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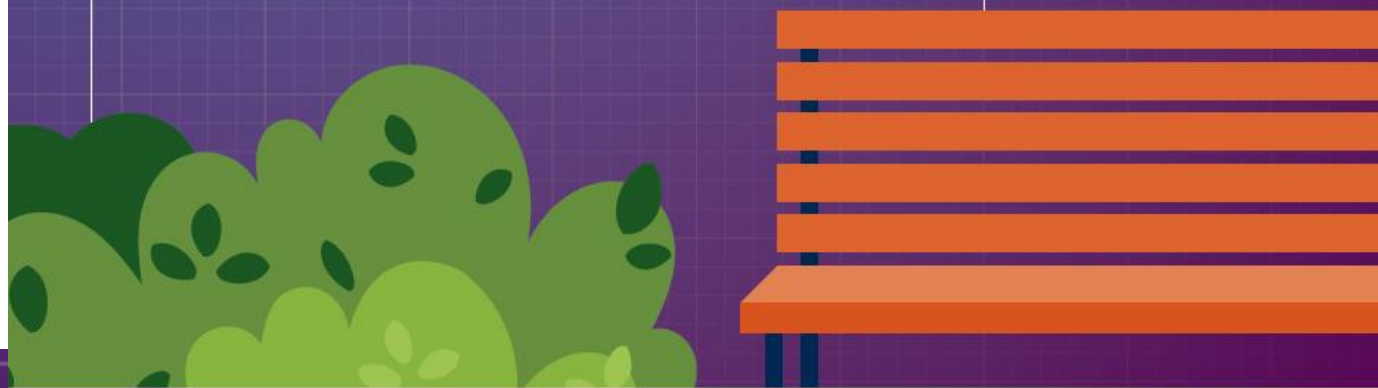


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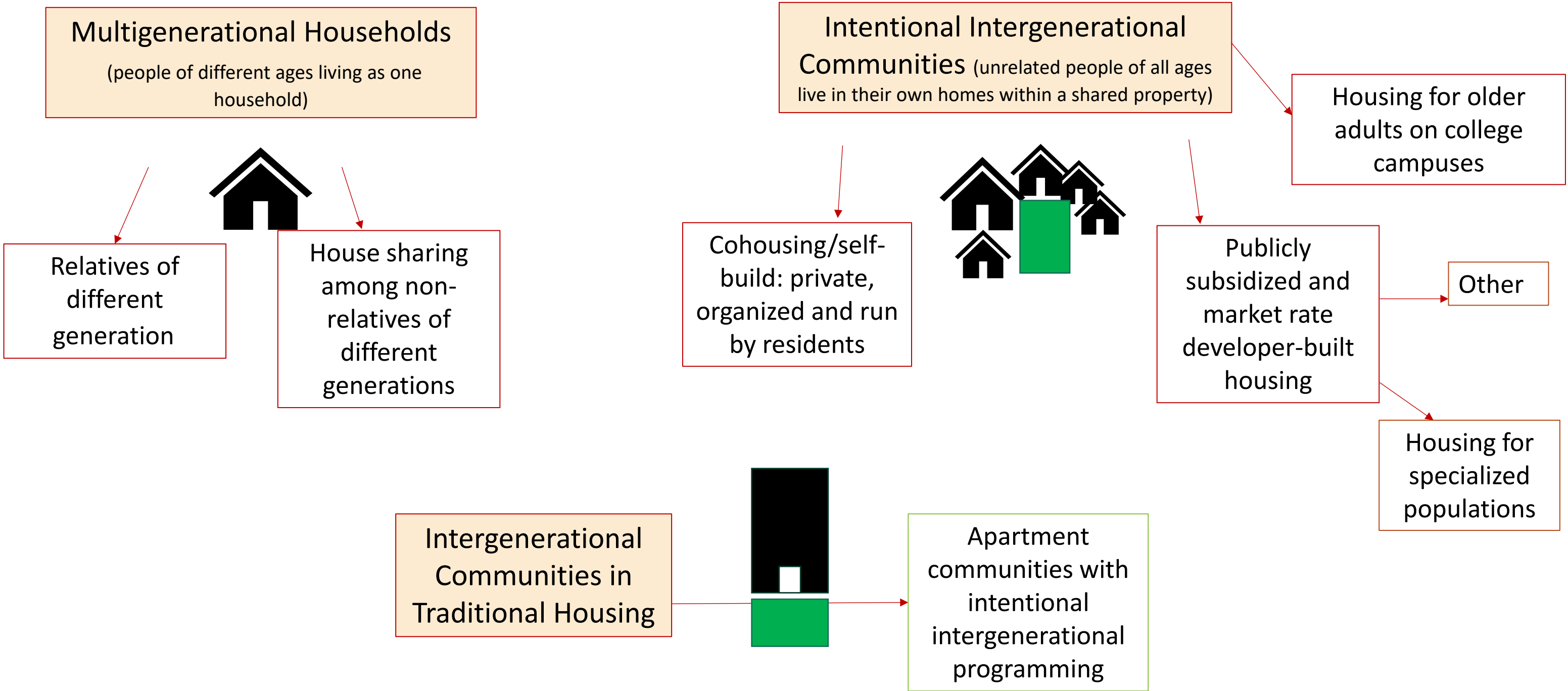
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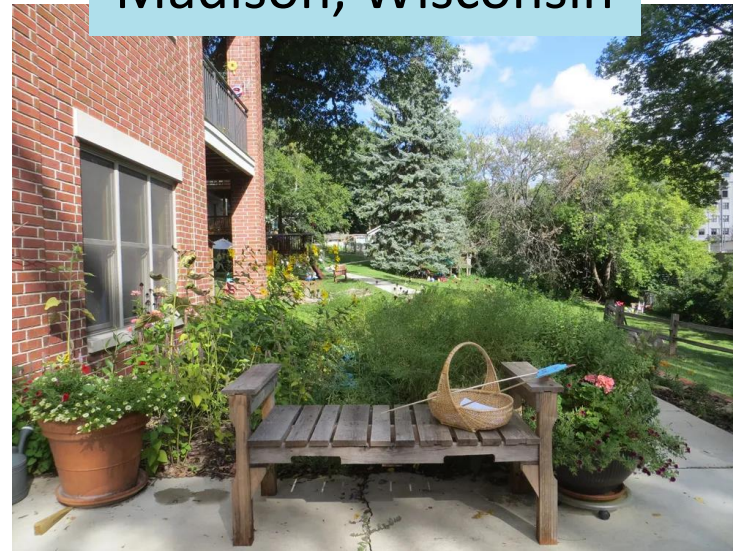
Intergenerational Housing Models



Treehouse at Easthampton, Massachusetts



Arboretum Cohousing, Madison, Wisconsin



Plaza West, Washington, DC



Bridge Meadows, Oregon



HOME, Chicago, Illinois



One Flushing, Queens, New York



Intentional Intergenerational Housing Communities Can Help Address...

- **Housing costs:** Millions of US households face severe housing cost burdens, including young families and growing numbers of older adults
- **Cost and availability of supports and services:** Support for older people, young families, and caregivers is expensive, can be difficult to secure
- **Social connection:** Social isolation and loneliness are serious health risks; many older adults seek purposeful connection
- **Design:** Little housing is physically accessible
- **Neighborhood stability:** Intergenerational communities can serve as anchors, hubs
- **Equity:** Alternatives for people historically denied equal access to housing

Challenges to Scaling Intergenerational Living Options



Nathalie Salmon House, H.O.M.E., Chicago – common spaces, family apartments, private apartments for older adults, apartments for resident assistants, and Good Life Senior Residences (shared meals and common spaces, private bedrooms)

Development: Identifying, securing/holding site; zoning barriers; financing for communal spaces and amenities

Affordability: Insufficient funding; constraints of specific housing subsidy programs make it difficult to ensure affordability of housing

Community: Building and sustaining community life even as individuals needs may change over time and people move in and out

Mutual support and care: Recognizing the limits of mutual support and ensuring residents' needs can be met with outside supports and services

Evidence and awareness: Insufficient research on outcomes, market potential; assumption that models are niche and are difficult to scale

The Blueprint: Four Strategies

- 1. Build the evidence base**
- 2. Create a compelling narrative and build awareness**
- 3. Advance policies and funding mechanisms that encourage and support conditions for scale**
- 4. Promote and share promising practices and design elements**



Research

- Evaluate effects on health, youth outcomes, social isolation, costs of healthcare and services, environment
- Identify factors that influence positive outcomes
- Conduct market research

Advance Policy and Funding Mechanisms

- Develop new funding source
- Address barriers in current programs
- Create preferences for intergen living in tax credit QAPs
- Align eligibility criteria for housing and services funding

Communication

- Develop common terminology, a compelling narrative, and tools (videos, a lookbook...) for creating awareness of the models
- Integrate information about intergenerational living into housing conversations

Promote Promising Practices

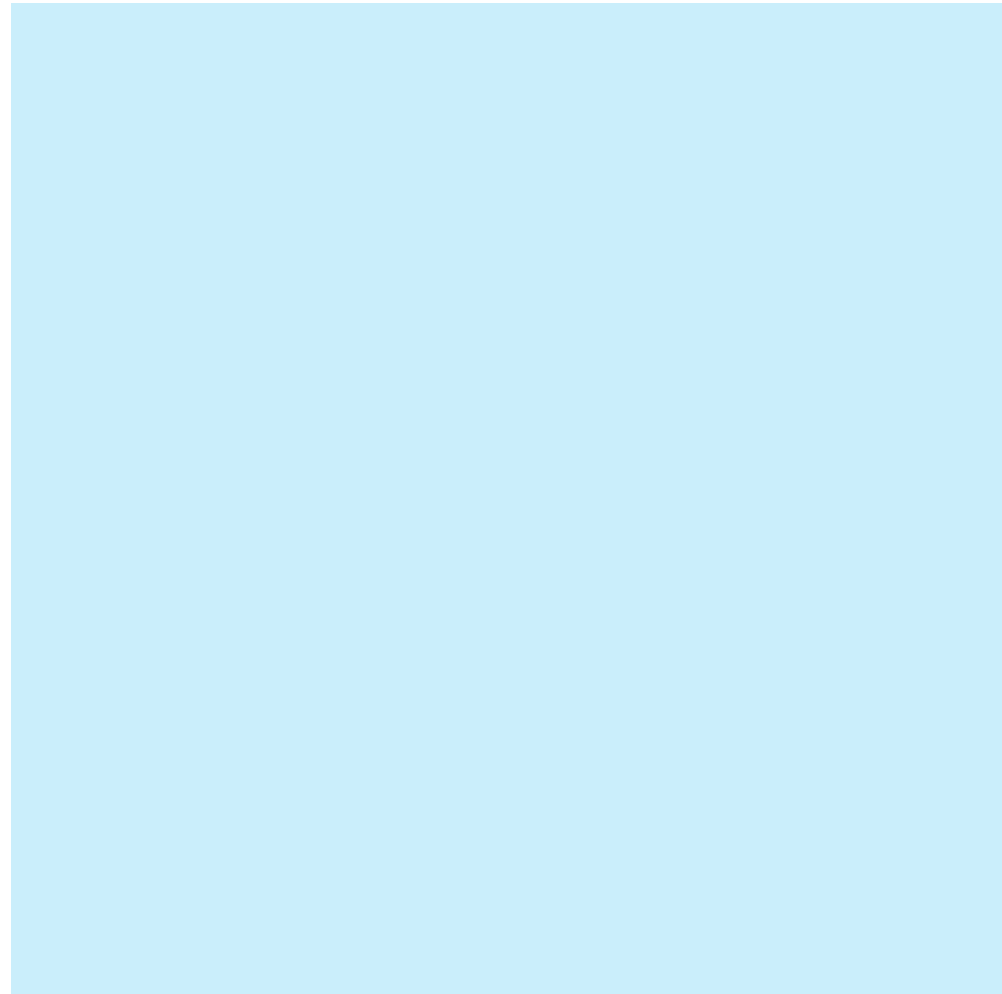
- Compile and share best practices among communities and with developers and policymakers
- Develop training and tools to ensure communities are able to respond to diverse and changing resident needs

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Recommended Action Steps



Strategy I: Build the Evidence



Strategy II: Create a Compelling Narrative



Strategy III: Advance Policies & Funding Mechanisms



Strategy IV: Promote Promising Practices & Design Elements

Stakeholders to Educate



1. Local Governments
2. State Governments
3. Federal Government
4. Philanthropy
5. Corporations, and
6. Managed Care Plans / Health Insurance Companies

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