

# SIERRA COUNTY

## 2012 Senior Needs Chart

Most of the needs fall into broad categories of issues commonly reported by older adults. The descriptions below are general; not every example within a category was cited.

The first column to the right represents input from all attendees at the Town Hall Meeting (n=23). The second column reflects Community Services Questionnaire results from people age 60+ only (n=21). The third column represents data from Inc. Senior Citizens of Sierra County (n=1,327).

The overall rankings were computed using a simple point system. The letter "T" indicates a tie. For more details, see the 2012 Supplemental Needs Assessment Report ([www.a4aa.com](http://www.a4aa.com))

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Issues Important to Seniors (2012  
Community Services Questionnaire)

Top needs expressed, FY 2011-12  
(Senior Information & Assistance)

Overall Rank		What should leaders focus on? (2012 Town Hall Meeting)	Issues Important to Seniors (2012 Community Services Questionnaire)	Top needs expressed, FY 2011-12 (Senior Information & Assistance)
1	<b>TRANSPORTATION</b> Including but not limited to: understanding options & programs; access to clean, safe, reliable choices, including public transit, non-emergency medical transit, private transit services and not-for-profit programs; and, ability to pay for transportation costs (both car owners and transit riders).	1	T-2	1
T-2	<b>HEALTH CARE</b> Including but not limited to: understanding health insurance and care options; access to appropriate medical care; ability to pay for medical care, dental care and medicines; coping with chronic health problems; and, coping with mental health problems such as depression.	3	1	
T-2	<b>IN-HOME CARE (Non-Medical)</b> Including but not limited to: understanding insurance and care options; access to reliable and reputable in-home care workers; and, ability to pay for in-home care or adult day care.	2	T-2	
T-4	<b>HOUSING</b> Including but not limited to: shelter for homeless seniors; understanding housing options & programs; an adequate supply of clean, safe, accessible housing units; ability to paying for housing costs (rent/mortgage/taxes/repairs); and, access to reliable and reputable handymen/contractors.	4	4	
T-4	<b>OTHER: FINDING INFORMATION ABOUT SERVICES/EVENTS</b>			2
T-6	<b>FOOD</b> Including but not limited to: understanding options & programs; access to healthy food sources; an adequate supply of healthy food through a variety of channels, including senior lunch sites, home delivered meals, surplus and commodities programs and soup kitchens; and, ability to pay for food.	5	5	5
T-6	<b>OTHER: FORMS ASSISTANCE</b>			3
8	<b>OTHER: COMPUTER ASSISTANCE</b>			4