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**Central Ohio Area Agency on Aging to Host Community Conversations across 8-County Region**

Columbus, OH – The Central Ohio Area Agency on Aging (COAAA) is conducting a Needs Assessment as part of the Strategic Area Plan (SAP) process. Throughout the month of May, COAAA will coordinate with local agencies to host a *Community Conversation* in each county. The purpose of these conversations is to hear from county residents ages 60 years and older about their lived experiences in each county – how their communities support healthy aging, the services they rely on to maintain independence, and what resources they need to continue aging in place.

These Community Conversations will inform COAAA’s goals and objectives during the SAP’s four-year cycle, and will kick off a long-term strategy for engaging with community members on the issues that matter most. “Hearing from residents across the region is crucial to our planning process, said Katie White, COAAA Executive Director. These focus groups will enhance the community survey which is also being administered right now. If you have received the Central Ohio Regional Assessment on Aging survey in the mail, I encourage you to take the time to complete it, as it directly informs our regional planning, programming, and advocacy. We look forward to hosting these important conversations in all 8 counties of our service area.”

The dates, times, and locations are as follows:

<i>County</i>	<i>Date (2026)</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Location</i>
<i>Delaware County</i>	Thursday, May 14 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am – 10:30am	SourcePoint Radebough Room 800 Cheshire Road Delaware, OH 43015
<i>Fairfield County</i>	Tuesday, May 12 <sup>th</sup>	1:00pm – 2:30pm	The Senior Hub 1515 Cedar Hill Road Lancaster, OH 43130

<i>Fayette County</i>	Tuesday, May 19 <sup>th</sup>	1:00pm – 2:30pm	Fayette Community Action Coalition 1400 US Route 22 NW Washington Court House, OH 43160
<i>Franklin County</i>	Monday, May 11 <sup>th</sup>	1:00pm – 2:30pm	The Fran Ryan Center 865 E Capital Street Columbus, OH 43205
<i>Licking County</i>	Tuesday, May 5 <sup>th</sup>	<i>*Updated*</i> 12:30pm – 2:00pm	Heritage Hall Senior Center 1058 E Main Street Newark, OH 43055
<i>Madison County</i>	Monday, May 18 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am – 11:30am	Madison County Public Health 306 Lafayette Street, Suite B London, OH 43140
<i>Pickaway County</i>	Thursday, May 7 <sup>th</sup>	1:30pm – 3:00pm	Pickaway Senior Center 2105 Chickasaw Drive Circleville, OH 43113
<i>Union County</i>	Friday, May 22 <sup>nd</sup>	11:30am – 1:00pm	Memorial Health 500 London Avenue Marysville, OH 43040

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