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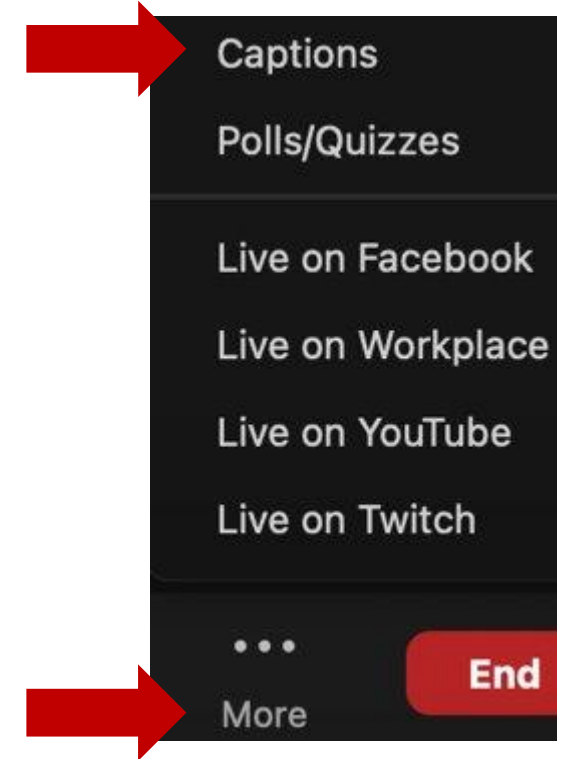
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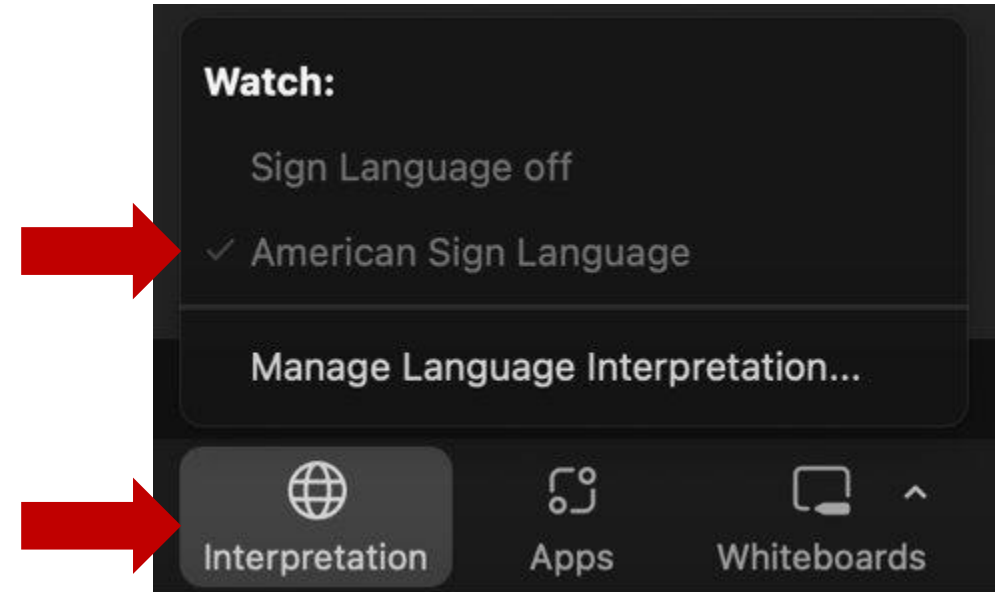
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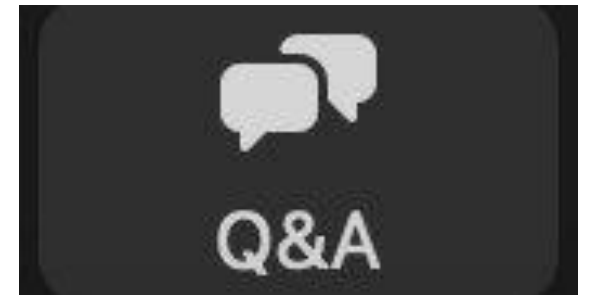
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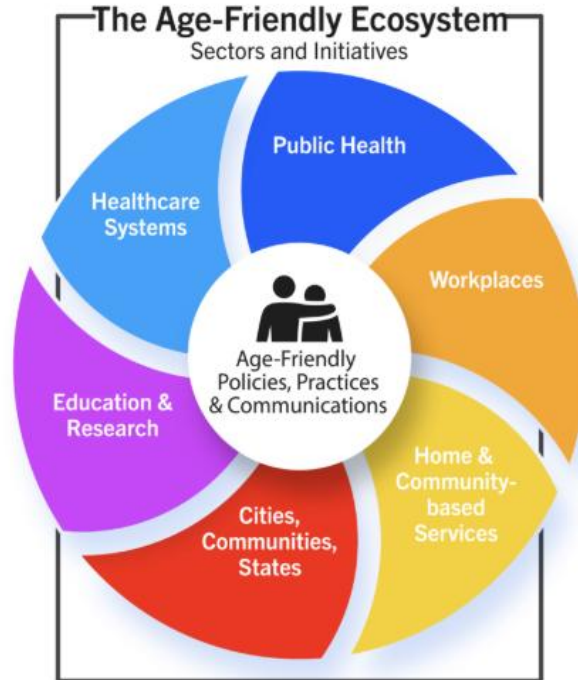

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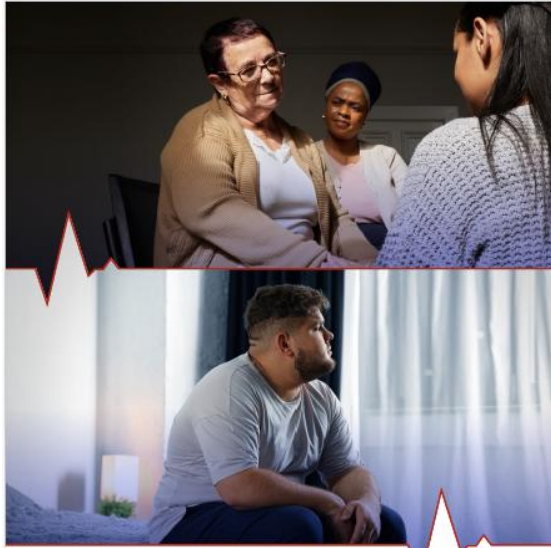

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PAIN IN THE NATION

The Epidemics of Alcohol, Drug, and Suicide Deaths

SPECIAL FEATURE: Suicide and Well-Being in the United States



The Recent State Policy Environment

- Responding to new federal priorities
- Reduced federal support--programmatic and fiscal
- Additional federal requirements
- Initial state budget shortfalls



The Opportunity Environment

- Leveraging new federal programs, efforts
- Bipartisan support for longstanding challenges
- Community-driven solutions
- Appreciating incremental wins



Speakers



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