

OHIO ASSOCIATION OF SENIOR CENTERS



OHIO ASSOCIATION OF SENIOR CENTERS

Ohio Association of Senior Centers

3757 Indianola Ave
Columbus, OH 43214
Phone: 800/796-6272
Fax: 614/784-9771
email: krc@pacainc.com



OHIO ASSOCIATION OF SENIOR CENTERS

The Purpose of the Ohio Association of Senior Centers is to support and enhance the ability of Ohio's senior center network to effectively serve older adults by providing education, mentoring, and training to senior center and aging network staff.

Membership information is available at www.ohioasc.org

Member Benefits

- Annual Conference provides up to date information on the industry
- Legislative Updates keeps you in the know on funding and other state initiatives
- Mentoring allows you to learn best practices from other senior serving organizations
- Certification for senior centers and key staff ensures your center is operating to industry standards
- Training and education provides staff enrichment



OHIO ASSOCIATION OF SENIOR CENTERS

On September 22, 2022, leadership of the Ohio Association of Senior Centers had the opportunity to meet with Ohio Department of Aging's Director, Ursel McElroy and her leadership team.

Items discussed included the ODA Strategic Action Plan on Aging (SAPA) and priorities for Ohio's older adult population.



OHIO ASSOCIATION OF SENIOR CENTERS

The Ohio Association of Senior Centers' priorities will reinforce the Department's plan by targeting and expanding community based programs in centers throughout the State of Ohio.

Through this programming, together we will all be helping seniors to live longer, healthier lives with dignity and autonomy.



OHIO ASSOCIATION OF SENIOR CENTERS

First and foremost, reimbursement rates for the in-home, healthcare workforce should be funded to allow for competitive wages for workers who provide critical community based services to seniors in their homes helping to reduce emergency room visits, minimize avoidable re-admissions to the hospital, and reduce premature placement in long-term care facilities.

By investing in a strong, reliable, home health care workforce, we can save taxpayers money in the long run.



OHIO ASSOCIATION OF SENIOR CENTERS

Allocate money in Ohio Department of Aging's line 1084 for funding facilities in the amount of \$2,300,000.00. Investing in the modernization of senior centers is critical to their ability to remain the local, trusted entities in each community connecting people to programs, services, and opportunities we all need to age well.

Over 300+ Senior Centers throughout Ohio offer a network of support for thousands of seniors each year providing socialization, access to nutrition and supportive services, wellness education, and protection against elder abuse and exploitation.

Helping seniors to live healthy, safe lives in their environment of choice, leads to positive outcomes for our communities.



OHIO ASSOCIATION OF SENIOR CENTERS

Create an additional line item for an award program directly from Ohio Department of Aging for Innovative Pilot Programming Projects that address individual community needs at a suggested \$500,000.



OHIO ASSOCIATION OF SENIOR CENTERS

Allocate funds for creating media marketing tool kits which include Ohio Department of Aging based commercials and advertisements that can be localized and promoted to encourage seniors to get back to living their best lives in their own communities.

The localized advertisements will raise awareness of services available for seniors and their caregivers while providing education on how to access services at the local level leading to improved outcomes and healthier lives.



OHIO ASSOCIATION OF SENIOR CENTERS

By funding the budget priorities as detailed in this document, the Ohio Department of Aging along with the Ohio Association of Senior Centers can make Ohio the best place to age in the nation.

We thank you for your commitment to the health and well-being of Ohio's aging population.

In shared vision and respect,

Ohio Association of Senior Centers