



## Thrive [www.leadingage.org/Thrive/](http://www.leadingage.org/Thrive/)

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Thriving not-for-profit aging services organizations are characterized by strong leadership, mission-driven business practices, a quality workforce and innovative care delivery models. As leaders in their communities, these organizations are guardians of values, cultivators of volunteerism and stewards of the public interest.

LeadingAge Thrive provides an essential framework and resources to help organizations achieve a successful future in meeting the needs of the people and communities they serve. The Thrive framework focuses on Community Involvement and Engagement, Governance, Philanthropy, Quality, Strategic Partnerships, Strategic Planning and Workforce and Leadership Development.

The questions in each of the following topics are meant to stimulate discussion among your leadership team and board of directors. We hope these questions prompt conversations that lead to actions that will enhance the future success of your organization.

To be executed effectively, identified strategies require ongoing evaluation of progress and measurement of outcomes. Most questions include resources that link to white papers, articles, tools, presentations and business intelligence.

Though every question may not have resources listed as yet, resources are forthcoming. Thrive is a dynamic initiative and LeadingAge will continually add to Thrive resources as we learn from you about your areas of greatest need. You can also get confidential feedback and advice about your unique situation by accessing [LeadingAgeSounding Board](#)—a resource to float ideas or seek advice from a selected group of seasoned aging services experts.



# Governance Resources

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These resources offer additional opportunities to expand your knowledge about Governance through the perspectives of LeadingAge members and experts in the field.

- [Building the Capacity of Your Not-for-Profit Governing Board](#)  
Learn more about the resources that LeadingAge has assembled that address the main duties of a nonprofit governing board.
- [Creating Effective Mission and Vision Statements Starts With Asking Questions](#)  
This Philanthropy Journal article provides a process for creating the right vision statement for your organization.
- [How to Write a Nonprofit Mission Statement That Isn't Boring](#)  
Find out how to write a mission statement that is highly readable and inspirational, but still answers the why, how, and for whom your organization exists.
- ["Let's Work Together" - The Sweet Sounds of a Board-CEO Partnership](#)  
The Nonprofit Risk Management Center outlines how the Board and the CEO can build a strong relationship and how this can be a foundation for the organization to grow.
- [Nonprofit Governance: Trends and Emerging Practices – 2014 Governance Intensive](#)  
Aging Services of Minnesota has compiled information on governance structures, building a board, and the roles and responsibilities of board members.

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