



AREA AGENCY
on AGING
Region 9

AAA9





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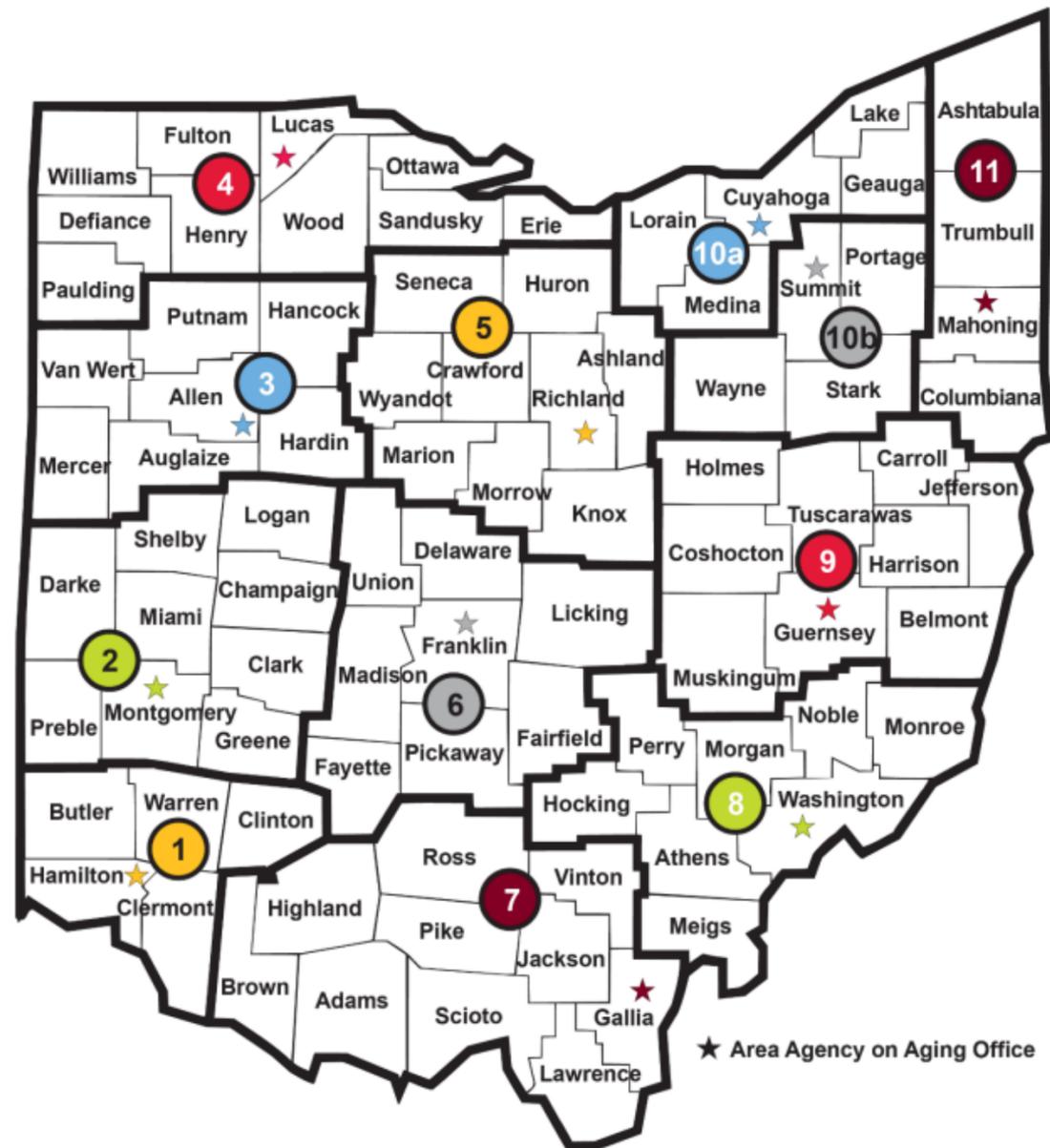
Area Agencies on Aging

[Area Agencies on Aging | Department of Aging \(ohio.gov\)](http://ohio.gov)

- The Ohio Department of Aging provides funding to 12 area agencies.
- Area Agencies on Aging assist older adults, persons with disabilities, and their caregivers, in their regions.
- Each agency serves a different region of the state, and each region is unique.
- These agencies receive funding through federal, state, local and community funds.

Ohio's Area Agency on Aging Service Regions

Call 1-866-243-5678 to be connected to the agency serving your community.



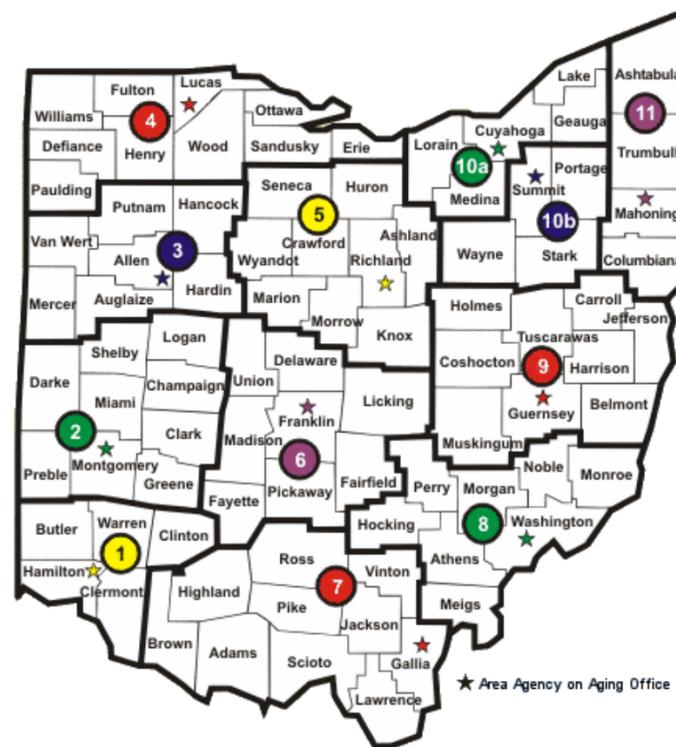
Who We Are

The Area Agency on Aging Region 9, Inc.

AAA9 first opened its doors in Cambridge, Ohio in 1975 as a private non-profit section 501(c)(3) organization.

Designated by the Ohio Department of Aging, AAA9 is one of America's nearly 700 Area Agencies on Aging.

AAA9 serves a nine-county area that includes:



Belmont
Carroll
Coshocton
Guernsey
Harrison
Holmes
Jefferson
Muskingum
Tuscarawas



What We Do



AAA9 is charged with helping vulnerable older adults and people with disabilities live with independence and dignity in their homes and communities.

We create **choices** in how and where people receive long-term care.

We **advocate** for systemic changes that improve the lives of older adults and people with disabilities.

We are a **resource** for these individuals as well as their caregivers.



How We Do It

■ We help older adults and people with disabilities understand their options for care.

■ We ensure their rights as a consumer are not infringed.

■ We offer many different options in a variety of settings, from linking individuals to care in their home to assisting in nursing facility placement.



Vision & Mission

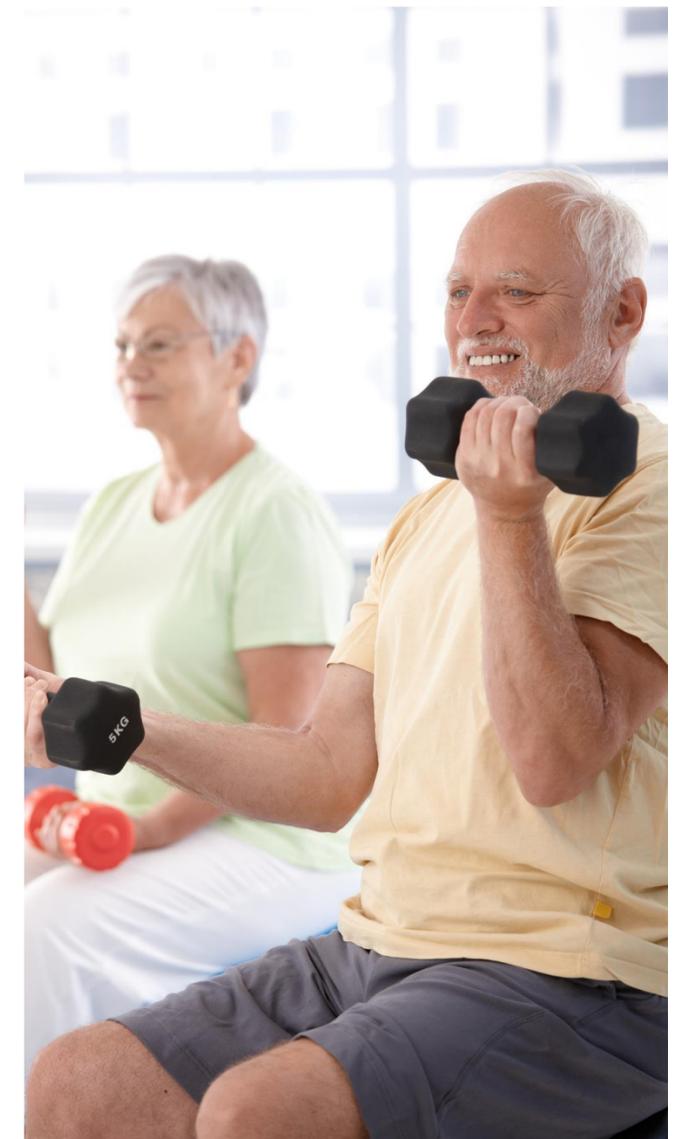
Vision

"To be the recognized community leader in providing consultation and ongoing assistance for older adults and people concerned about them."



Mission

"We work with people, communities, and organizations to help older adults and people with disabilities live independently and enjoy the highest quality of life possible."



AAA9 Programs

PASSPORT Medicaid Waiver

Older Americans Act (OAA) (Title III)

Caregiver Education and Support

Assisted Living Waiver

Evidenced Based Disease Prevention

Information and Assistance

Long-Term Care Consultations

Specialized Recovery Services

Care Coordination

Long-Term Care Ombudsman

MIPPA – Medicare Prescription Drug Assistance

Housing Assistance

Ohio Home Care Waiver

HEAP – Home Energy Assistance

PASSPORT

Medicaid Waiver Program

What does PASSPORT stand for?

PASSPORT stands for Pre-Admission Screening System Providing Options and Resources Today.

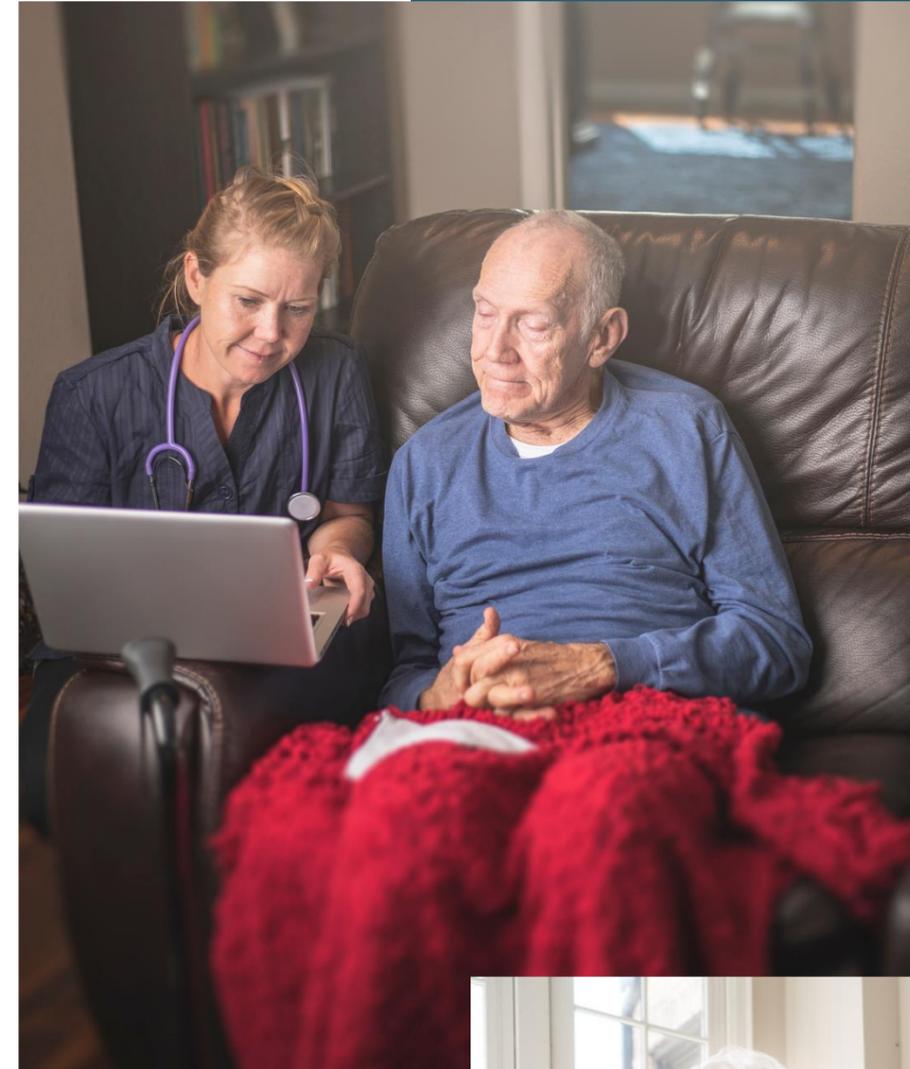
AAA9's Biggest Program

PASSPORT offers home health care and community-based services to individuals as an alternative to institutionalization or nursing home care. PASSPORT is funded with state and federal funds under the Medicaid Waiver III program.

Two-Part Program

Part 1: Pre-admission screening by telephone to determine eligibility and care needs and learn about the long-term care options.

Part 2: Once a consumer is determined eligible, care managers work with the individual to develop a package of in-home services to be provided by local service providers. The care manager then monitors the care for quality and changes the care plan as necessary.



Other Programs

Assisted Living Waiver

Bridges the gap between independent living and nursing home care by providing services in approved Assisted Living facilities to delay or prevent nursing facility placement.

Long-Term Care Consultations

Provides individuals or their representatives with information about options available to meet their long-term care decisions.

Caregiver Support and Education

Offers options to caregivers related to kinship caregiving, working caregiver solutions, and general support for private individuals that provide care to an older loved one, friend or neighbor.

Ohio Home Care Waiver

Meets the needs of people who prefer to get long-term care services and supports in their home or community, rather than in an institutional setting.

Other Programs

Specialized Recovery Services

Person-centered home and community-based services aimed at supporting individuals in the community for those diagnosed with a severe and persistent mental illness (SPMI) or with a diagnosed chronic condition (DCC).

HEAP - Home Energy Assistance

Helps eligible Ohioans pay their home energy bill.

Evidenced Based Disease Prevention

Community-based workshops that help participants learn proven strategies to manage chronic health conditions and feel healthier.

Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition

Provides low-income older adults with coupons to purchase eligible, locally grown produce at farmers' markets and roadside stands.

Services

The Area Agency on Aging, Region 9 is the starting point for locating local services to help individuals remain independent.

Our services include, but are not limited to:

- Personal Care
- Transportation
- Homemaker Services
- Adult Day Services
- Medical Equipment
- Home Delivered Meals
- Minor Home Modifications
- Emergency Response Systems
- Prescription Drug Assistance
- Long Term Planning
- Volunteer Opportunities



Other Ways We Can Help



Being a Resource

Information and Assistance Specialists use a standardized screening tool to determine callers' needs. If the need cannot be met within AAA9 constraints, these specialists are trained to connect the caller with the appropriate resources and services.



Assisting in Long-Term Care Decisions

Skilled staff at AAA9 can help explore options and develop a plan. A professional long-term care consultant will provide a free in-home evaluation of the current situation and future options.



Educating the Community

Free on-site and virtual presentations informing and educating those in our region on topics regarding older adults, people with disabilities, and ways we can help individuals remain independent.



Volunteer Opportunities

AAA9 is always looking for volunteers and ways to partner with other community agencies. We create a custom volunteer experience with both on-site and remote opportunities that allow individuals to work independently.

Housing at AAA9

- Housing Assistance Grant Program
- State Block Grant Ramp
- Foundation
- Waiver



Housing Assistance Grant Program (HAGP)

- Funding for this program is provided from the Ohio Housing Trust Fund grant and matched by the State Block Grant.

We have been awarded funding for the program and opened April 2022 through March 2024 or until funding runs out.



HAGP Criteria

- Assisting eligible homeowners aged 60+ and meets the 50% HUD median household income limit within our 9 counties.
 - Application (includes proof of annual income, deed, and be current on real estate property tax.
 - Essential Home Repairs and/or handicap accessibility.
 - If not corrected, could pose a threat to the health and safety of the occupant.
 - Own their home.
 - Once approved, home repair activity is up to \$10,000 for project.



Types of HAGP Projects

- There is a wide variety of projects that can be done following the Renovation, Repair and Paint (RRS) manual.

For example, Replacement of heating systems, plumbing systems, hot water heaters, hazardous electrical systems, deteriorating roof, walls and doors.

Replacement of hot water tank, furnace, air conditioner repairs, deteriorated gutters, down spouts, roof repairs, and flooring.



Types of Projects, cont.

- Modifications- handicap accessibility ramps, thresholds, bathroom or kitchen modifications such as walk in shower, grab bars, lever faucets, widening of door frames or entrances. Laundry appliances hook up to main floor if was not accessible.



Providers/Contractors

- The Ohio Department of Development and Ohio Department of Health are requiring;
 - Lead Base Paint/Lead safe work practices certification.
 - Renovation, Repair and Paint certification to be renewed every 5 years and follow the RRS manual.



State Block Grant Ramp

Temporary Aluminum Ramps



Different work around the State.

- This work looks different across the state depending on consumers needs and where they are serving.
- At AAA9, we cover mostly rural areas. The majority of the requests are for home repairs and modifications that are needed along with ramp requests.
- Some regions are more of an Urban area, rent could be the big need that consumers are requesting assistance with.





DIRECTION HOME

AKRON CANTON AREA AGENCY ON AGING & DISABILITIES

Serving Portage, Stark, Summit, Wayne Counties

Aging and Disability Resource Center: 877-770-5558

New: free & secure online referrals at dhad.org/refer



HOME & COMMUNITY BASED SERVICES

Home & Community Based Services (HCBS) help older adults and people with disabilities accomplish everyday tasks such as bathing, dressing, preparing a meal, or managing money.

Medicaid and non-Medicaid programming such as:
PASSPORT, Assisted Living, Care Coordination, MyCare Ohio (Fully Delegated Care Management and Waiver Service Coordination), Ohio Home Care, Service Management

Agency mission:

Direction Home Akron Canton Area Agency on Aging and Disabilities provides older adults, people with disabilities, and their caregivers

long term care choices and consumer protection so they can achieve the highest quality of life.



AGING AND DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER (ADRC)

ADRC is here to provide you with screenings, assessments, and printed material from our resource library. The best part is that all ADRC services are FREE and provided by trusted and certified individuals.

- **FREE** information and supports available from the comforts of home
- **FREE** telephone assessments to determine long-term care needs and options
- **FREE** in-home assessments, as able, with a Direction Home Registered Nurse (RN) to determine eligibility for programs and next steps
- **FREE** referrals for family, loved ones, patients, and neighbors
- **ANYONE** can call!

Get help with:

- Home and Community Resources (like meals, transportation, home medical equipment, & more!)
- Alzheimer's and Dementia
- Family Caregiver Support
- Program Screening/Eligibility
- In-home* or telephonic screenings/assessments

*as able

Call 877-770-5558

Monday-Friday, 8AM-5PM

Visit: www.dhad.org/refer

Email: screening@dhad.org

Fax: 330-899-5248



Most requested services:

- Transportation
- Nutrition (home delivered meals)
- Utility Assistance
- Chore/Homemaker Services
- Emergency Response system
- Supportive Housing
- Continuing Education classes for social work, nursing home, nursing and counseling professionals



Call us TODAY at 877-770-5558

HOUSING SERVICES

Housing Assistance

- Provides housing options and resources to DHAD members and the community
- Assist with applying for housing
- Assist with housing issues and concerns

Minor Home Modifications Programs

- Office of Community Development (OCD) – Health and safety grant program for adults 60 years old and over and those 18 and over with a disability.
- ARPA/SCS – Health and safety grant program for adults 60 years old and over

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Housing Assistance Program Central Ohio Area Agency on Aging – PSA6

The Housing Assistance Program at COAAA was founded in 2019 with a grant from Columbus City Council to support seniors maintaining sustainable housing. Since the program's inception, we've served 618 individuals and/or families, and distributed roughly \$622,000 to community members and enrolled consumers.

Basic Eligibility for HAP

- HAP recipients must be
 - 50+ for some funding streams, at or below 138% of FPGL
 - 60+ for other funding streams, at or below 200% of FPGL
- Must be experiencing an unforeseeable financial hardship that is unlikely to reoccur, i.e., housing must be sustainable after our assistance
- Recipients must have income of some kind sufficient to pay rent and utilities, or be supported by friends/family who have income sufficient to do so
- 35% (162) of HAP recipients were enrolled COAAA consumers, 65% (457) were community/self referrals.

How to Refer to HAP

- If individual is enrolled in one of COAAA's case management programs, case manager can do referral to HAP coordinators.
- If individual is not enrolled, they can call COAAA, or another individual can reach out on their behalf with their contact info.
- HAP coordinators will screen and/or do intake by phone, individual must make arrangements to submit documentation by fax, email, or in person. We do have Community Health Workers who can go out and obtain copies of required documents if needed.
- Processing can take as little as a few days, or as long as 2-3 months, it all depends on how quickly the individual and the landlord/property manager submit required documentation.

Ineligible for HAP

- We cannot assist individuals/families who have no income, no documentation of future income, and do not have family/friends who are financially able to support them.
- We cannot assist individuals/families who do not have a documented hardship that prevented them from or impacted their ability to pay rent on time.
- We cannot assist individuals/families whose property managers/landlords will not work with 3rd parties for payment, as we pay the property/owner directly.



- Get to know the services offered at your local Area Agency on Aging.
- Share your work. Resources are an ongoing need.
- Understand the population you are serving.
- Leverage funds.

Questions?



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HOW CAN YOU HELP?

- Word of Mouth
- Partner with your local AAA
- Community Partnerships