



Education Session  
Saturday, October 28, 2017  
Sarasota Fairgrounds  
Ken Clark Auditorium

**Age-Friendly Innovation –  
National, State, and Local  
Perspectives**

9:30 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

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*The Global Age-Friendly Network is 500 strong and growing! Learn about innovative ways in which our region, state, and nation are advancing community life to benefit people of all ages.*

MODERATOR:

**Debra Jacobs**

President/CEO  
*The Patterson Foundation*

PANELISTS:

**Bill Armbruster**

Senior Advisor, Livable Communities  
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**Kathy Black, Ph.D.**

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## About the Speakers



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In January 2009, Debra Jacobs became the President and CEO of The Patterson Foundation (TPF), based in Sarasota, Florida. TPF works with partners to accelerate positive change by sharing fresh perspectives on strategy, contributing new ideas, and providing resources. TPF believes the act of creative collaboration produces results and knowledge that can be applied more broadly to transcend any single act of philanthropy.



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Bill Armbruster is Senior Advisor in AARP's Livable Communities Department and has been with AARP since 2000. He currently manages the AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities and is responsible for the development, implementation, and assessment of the Network. He also consults with communities and states around the country to assist them with becoming more age-friendly. Bill also manages numerous national partnerships and presents at state and national conferences on different aspects of Age-Friendly/Livable Communities.



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Dr. Kathy Black is a Professor of Aging Studies at USFSM. She obtained her Ph.D. from SUNY, Albany, master's degrees in social work and gerontology from USC, and a master's degree in public health from UCLA. Dr. Black is a Next Avenue Top 50 Influencer in Aging, Hartford Geriatric Social Work Faculty Scholar, Fellow in the Gerontological Society of America, and The Patterson Foundation Initiative Consultant for Age-Friendly Sarasota. She has 40 years of experience in the field of aging as a gerontological researcher, educator, geriatric case manager, medical social worker, and geriatric nurse throughout the continuum of care.



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