

A stylized graphic in the background shows three human figures with their arms raised and joined at the hands, forming a continuous line. The figures are rendered in a light, golden-brown color. The background is a smooth gradient transitioning from a warm yellow on the left to a deep purple on the right.

# FIND A RIDE

*To provide life-span resources that INSPIRE, EDUCATE & EMPOWER elder adults, persons with disabilities and family caregivers*

The AAA3 Find A Ride project serves Allen, Auglaize, Hancock, Hardin, Mercer, Putnam, and Van Wert Counties.

Find A Ride is funded by the Ohio Department of Transportation and other local funds. Find A Ride serves individuals who are over the age of 60, and under 60 with a disability where no other community transportation options exist. We provide both medical and non-medical trips by contracting with transportation providers.

AAA3 also houses a Mobility Manager that can link anyone living in the seven-county region with transportation options available to them, and facilitates on-going human-service transportation planning efforts.

The AAA3 Mobility Manager was contacted by Foundations Behavioral Health Center in the fall of 2019. They had provided direct transportation to their clients to ensure access to behavioral health services, but the only driver providing transportation was resigning from his position. FBHS asked if there was a way that Find A Ride could assist their clients. Our contract with ODOT requires a 20% local match to draw down the federal funds to pay for trips. FBHS agreed to pay 20% of the cost of each trip to support that local match requirement.

From September of 2019 through February of 2022, 6,912 trips have been provided.

# Foundations Behavioral Health- Mercer County

“Foundations Behavioral Health Services is grateful for the partnership with the Area Agency on Aging 3 for the transportation services with our clients. In the past, the agency has had to spread its resources thin trying to ensure clients were able to get to the office for their appointments. With Mercer County being a rural county, and the agency being outside of the city limits, it is difficult for clients to get to our agency if they do not have stable means of transportation.

# Foundations Behavioral Health- Mercer County

With this new partnership, Foundations is now able to provide seamless care and focus on our priority of behavioral health service as the Area Agency on Aging 3 has been able to successfully transport our clients to & from their appointments. When clients are able to consistently attend their appointments, they are able to make improvements in their behavioral health stability which means that they are more productive members of our community. This service has been an amazing compliment to our services and has significantly helped the Mercer County community obtain access to their much needed behavioral health services.” -Diane Gable, Executive Director



# Additional Innovative partnerships:

## Mental Health Board- Allen, Auglaize, Hardin

- \$10,000 to ensure access to inpatient and outpatient treatment for substance use disorders.

## Pathways Counseling Center- Putnam County

- Memorandum of Understanding to pay 20% of the cost of the trips that cannot be covered through existing Medicaid transportation.

## Putnam County Board of Developmental Disabilities- Putnam County

- Memorandum of Understanding to pay 20% of the cost of the trips for employment transportation to ensure community integration.

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