**Our Mission**

Provide leadership for a collaborative service and resource network that supports individual choice, independence, and dignity for older and disabled adults.

**Our Vision**

The Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging, Inc. (Area Agency on Aging) will be recognized as a leader in the long term care system and be the preferred organization to provide choices to pathways which enhance the independence, dignity and well being of older adults, adults with disabilities, and caregivers.

**Board Members:**

- Marilyn Byers (Ashland County)
- Jody Dobbins (Crawford County)
- John Stofira (Huron County)
- Doug McLarnan (Knox County)
- Ruth Stanley (Marion County)
- Betty Meier (Morrow County)
- Larry Moore (Richland County)
- Tom Joseph (Seneca County)
- Larry Bennett (Wyandot County)

**At Large Board Members:**

- Dr. Becky Strickland
- Kim Histed
- Carol Michaels
- Marcia Rice
- Cassie Mayer
- Jim Oyster

**Ex-Officio Board Members:**

- Billie Brandon
- Glen Cole
- Mary Koblentz-Bowen
- Mary Lou Wertman
- Diane Winger
Our Partnerships/Successes

Six $1,000 grant awards were provided to eligible individuals pursuing higher education. The Board also expanded the program adding a $2,500 scholarship in 2009.

The AAA became the sponsor of the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program; expanded the program into Ashland County, and changed the name to RSVP of Mid Ohio.

Partnered with Second Harvest Food Bank to locate a VISTA volunteer at the Area Agency on Aging (AAA) to train Ohio Benefits Bank counselors. A partnership with AARP and Mansfield/Richland Public Library located AARP volunteers at the AAA to perform Ohio Benefits Bank screenings.

A partnership with Mansfield Memorial Homes and Richland County Foundation resulted in Mansfield Memorial Homes purchasing a specialized delivery vehicle to increase the availability of hot home delivered meals in northern Richland County.

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds were used to provide additional meals to seniors. Almost 16,000 congregate and home delivered meals were served with this funding in the nine county district.

The AAA became a transitions provider for the Home Choice Program, providing nursing home transition services and successfully transitioned four consumers from a nursing home to a community setting.

Strategy Cafés were held in each county to collect information from residents and service providers for the 2011-2014 Strategic Plan.

Our Consumers

Care Coordination Program enrollment totaled 266 consumers.

The PASSPORT Medicaid Waiver program served a total of 2,321 enrolled consumers.

6,579 individuals contacted the AAA for an evaluation of needs.

3,401 people received an in-home assessment, resulting in 1,048 enrollments into AAA programs.

19 Facilities provided Medicaid Assisted Living Waiver services, serving 139 consumers through this program.


STARS program served 350 consumers from May to December.

Our Advocacy

Grassroots advocacy is ongoing in the aging network to promote in-home and supportive services for seniors. This is done through letters, e-mail, visits to district offices and in Columbus by AAA staff, Board, Advisory Council and other advocates.

The AAA works with local legislators on aging issues and promotes legislators visiting consumers receiving services.


Our Events

The AAA supports statewide events to honor local individuals such as the Joined Hearts in Giving ceremony held at the Governor’s Residence and the Ohio Senior Hall of Fame and Elder Caregiver recognition.

The AAA 2009 Outstanding Senior Citizens Honorees included:

- Sarah McBride (Ashland County)
- Helen Davis (Crawford County)
- Bonnie Sherer (Huron County)
- Sam Ingham (Knox County)
- Phyllis Hendrix (Marion County)
- Jim Newcomer (Morrow County)
- Phyllis Johnson (Richland County)
- Wanda Mills (Seneca County)
- Bonnie Feasel (Wyandot County)

Community Service Award recipient was Embarq Action Team of Richland County.

Staff and Board provided 112 presentations and attended numerous health fairs and events throughout the district, including attendance at all nine county fairs.

Partnered with the Renaissance Theatre for the “Senior Spectacular” event during Older Americans Month with 400 people attending.

Hosted the 2nd Positive Aging Expo with over 1000 attendees and 90 vendors at the Richland County fairgrounds.

Hosted the 14th Annual Excellence in Caregiving Recognition luncheon honoring 20 paraprofessionals.

8th Annual Caregiver Conference was held with 62 informal caregivers in attendance.

Awards Presented during the Annual meeting included:

- Project Collaboration Award – Ev DeVaul, Ashland United Way
- Advocate of the Year Award – Barbara Riley, Director, Ohio Department of Aging
- Awards of Excellence – Doug Theaker, WMFD Senior Living Host; Ethan Young (Youth Award of Excellence)
- Elected Official of the Year – Joyce Morehart, Wyandot County Commissioner
- Community Partnership Awards – Clear Channel Radio Stations in Mansfield – WMAN, Crusin 100 and 110 and in Ashland – WNCO, Bucyrus radio station, WBGO, and Mount Vernon, WMVO.

Our Finances

- Operational Area Plan and Budget were approved by the Ohio Department of Aging.
- Successful monitoring by the Ohio Department of Aging and independent auditors took place in 2009.

Statement of Activities Year Ended December 31, 2009

Revenue:

- Grant revenue $31,838,150
- Interest income 29,949
- Project income/client co-pay 747,615
- Local income 1,469,355
- Tax levy 1,983,029
- Other income 81,398

Total revenue $36,148,496

Expenses:

- Program expenses: PASSPORT services $28,118,080
- Senior nutrition 2,317,711
- Community services 3,313,469
- Caregiver services 473,697
- Corporate activities 69,055

Total program expenses $34,292,012

Management and general 308,172

Total expenses $34,600,184

Change in net assets $1,548,312

Net assets – Beginning of year $560,000

Net assets – End of year $2,108,312