

Education and Training

Free Speakers: Half-hour to one hour educational presentations are available on health and aging issues, including topics such as drug safety, women's health and driving.

Professional/Paraprofessional Education: COAAA offers classes on aging issues, often for continuing education hours, for social workers, nurses, and other health care professionals.

Medicare Outreach: Staff educate Medicare recipients on important changes in coverage and how to navigate the Medicare system.

Please contact COAAA for information on these programs.



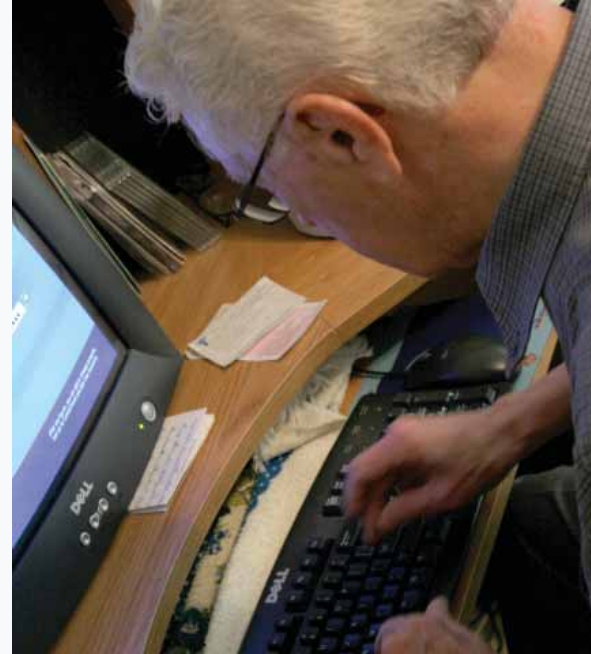
Volunteer Guardian Program

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.

Contact us:
Central Ohio Area Agency on Aging
174 East Long Street
Columbus, OH 43215
614-645-7250 or
1-800-589-7277

Caregiver Support Program
1-866-750-CARE

Web: www.coaaa.org
email: coaaa@coaaa.org



Our Mission

Plan, coordinate and advocate for the development and delivery of services for older adults, families and the community. Through leadership, funding and education, the Central Ohio Area Agency on Aging supports individual choice, independence and dignity.

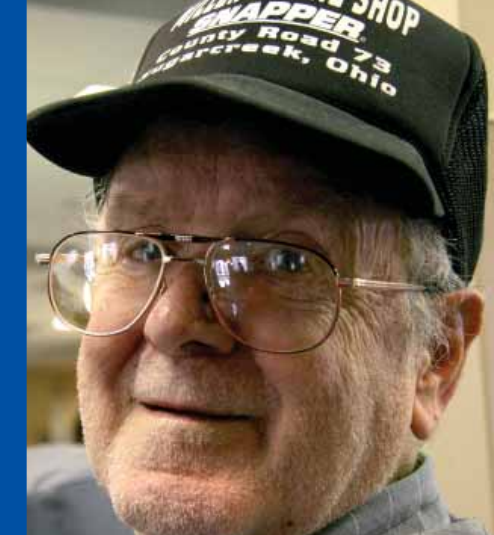
Our Vision

Be a leader in a caring and compassionate community that fully understands the aging process and the complex issues involved in meeting the needs of those we serve. The community will have a well-funded range of services offering choices in long term care that support a high quality of life.



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Our Agency



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The COAAA is funded through federal, state and local grants. It is one of 12 Area Agencies on Aging in Ohio and is part of the national aging network.

As part of its mission, the COAAA brings important issues to the attention of elected officials and policy makers.



PASSPORT

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

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

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

For more information, call 614-645-7250 and ask for the PASSPORT intake office.

Senior Options

This program is funded by the Franklin Co. Senior Services Levy and administrated 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 income scale. COAAA provides in-home assessments and in-home case management for the program. To find out more, call 614-462-6200. Available services may include:

- personal care
- home delivered meals
- emergency response systems

Caregiver Support



If you are caring for a loved one, you are not alone. Staff are available to assist families caring for older adults at home.

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 in-home respite, are also available.



COAAA serves eight central Ohio counties: Delaware, Fairfield, Franklin, Fayette, Licking, Madison, Pickaway and Union.

The COAAA provides services for older adults to continue independent living in their own homes. Home-based services include the PASSPORT and Senior Options programs.

