: A Snapshot of the Senior Living Workforce

#### **Representation Among Foreign-born Workers**



Percentage of foreign-born workers has grown from 18-22%

#### **Foreign Born Workers Guide**



#### Foreign-Born Workers Resource Guide

Includes State & Local Facts, Figures, and Resources







#### **Women Lead the Industry**



Women comprise 75% of the senior living workforce as of 2023

## Women in Leadership (WIL) Programs

Empowering women in senior living through professional development, education, mentorship, and networking.

- 10,000+ member network
- Monthly virtual speaker series
- 1:1 mentoring program
- Year-round events including the popular Women in Leadership Fall Forum (September 24-25 in Dallas)
- Recognition opportunities





#### The Average Age of Our Workforce



The average age of our workforce, 43, is slightly higher than the U.S. labor force at 42

#### **Workforce Partnerships**









## **Workforce Pilot Programs**



- Partnered with Job Corps Centers in Maryland, Kentucky and Nevada
- Covers many opportunities in senior living:
  - o Caregiving & Nursing
  - Hospitality & Resident Service
  - Dining & Culinary
  - Building Maintenance & Housekeeping
  - o Sales & Marketing
  - o Office Support
  - o Management

#### Two Paths. One Goal: Stronger Senior Living Leadership

# EDAL

Earn the **Executive Director of Assisted Living (EDAL)** certificate and gain expert insights across **16 key areas** of community leadership—from resident care to financial management.

## EDLI

EDLI, offered in concert with the Senior Living Executive Conference, empowers executive directors with essential leadership skills in operations, HR, sales and marketing, clinical oversight, risk management, and more.



### **Leadership Advancement and Development**



Unlock your leadership potential with LEAD, a results-driven program designed for today's senior living professionals.

- Evidence-based models with practical tools for real-world impact
- ✓ Expert guidance from KGH Consulting and top executive coaches
- ✓ Aligns leadership growth with organizational strategy
- Earn a program certificate and recognition award





## Join Argentum

Be part of the leading national association supporting **resident-centered senior living communities**.

- ✓ Represents ~75% of the senior living industry
- ✓ Advocates for choice, dignity, and quality of life
- Provides advocacy, connections, insights and solutions you won't find any place else
- ✓ Supports communities offering assisted living, independent living, memory care, and more

