

Forum on Financial Experiences of Older Adults

July 17, 2013

Forum on Financial Experiences of Older Adults: Naomi Carp

NAOMI CARP: You know, I think we hear a lot of bad news, but there's a lot of opportunity, too. It's kind of a cliché now about the boomers, and, you know, the boomers are coming, the boomers are coming, but I think it's true. There's a positive effect of this population bulge that we're just going to have a lot more attention on that generation. We have a lot of technology that we can take advantage of, both for the benefit of older people, but also that older people can use themselves. We're seeing more that more that older people are tech savvy, are tech savvy are using online tools. So we want to take advantage of those. We have a lot of creative and smart people at the Bureau who are really dedicated on these issues. So I think we do have an opportunity to make a difference. So I don't think we should focus only on the bad news. You know, for example, there's so much emphasis on cognitive impairment, but we also have just a tremendous number of people living into their 90's who are, you know, on top of things and living independently and getting the most out of life. My office's mandate and our desire is to be extremely collaborative both with other federal agencies, with state regulators, with non-profits, sort of with all of the sectors out there. So we have a huge opportunity to collaborate. We're very eager to do that. And so I guess I would encourage anyone who might be watching this to reach out to us, to know that we want to have partnerships and work together to work on these issues.