



Ohio Association of Area Agencies on Aging  
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## 2021 o4a Annual Conference for Aging & Disability Networks

In-person at the Hilton Columbus at Easton, and available Virtually

### Conference At A Glance

#### ***Wednesday, October 20, 2021***

7:30am – 5:00pm Registration  
8:00am – 10:00am Continental Breakfast  
9:00am – 11:00am Pre-Conference Intensives  
11:30am – 1:00pm Opening Luncheon & General Session  
1:00pm – 1:30pm ***Break with Exhibitors***  
1:30pm – 3:00pm Concurrent Workshops I  
3:00pm – 3:30pm ***Break***  
3:30pm – 5:00pm Concurrent Workshops II

#### ***Thursday, October 21, 2021***

7:30am – 3:00pm Registration  
8:00am – 10:00am Breakfast & General Session  
10:00am – 10:30am ***Break with Exhibitors***  
10:30am – 12:00pm Concurrent Workshops III  
12:00pm – 12:30pm ***Break with Exhibitors***  
12:30pm – 3:00pm Closing Luncheon & General Session

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**Pre-Conference Intensives (Optional)**

**9:00am – 11:00am**

*A. Ohio Medicaid Update*

*2.0 hours*

**SUMMARY**

Learn about the newest developments in Medicaid from key Ohio Department of Medicaid staff. Medicaid has undergone many transformations in the last few years because of federal and state initiatives and changes. Medicaid Managed Care re-procurement and Ohio Rise, home, and community-based services, MyCare Ohio, HOME Choice and new flexibilities as a result of the pandemic are all topics of interest. If you want to stay on top of current programs and future changes, this is the session for you.

*B. Aging, Disability, and Acquired Brain Injury*

*2.0 hours*

**SUMMARY**

This presentation will cover issues faced by older adults and persons with disability who have experienced traumatic brain injury or some other type of acquired brain injury. Brain injury can lead to dementia, but it is not dementia. In this presentation we will address questions like: What types of brain injury are common and how do they affect a person's functioning? What should I look for when assisting someone with a history of brain injury? How would I even know if they are being affected by a prior brain injury? We will also be sharing details of a new resource that will be available through the Ohio Brain Injury Program and provided free for any Ohioan with a brain injury.

*C. Medicare & Telehealth: The Latest Developments and Innovations*

*2.0 hours*

**SUMMARY**

Many changes are happening with Medicare to create innovative ways to help people improve their experience and health outcomes while driving down health costs. Tim McNeill, a Registered Nurse and public health national expert, will update us on the most recent advances in Medicare and Telehealth that can benefit older Ohioans and those with disabilities.



Wednesday, October 20, 2021

## Opening Luncheon & General Session

11:30am – 1:00pm

*General Session*

*0.75 hours*

### SUMMARY

There are several exciting new federal policies, spending proposals, and laws that can make HCBS a more accessible options for Ohioans. Hear from U.S. Senator Sherrod Brown and Abigail Duggan, Deputy Legislative Director, as they describe the latest innovative ways the Biden administration and Congress are addressing the effects of the pandemic and the direct care workforce crisis.

## Concurrent Workshops I

1:30pm – 3:00pm

*1. Ethics at the End of Life*

*1.5 hours*

### SUMMARY

Ethics are at the root of all service and professional practices – and guide our decisions and actions daily as we struggle to “do the right thing”. The end of life presents particularly difficult questions and dilemmas that preparation and thought must be given to. This workshop will explore some of the ethical principles that guide this thinking and help the participant explore and articulate actions and perspectives that support dignity and compassion in end-of-life concerns. Since we all have our own ideas about what is right and what is wrong – and methods to tell the difference – it is imperative to ground ourselves in principles that guide our professional decision making to protect the public, the practitioner and the profession we represent.

*2. Ageism is No Joke: What the Data Says About Ageism and How to Tell a New Story About Aging*

*1.5 hours*

### SUMMARY

Aging is often the subject of jokes, or products that claim to fight the aging process. This session will provide a greater understanding of what ageism and age discrimination is and the negative impact on health and longevity. Learn practical ways you can tell a new story about aging through the Reframing Aging Initiative!



### *3. The Impact of Social Isolation and Innovative Ways to Address*

*1.5 hours*

#### **SUMMARY**

While older adults and other at-risk populations were already at an increased risk for Social Isolation prior to COVID-19, the stay at home and quarantine orders intended to decrease the spread of the virus, drastically heightened that risk. This session will talk about the impact of social isolation in facilities and in the community and will highlight some of the initiatives that were rolled out to mitigate the impact.

### *4. Making the Connection: Transportation Options for Older Adults*

*1.5 hours*

#### **SUMMARY**

Transportation is a means to an end - being able to engage in the community and be with family and friends, providing access to food and other basic needs, and maintaining healthy lifestyles by traveling to medical appointments and emergency services, to name a few - and as such, transportation is the key to unlocking a good quality of life for older Ohioans and Ohioans with disabilities. Find out about initiatives such as mobility management, internal dispatching, and ride share programs that are working to enhance transportation options for the people we serve.

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## **Concurrent Workshops II**

**3:30pm – 5:00pm**

### *5. Ethics & Reporting Suspected Animal Abuse*

*1.5 hours*

#### **SUMMARY**

Since the passage of H.B. 33 Social Workers, Counselors, Veterinarians, Animal Control Officers, and Law Enforcement Officers are now bound by law to adhere to cross reporting obligations. Because there is such a high correlation between elder abuse, domestic and community violence with all types of animal abuse, it is critical for the professional to be able to identify both physical and environmental signs of animal abuse. There are also ethical concerns as to including animal abuse in informed consent and the realization that although there are significantly higher punishment possibilities – this does not at all equal more safety. We will explore these and other questions in this session – and identify the consequences of both reporting, not reporting or false reporting signs of animal abuse.



## *6. The Mahoning County Crisis Intervention Program: A Partnership for Success* *1.5 hours*

### **SUMMARY**

Learn about a new partnership with local community providers, health system, and the Probate Court to address mental health crisis situations experienced by older adults. The primary purpose of the Mahoning County Crisis Intervention program is to provide coordinated and intentional actions to identify, triage and assist in managing individuals in crisis situations. In addition, the program aids and assists other community providers in providing joint coordination, wrap-around services, enhanced communication, networking, and management for shared clients and consumers.

## *7. The Direct Care Workforce Shortage: Local Initiatives Aiming to Meet the Need* *1.5 hours*

### **SUMMARY**

Learn about innovative initiatives from three different Area Agencies on Aging to address the shortage of paid caregivers in the home – the direct care workforce. Strategies to recruit displaced workers, capitalizing on the consumer direction program, and technology solutions will all be featured in this informative session.

## *8. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion: Looking Inward and Reaching Out* *1.5 hours*

### **SUMMARY**

The series of events of 2020 have been a renewed call to action to end racism in our country's systems of power and privilege. Many organizations issued statements pledging to address and end racism in their organizations and to be more proactive in their communities with the people they serve. Find out what diversity, equity and inclusion really mean, and how two Area Agencies on Aging have looked inward, and reached out to their communities, for change.



Thursday, October 21, 2021

## **Breakfast & General Session**

**8:00am – 10:00am**

*Insights from the Leader of Ohio's Aging Network*

*1.0 hour*

### **SUMMARY**

The last 18 months have been like no other time in the Aging Network. Facing the crisis of the COVID 19 pandemic, and its impact on older Ohioans, the efforts of the aging network to address the pandemic with urgency and creativity has been key to moving through this time. Ohio Department of Aging Director Ursel McElroy will highlight the work of Ohio's Aging Network and will talk about where we go from here. The Strategic Action Plan on Aging (SAPA) is a prioritized plan that addresses the many challenges identified in the 2020 Summary Assessment of Older Ohioans. The Director will discuss the goal of the SAPA: that all Ohioans live longer, healthier lives with dignity and autonomy and that disparities and inequities among older Ohioans are eliminated and will explain how we will achieve this goal with a comprehensive roadmap.

## **Concurrent Workshops III**

**10:30am – 12:00pm**

*9. Consumer Engagement- How to Reach and Better Engage Consumers*

*1.5 hours*

### **SUMMARY**

Engaging and enlisting people's participation in health and social programs can be difficult. Learn some successful tactics employed by the Central Ohio Area Agency on Aging that have increased their engagement rate in various health plan programs. Tips for getting people interested and following through will support everyone in your organization to feel more successful in their interactions and ultimately to help more people

*10. How AAA's can Support Housing as a Social Determinant of Health*

*1.5 hours*

### **SUMMARY**

Affordable housing for older Ohioans and people with disabilities is sorely needed around our state and country. AAAs can have an impact on housing, which is one of the most important social determinants of health. Learn how AAAs in PSA 4, 5, and 8 have approached the need in their communities.



*11. Elder Justice and Adult Protective Services Update: Where Are We Now? 1.5 hours*

**SUMMARY**

People became less connected, and more at risk of elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation as a result of the pandemic. Hear from state experts and advocates about elder justice policy and funding changes and learn about the impact of the pandemic on adult protective services at the local level.

*12. Getting to Broadband Access for All Older Ohioans 1.5 hours*

**SUMMARY**

What is the status of broadband in Ohio? Learn the latest information about the current state of broadband access as well as plans for newly passed state and federal laws and funding to help erase the internet deserts in rural and urban Ohio. Access to the internet is critical for individuals living at home regardless of their age. This session is your opportunity to stay on top of this important issue.



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## **Closing Luncheon & General Session**

**12:30pm – 3:00pm**

*Perspectives and Updates from a 2020/21 Health and Aging Policy Fellow*

*.75 hours*

### **SUMMARY**

This presentation will provide the background, structure, goals and value of the Health and Aging Policy Program (<https://www.healthandagingpolicy.org>) from 20/21 Health and Aging Policy Fellow, Dr. Kyle Allen. Dr. Allen will share insights gained from placement at the Administration of Community Living and the CMS Medicare and Medicaid Coordination Office regarding integration of community-based organizations with health systems and health plans, social services for aging and disability, Medicare and Medicaid Demonstration initiatives, and future implications

*The Promise and Potential Pitfalls of Aligning Social Care with Health Care*

*.75 hours*

### **SUMMARY**

The opportunities for integrating social care needs with health care plans and providers to achieve better outcomes are numerous. National expert and co-chair of the Aligning Social Care initiative, Tim McNeill will discuss the work of health plans, community-based organization networks, and the Administration on Community Living to resolve how best to provide meaningful input back and forth between community-based organizations like AAAs and health plans.