



Western Reserve

Area Agency on Aging

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2024 Marks the 50th Anniversary of the Ohio Area Agencies on Aging

The Ohio Area Agencies on Aging are celebrating their 50th anniversary of service to the aging population. Created under the Older Americans Act in 1974, this golden milestone commemorates fifty years of work to empower older adults to live with dignity and independence.

Congregate meals at senior centers, in-home personal care, and wellness classes are just a few of the many programs and services provided through the agency's efforts. With a commitment to enhancing the lives of older adults, this important work impacts every aspect of the aging community.

"The Area Agencies on Aging were designed to continuously strive to create and oversee programs to benefit those reaching their sunset years," said Dr. E. Douglas Beach, CEO of Western Reserve Area Agency on Aging. "We are proud to have served our communities for 50 years and are looking forward to continuing that support for many years to come."

Working side by side with local organizations, the Ohio Area Agencies on Aging play a critical role in planning, developing, funding, and implementing local programs and services for seniors. These home and community-based services are crucial to thousands of older adults, allowing them to live safer, more fulfilling lives.

Ohio is divided into twelve service areas covering all 88 counties. There are 670 Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs) nationwide.

Celebrations are being planned around the state to pay tribute to this auspicious achievement. For more information about the events and the impactful work of your local AAA, visit their Facebook page or call:

Council on Aging of Southwestern Ohio - Blue Ash, OH 800/252-0155

Area Agency on Aging, PSA 2 - Dayton, OH 800/258-7277

Agency on Aging 3, Inc. - Lima, OH 800/653-7277

Area Office on Aging of Northwestern Ohio - Toledo, OH 800/472-7277

Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging - Ontario, OH 800/860-5799

Central Ohio Area Agency on Aging - Columbus, OH 800-589-7277

Area Agency on Aging, District 7 - Jackson, OH 800/582-7277

Buckeye Hill Regional Council - Marietta, OH 800/331-2644

Area Agency on Aging Region 9 - Cambridge, OH 800/945-4250

Western Reserve Area Agency on Aging - Cleveland, OH 800/626-7277

Direction Home Akron Canton Area Agency on Aging - Uniontown, OH 800/421-7277

Direction Home of Eastern Ohio - Youngstown, OH 800/686-7367

A private, nonprofit corporation serving Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, Lorain and Medina counties, the Western Reserve Area Agency on Aging (WRAAA) administers waiver and managed care programs that provide long-term care services and support to older adults and individuals with disabilities to live healthy, safely, and independently within their own homes.

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