

# Nationwide Network of Champions

Commit to Connect's Nationwide Network of Champions is a free, online platform for individuals and organizations interested in engaging with peers and sharing resources to advance social connections as a public health priority.



## What can champions do?

Member "champions" have access to professionals, volunteers, and innovators from various sectors and perspectives. They can:



Connect with champions at the local, state, and national level



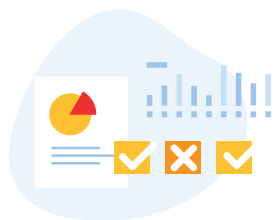
Search the directory by staff, state, and organization



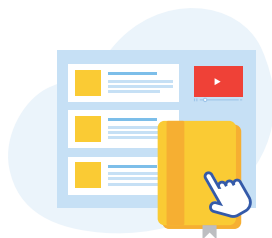
Ask a question or share strategies on discussion boards



Promote your virtual and in-person events on the event calendar



Share opinions by voting in polls on relevant social connection topics



Browse and contribute items to the resource library



Read blogs on efforts to address social isolation and loneliness



Join sub-communities on specific topics of interest

[committtoconnect.org/become-champion](https://committtoconnect.org/become-champion)

## Already working with others to advance social connection?

The Nationwide Network of Champions also hosts coalitions, organizations, communities of practice, and other groups as "communities." By creating a community on the platform, organizations establish a centralized hub for all their resources and activities.

# Who will you meet in the network?

From a 2025 champion poll



## Where champions work

- Aging and disability resource centers
- Aging services providers
- Area agencies on aging
- Assistive Technology Act programs
- Businesses/LLCs
- Centers for independent living
- Community care hubs
- Educational entities
- Faith-based organizations
- Housing providers
- Public health agencies
- Senior centers
- State units on aging or disability
- State councils on developmental disabilities
- Title VI tribal aging programs

## Where champions focus

- 50% focus on local communities
- 24% focus on state-level efforts
- 21% focus on national-level efforts

## Common social connection interventions offered by champions

- 71% offer health and wellness initiatives
- 37% offer intergenerational activities
- 37% offer lifelong learning
- 37% offer technology-focused opportunities
- 34% offer arts and creative expression

## Common champion activities

- 63% deliver a program or intervention
- 63% raise awareness
- 55% produce public-facing materials
- 47% participate in a task force, committee, or coalition
- 45% offer direct services

## Communities champions reach

- 84% are reaching older adults
- 47% are reaching people with disabilities
- 47% are reaching caregivers
- 29% are reaching volunteers

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