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Building a quality provider network to assist aging adults with services and supports to remain independent.

Requests for Proposal (RFP) for the 2024-2025 Title III/Older Americans Act Programs

Area Agency on Aging 3 intends to award funds for calendar years 2024 and 2025 to providers who furnish services as specified to persons 60 and older within Allen, Auglaize, Hancock, Hardin, Mercer, Putnam, and/or Van Wert counties.

Go to www.aaa3.org to access the Requests for Proposal (RFP) for the 2024-2025Title III/Older Americans Act Programs



Please send questions to rfp@psa3.org. Deadline to apply is 06/07/23 at 12:00 PM.

A Bidders Conference addressing questions specific to the RFP will be held virtually at 2:00 p.m. on 05/16/2023. You may join the meeting at https://meet.goto.com/752511413.

AAA3 IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY GRANTOR AND EMPLOYER AGENCY.

Federal Public Health Emergency Has Ended

As of May 11, 2023, the Public Health Emergency, issued for COVID-19, has ended. As a result, the exceptions included in the requirements during the state of emergency issued by the governor, or the federal public health emergency will be discontinued. The governor lifted the state of emergency in June of 2021, but the federal public health emergency stayed in effect until May 11, 2023. Please review the requirements for the services you are providing to ensure you are meeting compliance now that the federal Public Health Emergency has been lifted. If you need any assistance getting to or deciphering the current rule, feel free to reach out to our provider relations staff and they will be happy to help.

Volunteer Opportunities for Individuals

The HCBS requirements also include the individual's choice to be employed and/or volunteer if they wish. You can visit this site https://www.volunteermatch.org/search to assist individuals in finding opportunities in their area. Some opportunities are required to be done on-site while other opportunities can be something individuals can do from the comfort of their own homes such as making phone calls to others. There are many talented older adults who would love to make a difference within their community by volunteering. Let's give them options so they can find something that best meets their skills and preferences.

"Volunteering is the ultimate exercise in democracy. You vote in elections once a year, but when you volunteer, you vote every day about the kind of community you want to live in."

~author unknown

HCBS Update for Assisted Living and ADS Providers

As of May 1, 2023, ODA has transitioned the completion of the HCBS Settings review for Category C providers to the local Area Agency on Aging sites. Moving forward, our Agency will now be completing the HCBS section for all Assisted Living and Adult Day Service Providers during each annual review. Updated checklists are being sent and we may be requesting some additional documentation to be submitted a few weeks before the review to prepare for the time we are on-site completing the review. We will also return to in-person interviews with residents and staff. As always, feel free to contact our provider relations staff if you have any questions.

Senior Day at the Ohio State Fair

Senior Day offers free admission to fairgoers 60+, and parking is free to everyone!

The Ohio Department of Aging, in partnership with the Ohio State Fair, presents the "Well Beyond 60! EXPO" during Senior Day at the fair - 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 2, 2022.

Fairgoers visiting the "Well Beyond 60! EXPO" will have access to nearly 3,000 square feet of free health screenings, wellness demonstrations, and lifestyle programs promoting independence provided by state and community partners. Screening services and programs include:



- COVID-19 vaccine and booster;
- Brain Health
- Strength and balance;
- Vision screening;
- Long-term care guidance;
- Assistive technologies;
- Investment protection;
- Medicare;
- Veterans Affair enrollment;
- Nutrition education;
- And a lot more!

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