



# COAAA Professional Education

March 6, 2024

9:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

FREE

## Conversations Matter: Tools for Facilitating Late Life Conversations in Families and Communities

Studies have shown that families and communities struggle with having conversations about end-of-life decisions, healthcare wishes, treatment options, living arrangements, financial realities and concerns about day-to-day activities as people age. Sometimes these conversations are easy to avoid; sometimes they involve topics that are considered sensitive or private; sometimes they are fraught with misunderstanding and fear. As a result, many important decisions are made quickly and with limited input from those who are affected by them. This program discusses and demonstrates many of the tools that exist that can facilitate these important conversations. Healthcare and social services professionals can be in a position to educate others about these tools and resources.

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### Presenter:

**Paula Taliaferro, LSW, MGS** works part-time at the Central Ohio Area Agency on Aging as an Outreach & Education Specialist. As such, she has presented over 900 workshops in the last decade. Paula holds a Master's Degree in Gerontology from Scripps Gerontology Center at Miami University and a License in Social Work in the State of Ohio. She is an PAC Approved Trainer under Teepa Snow's Positive Approach Certification. She is the developer of the "Aging in Ohio" course, which is required of many professionals who work with older adults. In addition, she is one of two developers of the "Fundamentals of Guardianship" course sponsored by the Ohio Supreme Court's Judicial College and an Affiliated Trainer with the National Task Group on Intellectual Disabilities and Dementia Practices.

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### Objectives:

At the end of this session, participants will be able to:

- ◆ Discuss why individuals and families put these discussions off and offer strategies and language suggestions to begin these conversations
- ◆ Highlight and demonstrate the Discussions Toolkits from the Conversation Project ([www.conversationproject.org](http://www.conversationproject.org))
- ◆ Highlight and demonstrate the various media forms (video, music, visual arts) that can be used to encourage important conversations in families and communities
- ◆ Describe and demonstrate the various media forms (video, music, visual arts) that can be used to encourage important conversations in families and communities

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### Continuing Education Units 3.0

3.0 Social Work Clock Hours (#RSX059002) 3.0 Counselor Clock Hours (#RCX109207) 3.0 BELTSS (Application Submitted)

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Registration Form

Deadline Feb 28

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\*\*\* please email registration form to [mmassey@coaaa.org](mailto:mmassey@coaaa.org)\*\*\*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Special accommodations needed due to disability:

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Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

COAAA is happy to offer FREE workshops effective 2024

Licensure  Social Worker  Nurse  NHA (license # \_\_\_\_\_)

Other \_\_\_\_\_

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Questions? Call (614) 645-7250 or 1-800-589-7277. COAAA cannot accept registrations over the phone.



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