# CONNECTING you with solutions



Area Agency on Aging

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## our caring & commitment never stop

The only certainty in life is change, and that includes change in our health, abilities, and circumstances, which can impact our independence at any age. One thing that doesn't change is our Agency's caring and commitment to those we serve – the seniors, adults with disabilities, and caregivers who look to us for reliable, objective, and caring solutions.

Our programs and connections throughout our nine-county region are invaluable to people seeking information and support. Every day we receive requests for help in the form of information, referrals, and assistance navigating the many home- and community-based options that can provide support through life's changes. We are fortunate to have a strong Aging Network of organizations collaborating toward the common goal of improving people's lives.

Our staff stay up-to-date on issues impacting our consumers, while tending to the daily tasks of keeping vital programs responsive, efficient, and truly helpful. The Agency advocates for in-home and community programs that support the basic needs of an aging population, and understands that the right kind of assistance benefits individuals and communities. We also provide compassion for people who need a listening ear and a little help. Tough calls require tender solutions.

We were pleased that once again voters supported the Montgomery County Human Services Levy. Levy dollars designated to support frail seniors fund our ComCare program that helps more than 1,200 seniors receive necessary assistance for remaining safe and independent in their homes. This annual report includes the story of an exceptional woman who relies on ComCare and her case manager to continue to live independently.

Our dedicated staff, Board, Advisory Council, County Councils on Aging, and providers serve our region in multiple ways. Each has a story that connects them to our Agency through shared caring and commitment to those we serve, and we are proud to present this annual report outlining our accomplishments in 2017.

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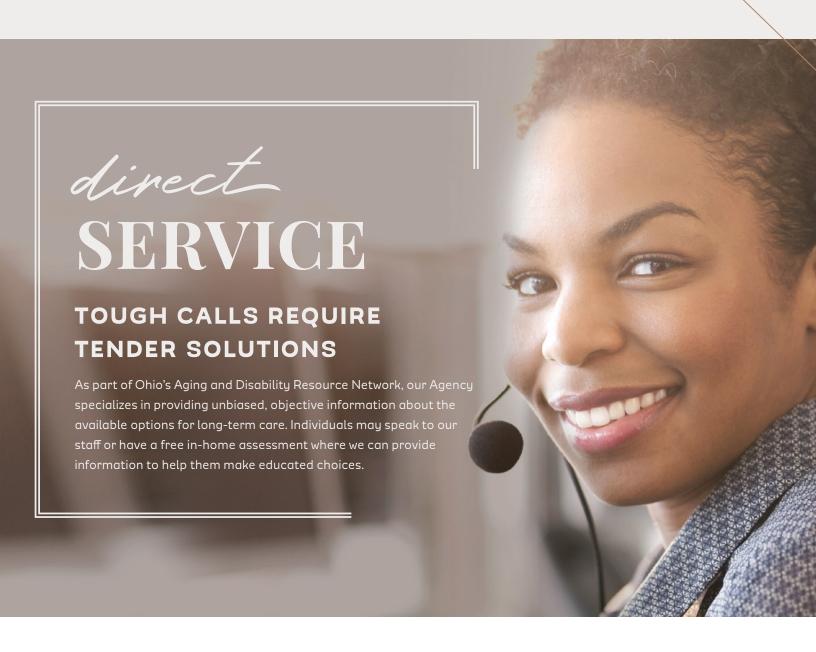
President, Harrison Township Board of Trustees who we serve

The Area Agency on Aging, PSA 2 helps older adults of west central Ohio remain in their homes with independence and dignity. We are an independent, private, nonprofit corporation that plans and funds services for older persons in Champaign, Clark, Darke, Greene, Logan, Miami, Montgomery, Preble, and Shelby counties. The 12 Area Agencies on Aging in Ohio are part of a national aging service network.

our vision is to be the resource on aging-

### our mission

The Area Agency on Aging improves the quality of life for older adults in its nine-county community by advocating for individuals, developing and supporting a strong network of services, and providing resources for older adults.

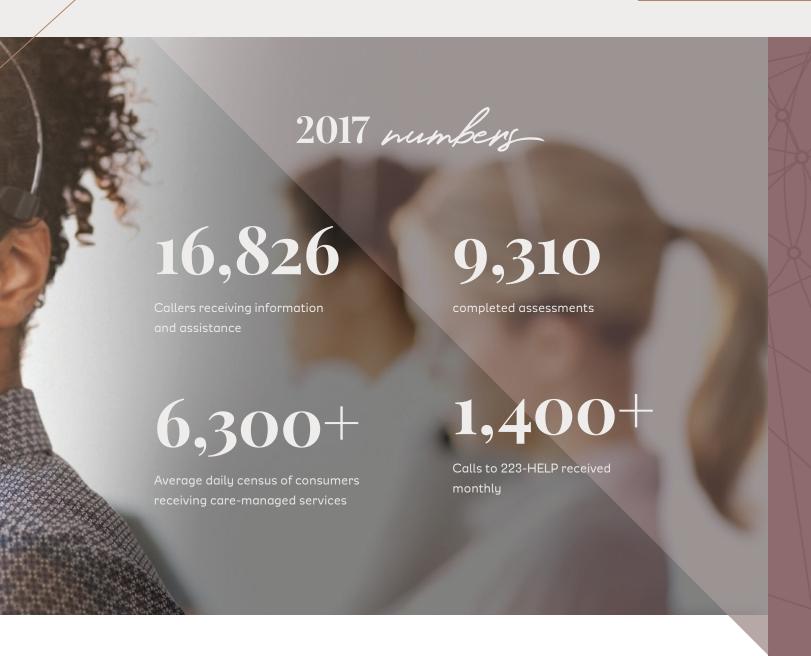


### NO WRONG DOOR

In October 2017 Ohio's "no wrong door system," Ohio Benefits Long-Term Services and Supports, was implemented statewide. As the designated lead Aging and Disability Resource Center in our region, the Agency continues to be responsible for the coordination of "front door" activities. Under this new initiative we contract with three community partners: Catholic Social Services of the Miami Valley, Goodwill Easter Seals Miami Valley, and Access Center for Independent Living. Our region's Aging and Disability Resource Network of agencies connects individuals to information, resources, and community-based, long-term services and supports.

### 223-HELP

Calling 223-HELP connects to a caring and knowledgeable licensed social worker or registered nurse trained by the Alliance of Information and Referral Systems with an Aging and Disability designation on their certification. Screeners answering the phone provide helpful information and explain the range of services and options available through the Agency, other social services, and our network of providers. Anyone can call: seniors, people with disabilities, caregivers, family members, friends, neighbors, professionals, or any concerned individual. The majority are first-time callers, and this is the start of our staff support – to listen and identify potential resources toward meeting the caller's needs.



### **IN-HOME ASSESSMENTS**

Our support can continue by scheduling an in-home assessment with an Agency assessor. In-home assessments provide the consumer and caregiver the opportunity to ask questions and review options with a knowledgeable licensed social worker or registered nurse. Assessors determine eligibility for our programs or can recommend other community resources, linking consumers to the appropriate service or care setting. They evaluate strengths and needs most accurately by meeting with an individual in their own home. This one-on-one discussion of available services and programs allows the individual to make an informed choice about their future care.

### **ONGOING SUPPORT**

If enrolled in a program managed through our Agency, a case manager or waiver services coordinator will monitor the unique care needs of each individual and ensure that their needs and services are continuously reviewed and addressed. This monitoring is based on the unique and changing needs of the individual.

## home care SERVICES

### THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE HOME

Every day, the following programs provide essential long-term care services and supports to enable frail seniors and people with disabilities to stay safe and independent in their own homes. Contracts with 211 service providers support the work done by:

#### **PASSPORT**

PASSPORT (*Pre-Admission Screening System Providing Options & Resources Today*) is a statewide Medicaid homeand community-based services waiver program providing adults with an alternative to living in a nursing facility.

PASSPORT allows individuals age 60 and older who are eligible for Medicaid and require hands-on care to "waive" nursing home residency and receive services at home instead. This program is preferred by many people and saves taxpayer money due to being far less expensive than 24/7 institutionalized care. The most requested services are personal care assistance, home-delivered meals, transportation, emergency response systems, and home medical equipment.

### **ASSISTED LIVING**

The Assisted Living Waiver is another option for Medicaideligible adults who require more hands-on care than can be provided within their home, but do not need 24/7 skilled nursing care. Assisted living facilities provide more homelike settings that are less restrictive and less expensive than full-care nursing facilities. The waiver pays for the cost of care in certified assisted living facilities, and consumers are responsible for the cost of their room and board at a rate set by the state.

#### COMCARE-MONTGOMERY COUNTY

ComCare provides in-home services to approximately 1,200 seniors in Montgomery County who do not meet the criteria for PASSPORT or MyCare Ohio, but need help to stay safe and healthy in their homes. The ComCare program is funded through the Montgomery County Human Services Levy that voters overwhelmingly renewed on November 7, 2017. Services provided are comparable to those listed under PASSPORT including personal care assistance, transportation, home-delivered meals, and adult day care services.

#### **MYCARE OHIO**

MyCare Ohio is designed to coordinate services for people age 60 and older who are eligible for both Medicare and Medicaid. This demonstration project began in 2014 in seven regions of Ohio and is scheduled to continue through 2019. In our region, MyCare applies to residents in Clark, Greene, and Montgomery counties, and our Agency contracts with Buckeye Community Health Plan and Molina Healthcare to provide waiver service coordination.



## care & compassion COMES FULL CIRCLE

Known by family and friends as Honey, Marguerite has always lived by the Golden Rule to treat others the way she wants to be treated, and carries a bag emblazoned with the motto, "One kind word can change someone's entire day."

Marguerite has spent a lifetime nursing and caring for others, and nearing her 87th birthday, she is happy to live in her own apartment. She attributes her independent lifestyle to a combination of support from her family, the ComCare program, and her Case Manager, Celeste. Celeste has managed Marguerite's home care services since April 2013, after a stroke left Marguerite with home health needs due to reduced capacity in communication and mobility. Her immediate needs included physical and speech therapy, along with homemaking and personal care help. Celeste not only monitored her condition and adjusted services as Marguerite improved, but also helped her transition to a more convenient senior residence. She continues to monitor Marguerite's services that include an aide twice weekly for laundry and cleaning, weekly food delivery, transportation, and an emergency response system.





## For Marguerite, the ComCare program has meant the difference between independent living and a nursing home.

"After my stroke, I stopped driving and had to depend on other people." Without ComCare, "I probably couldn't stay here," she says.

After a distinguished career in nursing growing from nursing assistant to licensed practical nurse, to registered nurse, to Nurse Practitioner, Marguerite knows the value of quality assistance coming at just the right time. She appreciates Celeste's knowledge and help. "She seems to understand. She just knows what to say and do. It makes a lot of difference when someone understands you," she says.

"Whenever I have a question, Celeste can answer it.

I don't know how long I'll be here, but I want her with me."

Marguerite states that nursing has been a worthy profession for her. "I like to think I made the world a little better one patient at a time." The ComCare program similarly exists to make the world a little better one person at a time. It was created to provide needed services for people like Marguerite who worked so hard to help others for decades, and now need a little help in return.

## community SERVICES

### **OLDER AMERICANS ACT**

Funding for planning, developing, and coordinating home- and community-based services that support older adults comes from Title III of the federal Older Americans Act (OAA). Signed into law in 1965, the OAA created the network of Area Agencies on Aging across the country that respond to the needs of seniors and advocate on their behalf. Our Agency administered more than \$6 million in Title III and related state funds in 2017 to help older adults remain in their homes and to support family caregivers.

OAA funding supports nutrition, transportation, personal care, housekeeping, adult day service, home repair, legal assistance, caregiver support, Long-Term Care Ombudsman, Alzheimer's services, outreach for Home Energy Assistance Program, protective and supportive services, and senior volunteer services.

The Nutrition Services Program is the largest OAA program, supporting both home-delivered meals and congregate meal sites. The 198,486 meals served in 2017 at 64 congregate meal sites in our region provided both nutrition and socialization. Additionally, 367,856 nutritionally-balanced meals were delivered in 2017 to seniors who are homebound due to illness, disability, or geographic isolation. The program helps older individuals remain independent within their communities.

## The month of May was first proclaimed as Older Americans Month in 1963 to acknowledge the contributions of citizens age 65 and older.

Initially named Senior Citizens Month, the recognition was established by President John F. Kennedy upon meeting with the National Council of Senior Citizens, and following two years of introducing programs devoted toward improving the health and quality of life for older Americans.

Every president since has annually issued a formal proclamation for Older Americans Month asking that the nation pay tribute to older citizens in their communities.

The Agency supports each of our nine county's Senior Day events held throughout May featuring events to draw communities together for socialization, recognition, and celebration of older adults. Since 1975, the Agency has coordinated nominations for Outstanding Senior Citizen awards in each county that are announced at their respective Senior Day. These awards recognize the contributions and accomplishments of older adults who enhance their communities through personal actions.

## community OUTREACH

The Agency connects with our communities in a variety of ways to provide education and information.

26.5k

Agency calendars were distributed free of charge to provide seniors and caregivers with information about community services throughout our nine-county region

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professionals were presented information at six Agencysponsored trainings 49

invitations were accepted by the Speakers Bureau to speak or display information at community events reaching more than 3,000 people

## focus on aging

our quarterly newsletter provided information about issues impacting the aging network



## health linked to INDEPENDENCE

Personal health is a major factor in retaining independence as we age. Nearly 300 people completed the Agency's Healthy U program at a variety of community sites in our nine-county region throughout 2017 to work toward improving their health and successfully self-managing their chronic conditions.

## Healthy U is an evidence-based, small-group workshop that meets weekly for six weeks.

Conducted by a trained leader team, the workshops address various challenges and symptoms of living with chronic conditions such as diabetes, chronic pain, heart disease, lung disease, arthritis, depression, and more. Participants try different tools and learn from one another as they change their perception from what they can't do to what *they can do* for healthier, happier lives.

The programs were developed by Stanford University researchers, and we offer three different Healthy U workshops in our region: chronic disease (for better management of any long-term health condition), diabetes, and chronic pain. Programs are regularly updated to reflect the most current research, and in 2017 the Agency trained 19 leaders to offer the fully updated diabetes workshop. The programs have proven outcomes that include reduced emergency room visits and hospitalizations, along with improved confidence in self-managing chronic conditions.

Self-management is not managing your health independently, but recognizing your individual responsibilities in partnership

with a team of healthcare providers. This team can include a general practitioner, specialist(s), pharmacist, therapist, etc. Individuals are responsible for day-to-day management of their condition that includes taking medicines as directed, regular physical activity, healthy food choices, and communicating with their physicians about changes or problems. As the workshop progresses, participants become active self-managers of their condition and symptoms, putting them – not their disease – in control.

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Completing this 6-week refresher course has opened my eyes to the forgotten solutions of how to improve my health. At 77 years of age I had been informed of most of the topics and experienced some of them. However, through the years, some of the solutions to many of the topics I had forgotten. This was a great refresher course. I especially enjoyed the open forum and many one-on-one conversations on many of the issues.

It has been great learning that others have the same issues as we do. The class has been good sharing so many great ideas with each other.

The action plans are great!

I brainstorm about things
more, without just rushing into
something and not completing
the plan.

The class helps to reinforce my efforts to work with the doctors in dealing with my disease.

Communication and expressing my pains and feelings were also emphasized in this class.

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## 2017 advisory council

The 27 volunteer members of our Advisory Council help support us as the resource on aging in our nine-county region. Three representatives from each of our nine counties advise the Agency on development and coordination of community-based systems of services for all older persons in our region. They also provide recommendations to the Board of Trustees on distribution of federal and state funds.





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Galyon, Marian

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Healthcom, Inc.

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Hearts on Call

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Hillside Assisted Living

Hocks Medical Equipment

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Home Helpers #58222/Story's, Inc.

Home Products for Seniors

HomeSense Enterprises, LLC

HomeSite Home Healthcare

Home State Healthcare

Hope Home Care

I Interim Health Care

International Elderly Care Group, LLC

International Quality

J & K In Home Care, Inc.

Joint Office of Citizen Complaints

Jones, Jennifer

K Kitchen, Joseph

Knightengales Home Care, LLC

L Ladybug Services, LLC

Lakeview Assisted Living

LAM Home Health Care, LLC

Laurelwood Senior Living

Lavender Home Care Solutions

Legal Aid of Western Ohio, Inc. (LAWO)

Liberty Home Care

Lifecare Alliance

Lifeline Systems Company

Lorraine Surgical Supply

M Maxim Health Care Services

McCalister. Maurice

McLemore, Jacqueline

Medical Service Company

MedScope America Corporation

Milt's Termite & Pest Control

Mom's Meals

Montgomery, Jasmine

Mullaney's Pharmacy & Home Health

Care

N National Church Residences Legacy

Village

Nina's Health Care Agency

O Oak Creek Terrace

Oakwood Village

Ohio Home Health Care, Inc.

Ohio Living Home Health – Greater

Dayton

Ortega, Tamara

P People Working Cooperatively

Personal Touch Home Care

Perspective Home Care

Phoenix Home Care Passport Program,

Inc.

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Spectrum Home Care

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Synergy Home Care of South Dayton

Tatiana's Home Care, LLC

Timesmith Consulting

Today Center for Adults

Trinity Community

Trotwood Healing Touch Agency

Tub Cutter

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Universal Transportation Systems

**V** Valley Transport

Valued Relationships, Inc.

Vancrest of New Carlisle

Varment Guard

Venable, Tricia

Verrett, Maru

Vizion One. Inc.

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Wellcare Home Health

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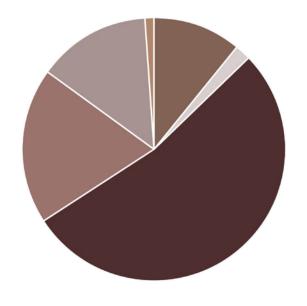
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Center

**Z** Ziks Family Pharmacy

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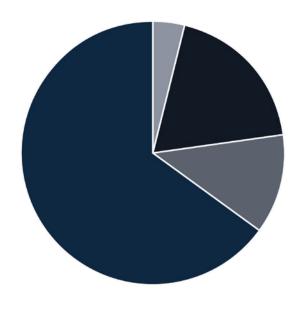
## support & revenue

	2016*	2017*
FEDERAL FUNDS	\$5,039,624	\$4,941,890
STATE FUNDS	\$914,986	\$912,584
PASSPORT / ASSISTED LIVING	\$24,552,644	\$27,068,178
LEVY SERVICES	\$8,797,941	\$8,797,941
MYCARE OHIO	\$6,434,758	\$7,337,764
OTHER (INCLUDING INTEREST)	\$438,872	\$413,246
TOTAL	\$46,178,825 <sup>**</sup>	\$49,471,603"



## expenditures

	2016*	2017*
ADMINISTRATION	\$1,689,252	\$1,739,246
DIRECT SERVICE OPERATIONS	\$8,311,275	\$8,758,033
PURCHASED COMMUNITY SERVICES	\$5,364,018	\$5,325,517
PURCHASED HOME CARE SERVICES	\$28,787,748	\$31,485,339
TOTAL	\$44,152,293	\$47,308,135



<sup>\*</sup>Unaudited \*\* Services for those in MyCare Ohio are paid directly by the member's healthcare plan.

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