

GOVERNMENTS MUST HELP SENIORS LIVE AT HOME - STUDY

A 5-year study by Atlantic Seniors Housing Research Alliance is calling for 50% of the care of seniors in institutions to be done in the home and community by 2020. Helping seniors stay in their homes as long as possible is the only practical way to handle the aging baby boomer population, said Kathleen Cruttenden, involved in the study which looked at how to keep seniors vital and active. It found: seniors want to age at home; aren't thinking about housing alternatives; many prefer seniors-only housing; spend a disproportionate percentage of income on their homes; and aren't very aware of assistance programs to maintain their homes.

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