

Las Heras - Age-friendly assessment

The Department of Las Heras has been working on specific actions and policies in reference to older adults.

Specifically, as from July 2016 the Department of Las Heras has been executing alongside the National Institute of Social Services for Retirees and Pensioners –INSSJP-PAMI – of Argentina launched the Program “For friendly cities and communities with older adults”. Since August 2016, we have been implementing this program and receiving technical support as well as guidance and trainings. These have been dictated by the specialists from the INSSJP- PAMI in order to acquire the required skills and knowledge needed so that the Department of Las Heras can develop and implement an action plan oriented to the development of age-friendly cities.

Furthermore, on October 2016, the Honorable Council of Las Heras approved the ordinance 48/16 that appointed the need to establish a priority attention and good treatment to all older adults that attend all public and private dependences of the Department. It is known that the population of older adults is increasing in number, and today it is common to see in our communities people over the age of 80 years that are active, that have time to enjoy different activities and that have social, technological and cultural interest. The Department of Las Heras intends to improve and protect the quality of life of the older adults of the community by granting and prioritizing various types of assistance, social security, cultural programs, among others. The ordinance also establishes that all private or public institution that provides attention and services to older adults should ensure that they will be having priority attention (including supermarkets, banks, health institutions, etc).