

## Assisted Living Waiver Program

For those who meet strict guidelines, the Assisted Living Waiver Program pays the costs of care in an approved Assisted Living facility. The consumer is responsible for “room and board” expenses.

Participants must be age 21 or older, financially eligible for Medicaid and determined by COAAA to be at risk of nursing home placement.

## Volunteer Guardian Program

There are adults with mental incapacities in Central Ohio who do not have family or friends to assist them in making decisions. The Volunteer Guardian Program at COAAA recruits, screens and trains people to be court appointed “Guardians of the Person.” Volunteer guardians do not have financial responsibility for the person.



People served by VGP are over 18 years of age, live in group-care settings and have some type of mental impairment.

## Caregiver Support

If you are caring for a loved one, you are not alone. The COAAA provides free consultation, education and support, and coordinated services to deal with the complex issues of caregiving.

Services that provide relief for caregivers, such as respite, are also available.

## Education and Training

### Healthy, Well & Wise Speakers:

COAAA presents free, 1 hour talks addressing health and safety issues for older adults and their families. Ideal for church groups, support groups, senior residences and anyone interested in older adult issues.



**Evidence Based Workshop Series:** Healthy U is for individuals with chronic diseases such as arthritis, diabetes and heart disease. Matter of Balance addresses the fear of falling and how to increase physical activity.

### Professional Education:

COAAA offers workshops on a wide range of topics. Our programs are geared toward professionals who provide services and care to older adults, persons with disabilities and their families. Continuing education hours are offered for social workers, nurses and other health care professionals.

### Medicare Outreach:

Staff educates Medicare recipients and caregivers on important changes in coverage and how to navigate the Medicare system. One-to-one consultations and group presentations are available.



Your Aging and Disability Resource Network

Central Ohio Area Agency on Aging

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Serving Delaware, Fairfield, Fayette, Franklin, Licking, Madison, Pickaway and Union counties.

Operated under the City of Columbus, Recreation and Parks Department



## Our Agency

The Central Ohio Area Agency on Aging (COAAA) plans, funds and develops services that make our communities places where individuals can live with independence and dignity. We also coordinate and arrange services for individuals who participate in community based long-term care programs including PASSPORT, MyCare Ohio, the Ohio Home Care Waiver and the Franklin County Senior Options Program.

Working with local Advisory Council Members from our 8 counties, we advocate for policies and programs that benefit older adults and people with disabilities. COAAA provides resources and education to families, caregivers and professionals.

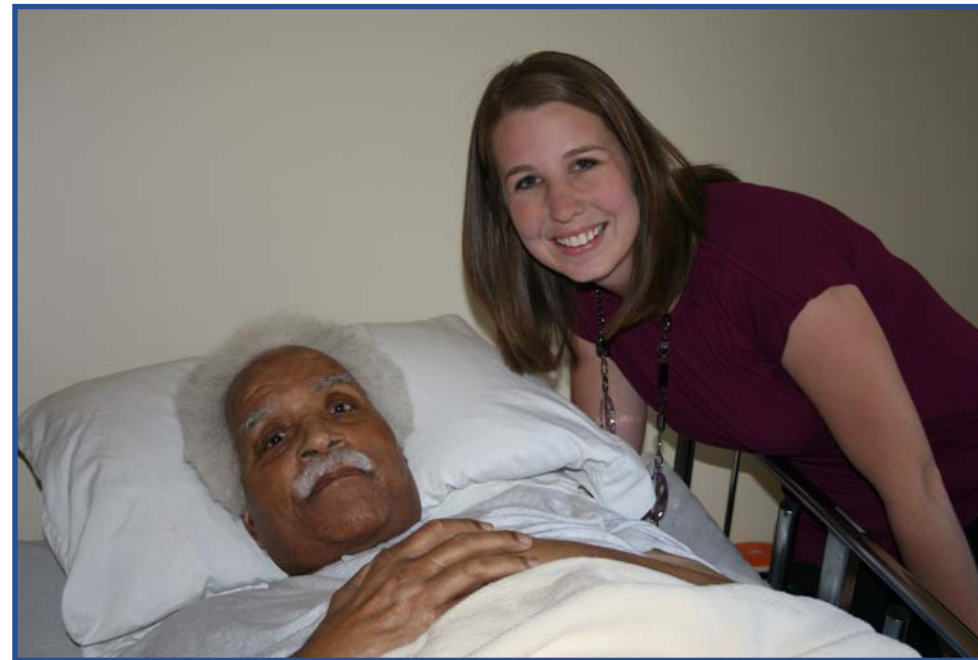
Whether you are an older adult, caregiver or a professional, COAAA is here to offer choices and information to seniors and individuals with disabilities.

## PASSPORT

The PASSPORT Program provides a voluntary alternative to nursing home care. The program assists lower-income individuals at risk of nursing home placement to remain in their own homes with professionally managed care and support. Eligible applicants for PASSPORT must be:

- at least 60 years of age
- financially eligible under Medicaid waiver guidelines
- able to remain in a safe and cost-effective home environment
- at a nursing facility level of care

Referrals are accepted from physicians, community agencies, family, friends or individuals requesting help for themselves.



**For more information about the following services,  
call us at 1-800-589-7277**

## Senior Options

*Funded by the Franklin Co. Senior Services Levy and administered by the Franklin County Office on Aging.*

Senior Options provides in-home services to Franklin County residents 60 and over who do not qualify for PASSPORT services, to help them stay as independent as possible. Payment for services is made on a sliding fee scale. COAAA provides in-home assessments and in-home case management for the program. Available services may include, but are not limited to:

- personal care
- home delivered meals
- emergency response systems

## MyCare Ohio

MyCare Ohio is a system of managed care that coordinates the delivery of benefits and services to Ohioans who are eligible for both Medicare and Medicaid. MyCare Ohio covers 29 Ohio counties. The Central Ohio counties that are part of the MyCare Ohio demonstration are Delaware, Franklin, Madison, Pickaway and Union.

COAAA works in partnership with Aetna Better Health of Ohio and Molina Healthcare in providing the delivery of services to consumers.



## Ohio Home Care Waiver

The Ohio Home Care Waiver (OHCW) is a long-term care program that meets the needs of financially eligible children and adults who have significant medical and/or mental health needs. The program is administered by the Ohio Department of Medicaid.

CareSource, a managed care plan, was selected as one of the case management agencies and delegates this responsibility to COAAA. COAAA performs the assessments and care management in the Central Ohio region. Services within the OHCW include nursing services and personal care assistance. Key requirements for the OHCW are:

- must be 59 years of age or younger
- financially eligible under Medicaid waiver guidelines
- at a nursing facility level of care