

# Senior Housing A Rural Perspective

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The Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging, Inc. provides leadership, collaboration, coordination and services to older adults, people with disabilities, their caregivers and resource networks that support individual choice, independence and dignity.

# Housing Choices

- Most want to remain independent in their own home, but home may:
  - be aging and in need of expensive repairs
    - 1 in 5 homes in Ohio were built before 1940  
(2018 OHFA Housing Needs Assessment)
  - not be accessible
  - be remote and far from needed services
  - be too big

# Housing Choices

- Others what to downsize and move into an affordable and accessible place.  
Barriers exist.
  - Affordable housing is limited in rural areas
  - Individual does not wish to move to another city
  - Emotional attachment

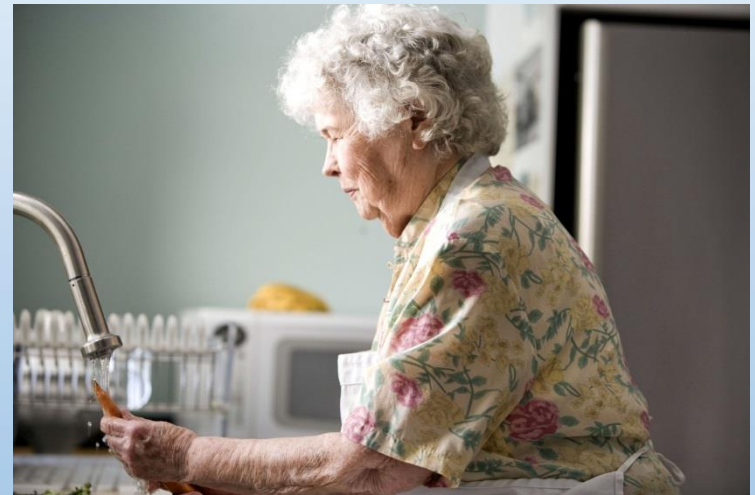
# Health Happens at Home

- Safety
- Isolation
- Food insecurity
- Lack of informal support

# Keeping seniors at home

- Home Choice
- Medicaid Waiver (PASSPORT)
- Older American's Act
- Local Levies
- Grants
- Informal Caregiver Support

# Dorothy's Story



# What Does Choice Look Like





# Look Closer.....



# Overcoming Housing Barriers

AAA has taken an active part in senior housing development AND Service Coordination.

Faith Community

Future Opportunities

# Thank You

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