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Older Vermonters and Family Caregivers Encouraged to Take Survey to Help Develop Plan on Aging

The Department of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living (DAIL) and Vermont's Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs) are conducting surveys to better understand the needs of older Vermonters and family caregivers and the services and resources available to them. What is learned from the surveys will help DAIL develop Vermont's next State Plan on Aging and will help each AAA develop their regional plan. These plans are guiding documents that will outline our efforts to ensure all Vermonters can age well with dignity.

If you live in Vermont and are *age 60 or older*, please take a few minutes to complete the survey linked here: <u>https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Vermontage60</u>.

If you are a *family caregiver of any age, caring for a Vermonter age 60 or older*, you are invited to take the survey linked here: <u>https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/VTfamilyCG</u>.

If you would prefer a hard copy of either survey, please contact Flint Springs Associates at (802)-482-5100. They will mail you a survey with a return addressed and stamped envelope.

All survey participants have the option to be entered into a raffle for a \$50.00 VISA gift card.

The deadline to complete the survey is October 23, 2020.

"We know that Vermonters want to age well, and what you want and need to do that changes over time, and may have changed more during this pandemic," says DAIL Commissioner Monica Caserta Hutt. "Let us know what's working - and what we could be doing differently - in terms of meeting our mission to make Vermont the best state in which to grow old or to live with a disability - with dignity, respect, and independence. We value and appreciate your input."

About the Department of Disabilities, Aging & Independent Living (DAIL):

Our mission is to make Vermont the best state in which to grow old or to live with a disability - with dignity, respect and independence. <u>http://dail.vermont.gov/</u> <u>https://www.facebook.com/DAILVT</u>