



E-Newsletter End of Year 2024



The State of Aging

The State of Aging will be a ticketed fundraiser in May benefiting Aging Solutions. It will also highlight COAAA's community impact, future trends in aging, and showcase exceptional central Ohio older adults.

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COAAA Media Appearances

In the span of a week, COAAA appeared on two Columbus network affiliate TV stations; first, as a guest on ABC6's Senior Living Showcase, and then as a sponsor on NBC4's A Journey Through Alzheimer's.

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Veteran-Directed Care

COAAA started Veteran-Directed Care in June. Veteran-Directed Care ensures that military veterans receive needed in-home services and empowers veterans to determine who provides care.

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Seeking Volunteer Guardians

The Volunteer Guardian Program can be an enriching experience. VGP volunteer guardians enhance their individual's quality of life by making informed decisions in their person's best interest.

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Bringing Holiday Joy to COAAA

Mary Donahue, Aging Solutions Foundation board member and COAAA Holiday Gift Drive donor coordinator, continues to bring holiday joy to COAAA consumers through her gift donor network.

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Older Driver Safety Awareness

COAAA took part in promoting Older Driver Safety Awareness Week, Dec. 2-6. Through the Ohio Department of Transportation's Stay Fit to Drive program, resources are available to older adult drivers.

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CACDI at City Council

The Columbus Advisory Committee on Disability Issues attended Columbus City Council's Nov. 21 meeting to advocate for the codification of CACDI as an official advisory body to the City of Columbus.

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COAAA Anniversary Recap

It was a milestone year for COAAA. The agency celebrated its 50th anniversary by recounting the memorable events that shaped the agency, and acknowledging COAAA's current work.

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Additional Updates

The Ohio Department of Development and The Central Ohio Area Agency on Aging want to remind older Ohioans that assistance is available to help with their home energy bills through the Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP). The program runs until May 31, 2025. Learn more by visiting COAAA's [HEAP page](#).

Trualta is a free online platform geared toward equipping family caregivers with knowledge and skills to care for loved ones and offers various learning tools that are tailored to meet caregiving needs.

COAAA publishes **resource guides** that cover information on a variety of important topics. These helpful guides are updated annually and offer information about local agencies and organizations that provide services of interest to older adults and caregivers. **Guides** can be downloaded or ordered free of charge from COAAA.

COAAA is a growing organization with full-time and part-time opportunities for licensed social workers and registered nurses in programs serving and supporting older adults and individuals with disabilities. Learn more by visiting [COAAA's Career Opportunities page](#).

COAAA provides approved and affordable continuing education credits (CEUs) to aging professionals through its Continuing Education workshops. These workshops are open to social workers, counselors, BELTSS, and nurses. Check COAAA's [Continuing Education page](#) after the new year to see the February and March workshop schedule.

