

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.

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ANNUAL REPORT OF 2009

Our Partnerships/Successes

- Six \$1000 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.
- Matter of Balance program was expanded to the Shelby area and Ashland, Morrow and Crawford Counties.
- 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.



Richland County Strategy Café

- The AAA was one of 14 agencies, and the only one from Ohio, selected to receive a federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) grant resulting in a partnership with local grocery stores: Cornell's IGA in Shelby, Stoodt's Market in Bellville, Hitchman's Market in Butler and Geyer's of Mansfield and Lexington to provide outreach and screening for food stamp benefits. Other partners include Primrose Retirement Communities, Elmcroft of Ontario and Richland County Job and Family Services.
- A Minority Health Commission grant was used for dental outreach to older consumers in Richland County, partnering with Third Street Family Health Services. 68 Consumers were screened with 100% having an abnormal finding.



One of the ornaments AAA Artists designed for the White House Holiday tree

- AAA was selected from aging organizations nationwide to design ornaments for a White House Holiday tree in Washington, D.C. Artists from the AAA and The Mansfield Art Center designed 10 ornaments depicting local or national landmarks.
- The Richland County Senior Services Levy was passed in late 2008. The new program, Services That Assist Richland Seniors (STARS), officially began providing eligible Richland County seniors with in-home and community access and support services.

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.
- Residential State Supplement (RSS) Program, providing an income supplement for Medicaid eligible adults of any age, served 16 new consumers in 2009, having a census of **128**.
- 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.

In 2009, Representative Jeff Wagner visited an Assisted Living consumer in Seneca County and Rep. Margaret Ruhl visited a PASSPORT consumer in Knox County. Rep. Jay Goyal visited the AAA on numerous occasions to discuss Ohio's long term care consumer needs.



AAA CEO Duana Patton and Rep. Jay Goyal

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 Sheerer (Huron County)
Sam Ingraham (Knox County)
Phyllis Hendrix (Marion County)
Jim Newcome (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 Y105 and in Ashland, WNCO; Bucyrus radio station, WBCO, and Mount Vernon, WMVO.



2009 Community Service Award recipient Embarq Action Team of Richland County



Community Partnership Award Recipients (L) Debbie Gifford (WBCO) and (R) Tommy Barnes (WMAN) awards presented by (C) Bev Rosich (AAA)

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	28,949
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