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Advocacy Priorities

O4a Annual Conference on Aging

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O4a Advocacy Priorities

- Older Americans Act
- Access to quality HCBS – ADRN, PASSPORT
- Health Care Reform
- Elder Abuse
- Other areas: Medicaid Expansion, Caregiving Support



Elder Abuse - APS

- Advocates for Ohio's Future & Ohio Coalition for Adult Protective Services
- \$10 million appropriation
- JFS Workgroup – recommendations
- Budget advocacy



Aging and Disability Resource Networks/Front Door

- Area Agencies on Aging are “Front Door”
- PASSPORT Screening and Assessment Rates
 - 10% cut in 12/13 budget
 - 5% restoration in 14/15 budget
- Balancing Incentive Program- more being asked of ADRNs



PASSPORT Provider Rates: History

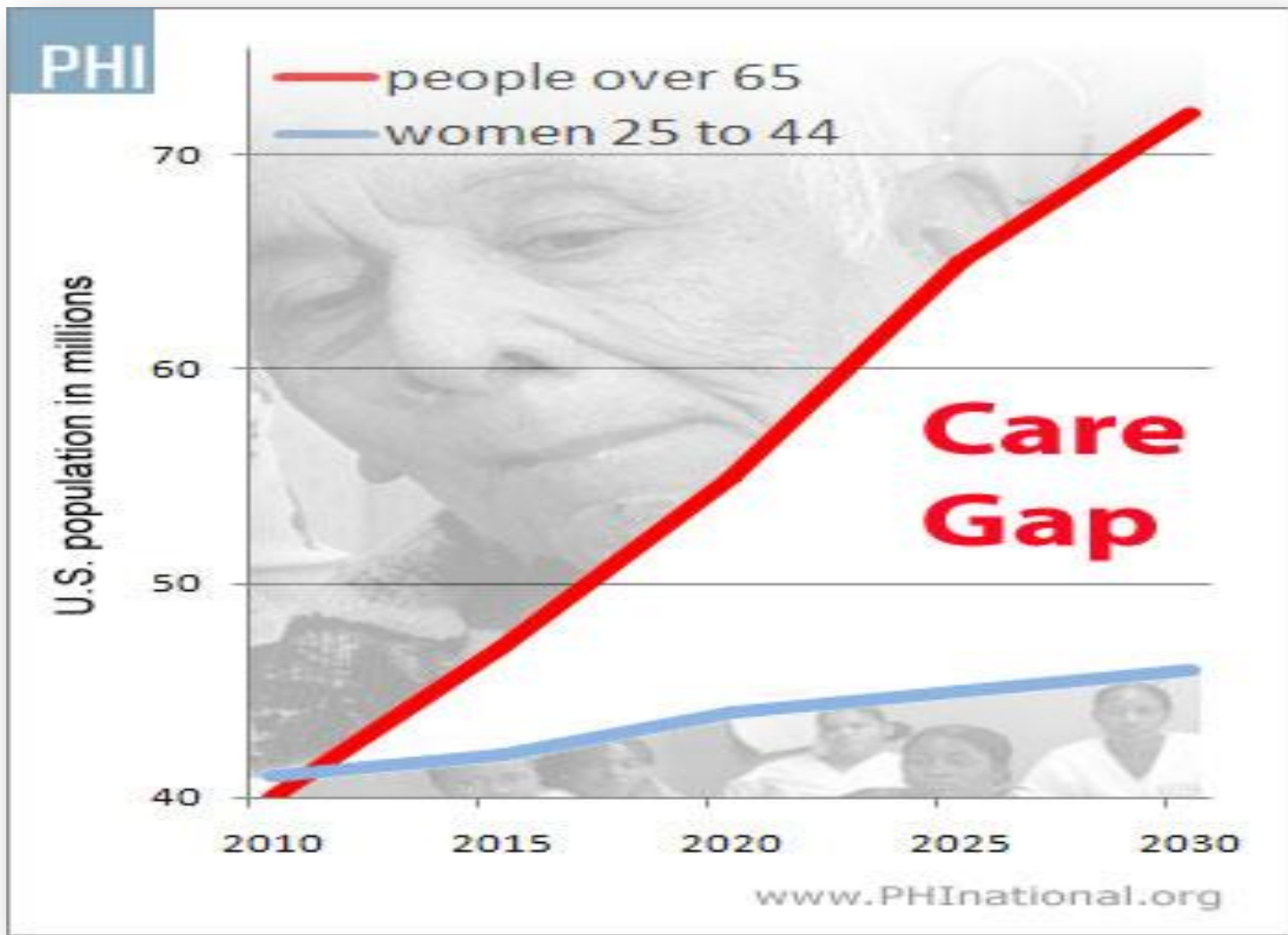
- FY 10-11 Rate increase (+3%)
- FY 12-13 Rate increase removed (-3%)
- FY 14-15: Restored $\frac{1}{2}$ of PASSPORT rate cuts in House (+1.5%)
- FY 14-15: Increase in Adult Day Services (+20%)
- FY 14-15: Restored Assisted living waiver rates (+3%)



Provider Rates

- Rate rationalization – how are rates built
- Access to quality services -
 - Growing care gap
 - Low wage workforce
 - Core competencies
- Coalition with providers

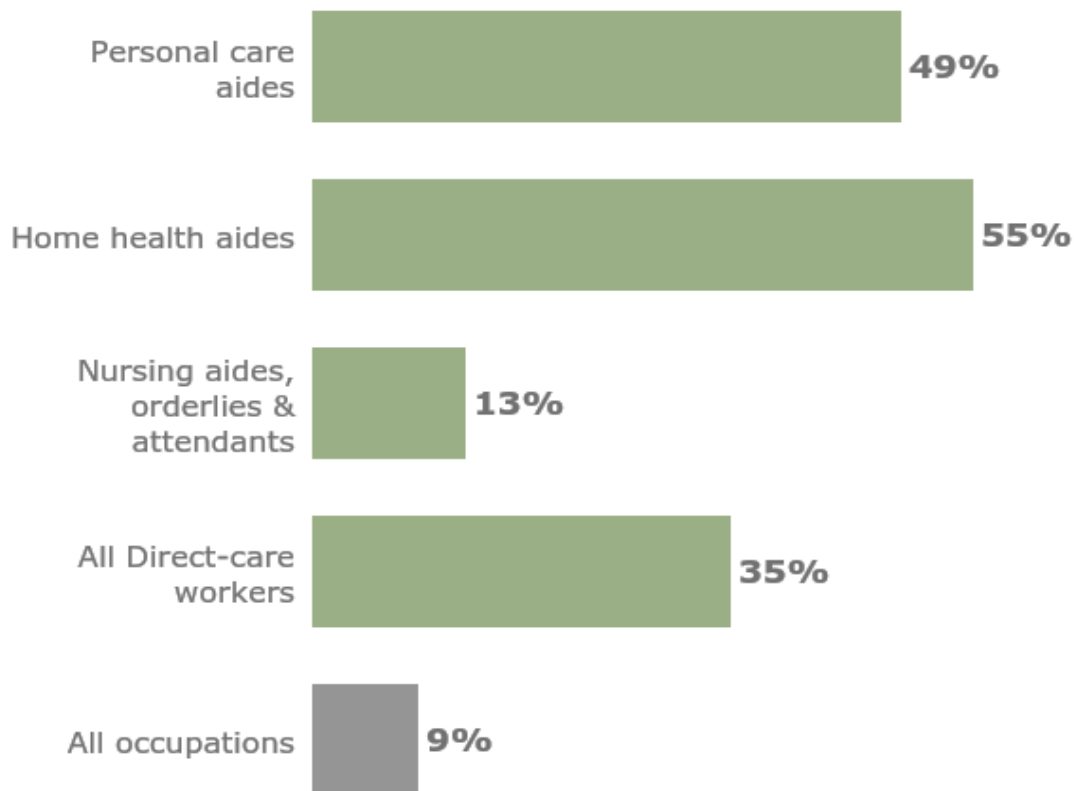
Aligned interests: Growing Care Gap





Aligned Interests: Job Growth

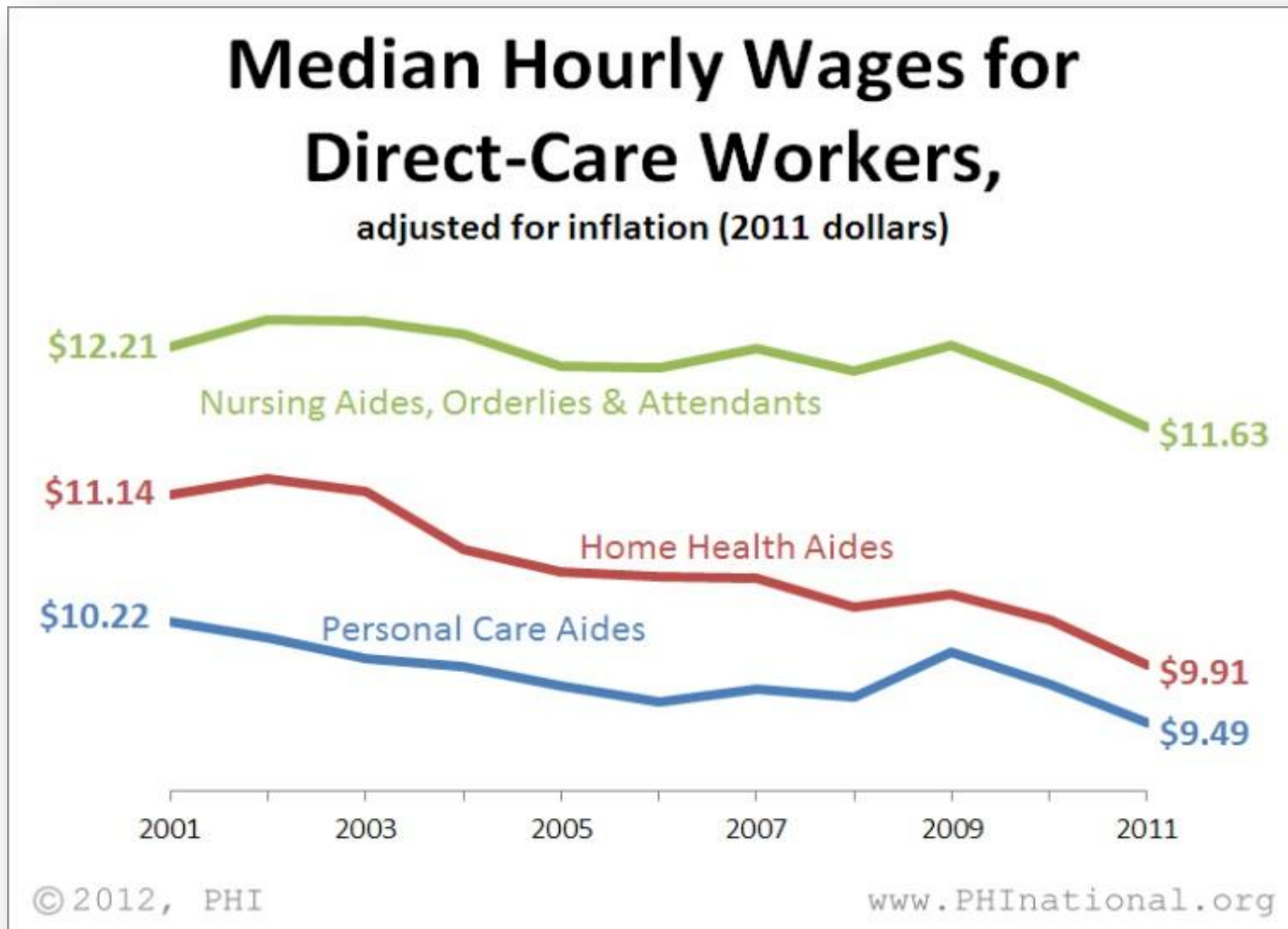
Ohio: Occupational Growth Projections, 2010-2020



Source: PHInational.org



Make the Case for Direct Care Workers





Aligned Interests: Improve financial position

Direct-Care Worker Households Relying on Public Benefits, 2010





What you can do today

Collect stories: impact on workers and consumers

Collect data: impact of provider rate cuts

Stay informed – o4a, AOF, AARP

Act in concert with others when opportunities arise



Resources

1. O4a Legislative Bulletin
2. O4a Associates Program:
<http://www.ohioaging.org/Pages/Associates>
3. Advocates for Ohio's Future:
www.advocatesforohio.org
4. Ohio Budget Process (handout)



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