

Introduction

High Country Council of Governments is the multi-county planning and development agency for the seven northwestern North Carolina counties of Alleghany, Ashe, Avery, Mitchell, Watauga, Wilkes, and Yancey. The Council of Governments, which is a cooperative extension of local governments, is one of 17 multi-county planning organizations in the State and operates in accordance with the North Carolina General Statutes. Among other functions, the Council is the designated Area Agency on Aging (AAA) for the seven-county region. The AAA contracts with counties to deliver a variety of service for adults age 60 and over. The Regional Senior Tar Heel Legislature and Advisory Committee on Aging assist the AAA and have representatives from each of the seven counties.

Purpose

The purpose of the **Assisted Living Inventory** is to provide an information guide for AAA staff members, service providers, and other interested parties regarding available public and private housing options for older adults. A database was created from the information gathered through a survey process of the assisted living facilities throughout the region. The database can be used to identify facility needs in the region or in specific counties and can be continually updated. The inventory will be posted on the High Country Council of Governments' website.

Methodology

Each facility in the region that offers adult housing received a survey by mail requesting information. Additionally, personal visits were attempted at all of the facilities that did not reply to the mailing. Fifty-eight percent of the known facilities in the region responded to the request.

The information presented in this document has been divided into sections by County. Page 1 is a spreadsheet of pertinent Census data comparing each county with each other and the state. The first page of each section will be an individual Census spreadsheet of for the respective county. Each section will contain a photo and information for each facility that responded to the survey.

Sources for the Assisted Living Facility Inventory include: US 2000 Census, North Carolina State Data Center, and surveys of individual facilities.

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