# CUYAHOGA COUNTY PROBATE RESOURCES GUIDE

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#### **PRIMARY RESOURCES**

#### GENERAL RESOURCES

#### **Area Agency on Aging**

Area Agencies on Aging (AAA) are public or private non-profit organizations designated by the state to address the needs and concerns of all older adults at the local level. These agencies can provide information on services in the area and other specific activities related to the state. AAAs connect older adults to local resources, such as:

- Adult Day Care
- Caregiver Resources
- Case Management
- Grocery/Shopping Resources
- Childcare Resources
- Home Repair Programs
- Housekeeping Services
- Medical Equipment

- Personal and In-Home Care
- Resource Guides
- Senior Centers
- Support Groups
- Transportation Services
- Nutrition Assessment and Counseling
- Volunteer Opportunities

#### Western Reserve Area Agency on Aging

925 Euclid Avenue #600, Cleveland, OH 44115 □ (800) 626-7277 □ www.psa10a.org Local contact for AAA services. Serving Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, Lorain and Medina counties.

#### **Ohio Department of Aging**

246 N. High St., Columbus, OH 43215 □ (614) 466-5500 □ www.aging.ohio.gov/

#### Office of the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman

246 N. High St., Columbus, OH 43215  $\square$  (800) 282-1206  $\square$  www.aging.ohio.gov/Ombudsman The Long-Term Care Ombudsman program is an impartial government program that advocates for excellence in long-term services and supports wherever consumers live, including nursing homes, assisted living facilities, adult care facilities and in private residences. Ombudsmen investigate complaints and seeks resolution of problem with the goal of enhancing consumers' quality of life and care. The also provide information to help consumers examine their long-term care options and know their rights.

#### **Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program**

2800 Euclid Ave., Suite 200, Cleveland, OH 44115 □ (800) 365-3112 □ www.ltco.org Local contact for ombudsman services and concerns. Serving Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, Lorain and Medina counties.

#### **Cuyahoga County Department of Job and Family Services**

1641 Payne Ave., Cleveland, OH 44114  $\square$  (216) 987-7000  $\square$  www.cjfs.cuyahogacounty.us/County Job and Family Service departments which coordinate public assistance benefits, provide protective services and assistance for the elderly and children, and more.

#### <u>INFORMATION AND REFERRAL SERVICES</u>

#### United Way's 2-1-1 First Call for Help – UW Of Greater Cleveland

1331 Euclid Ave., Cleveland, OH 44115  $\square$  2-1-1 or (216) 436-2100  $\square$  www.unitedwaycleveland.org

Free and confidential service that connects people with the local resources they need, such as nutrition programs, emergency information and relief, health information and abuse resources.

#### **Ohio Benefits**

(844) 640-6446 □ www.benefits.ohio.gov/

Internet-based state program that helps individuals and families check eligibility and file for public benefits such as Medicaid, long-term services and supports, food and cash assistance, and child care assistance.

#### SENIOR CENTERS

Senior centers are community facilities where older adults can gather for socialization and recreation purposes, as well as gain access to outreach programs, health screenings, meals, counseling, and a variety of other fitness, volunteer and educational programs.

ORGANIZATION	ADDRESS	PHONE
North Royalton Senior Center	14277 State Rd., North Royalton, OH 44133	(440) 652-5213
Parma Heights Senior Center	9275 N. Church Dr., Cleveland, OH 44130	(440) 888-4416
Euclid Senior Center	1 Bliss Ln., Euclid, OH 44123	(216) 289-2985
Cuyahoga Senior & Adult Center	13815 Kinsman Rd., Cleveland, OH 44120	(216) 420-6750
Alta Senior Center	12510 Mayfield Rd., Cleveland, OH 44106	(216) 229-9021
Brooklyn City Senior Center	7727 Memphis Ave., Cleveland, OH 44144	(216) 635-4222
Golden Age Centers of Greater Cleveland	2501 E. 59th St., Apt 1201, Cleveland, OH 44104	(216) 391-6100
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Barton Center	14300 Detroit Ave., Lakewood, OH 44107	(216) 221-3400
Cuyahoga County Bohn	1667 Ansel Rd., Cleveland, OH 44106	(216) 231-2733
Cleveland Heights Senior Activity Center	1 Monticello Blvd., Cleveland, OH 44118	(216) 691-7377
Fairhill Partners	12200 Fairhill Rd., Cleveland, OH 44120	(216) 231-4012
Goodrich-Gannett Neighborhood Center	1400 E. 55th St., Cleveland, OH 44103	(216) 432-1717
Gunning Park Recreation Center	16700 Puritas Ave., Cleveland, OH 44135	(216) 267-9945
Harvard Community Services Ctr.	18240 Harvard Ave., Cleveland, OH 44128	(216) 295-2557
Catholic Charities Diocese of Cleveland	7800 Detroit Ave., Cleveland, OH 44102	(216) 631-3599

Beachwood Mandel JCC	26001 S. Woodland Rd, Beachwood, OH 44122	(216) 831-0700
Tri City Consortium on Aging	1341 Parkview Dr., Lyndhurst, OH 44124	(440) 473-5138
Maple Heights Recreation Dept.	15901 Libby Rd., Maple Heights, OH 44137	(216) 587-5481
Martin De Porres Family Ctr.	1264 E. 123rd St., Cleveland, OH 44108	(216) 268-3909
Merrick Senior Center	13167 Fulton Rd, Cleveland, OH 44109	(216) 281-0066
Murtis H. Taylor Senior Center	3167 Fulton Rd., Cleveland, OH 44109	(216) 281-7192
North Olmsted Senior Center	28114 Lorain Rd., North Olmsted, OH 44070	(440) 777-8100
Rocky River Recreation Center	21014 Hilliard Blvd., Rocky River, OH 44116	(440) 331-0600
Deaconess-Krafft Center	3100 Devonshire Rd., Cleveland, OH 44109	(216) 749-5367
City of Cleveland Recreation Centers	4125 Fulton Rd., Cleveland, OH 44144	(216) 749-5367
Community Partnership on Aging	1370 Victory Dr., South Euclid, OH 44121	(216) 291-0772
Union Square	3495 E. 98th St., Cleveland, OH 44104	(216) 441-6068
Warrensville Heights Civic and Senior Center	4567 Green Rd., Warrensville Heights, OH 44128	(216) 587-1250
City of Westlake Senior Ctr.	29694 Center Ridge Rd., Westlake, OH 44145	(440) 899-3544
City of Solon Senior Center	35000 Portz Pkwy., Cleveland, OH 44139	(440) 349-6363
Options for Senior America	6611 Rockside Rd., Independence, OH 44131	(216) 861-3700

### **COUNTY HOTLINES**

ORGANIZATION	PHONE
Area Agency on Aging	(800) 626-7277
Department of Jobs and Family Services	(216) 987-7000
Long-Term Care Ombudsman	(800) 365-3112
Information Services	(216) 436-2100
Adult Protective Services	(216) 420-6761
Veterans Service Commission	(216) 698-2600
Board of Developmental Disabilities	(216) 241-8230

### **OHIO HOTLINES**

ORGANIZATION	PHONE
Alzheimer's Association Hotline	(800) 272-3900
American Association of Retired Persons (AARP)	(866) 389-5653
Americans with Disabilities Act (OH)	(800) 232-6446
Assistive Technology (T.R.A.I.N.)	(800) 784-3425
Attorney General's Office	(614) 466-4986
Ohio Medicaid Consumer Hotline	(800) 324-8680
Golden Buckeye Program	(800) 422-1976
Hill-Burton Assistance Line (Free or reduced health care)	(800) 638-0742
Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP)	(800) 282-0880
Legal (Pro-Senior) Hotline	(800) 488-6070
Long-Term Care Complaints (Office of the State Long-Term Care	(800) 282-1206
Ombudsman)	
Ohio Senior Health Insurance Information Program (OSHIIP)	(800) 686-1578
Ohio Department of Health	(800) 342-0053
Ohio Legislative Information	(800) 282-0253
Ohio Relay Service	7-1-1
Public Utilities Commission	(800) 282-0198
Utility Consumer Hotline	(800) 282-9448
Worker's Compensation	(800) 644-6292

#### **CRISIS AND ABUSE RESOURCES**

#### **Adult Protective Services**

(855) 644-

6277 www.jfs.ohio.gov/ocf/aps.stm

Adult Protective Services (APS) is a program supervised by the Ohio Department of Jobs and Family Services designed to protect individuals over the age of 60 in danger of harm or abuse or who may be unable to protect themselves. Serves the community by offering and evaluating the need for protective services, as well as offering a 24/7 hotline.

<u>Cuyahoga County Adult Protective Services</u> 13815 Kinsman Rd., Cleveland, OH 44120 (216) 420-6761

www.dsas.cuyahogacounty.us/en-US/adult-protective-services.aspx

#### **Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program**

See Long-Term Care Ombudsman.

Advocates who investigate complaints of abuse, neglect and exploitation in long-term care settings, including nursing homes and assisted living facilities.

#### ELDER ABUSE RESOURCES

### Ohio Attorney General – Elder Justice Initiative

(800) 282-

0515 <u>www.ohioattorneygeneral.gov/Individuals-and-Families/Seniors/Elder-Abuse</u>

Legal division that works alongside law enforcement and the justice system to investigate cases of elder or dependent adult abuse and improve local capacities to serve and protect older adults.

# **Helping Ohio Protect and Empower Seniors (HOPES)**

(800) 411-2267 □ www.ohiohopes.org/ Seeks to safeguard Ohio's seniors from abuse, neglect, fraud and exploitation through education on warning signs of abuse, federal laws and statutes, and more.

#### FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

#### GENERAL RESOURCES

# Ohio Attorney General - Consumer Protection Division

(800) 282-0515

www.ohioattorneygeneral.gov/About-AG/Service-Divisions/Consumer-Protection Legal division dedicated to informing

Legal division dedicated to informing consumers and fighting predatory and criminal business practices through local and federal investigations.

#### Golden Buckeye Card Program

(866) 301-6446

www.aging.ohio.gov/GoldenBuckeye

Discount card available through the Department of Aging for those over 60 and some disabled older Americans. Can be used to obtain discounts at over 20,000 businesses statewide.

#### **Supplemental Security Income**

(800) 772-1213 □ www.ssa.gov/ssi

Federal income supplement program funded designed to help the aged, blind, and disabled with little to no income.

### **Senior Community Service Employment Program**

(877) 872-5627 ☐ www.doleta.gov/seniors
Federal service program that provides community service and work-based job training and opportunities for low-income, unemployed older Americans.

#### **BILL AND UTILITY ASSISTANCE**

#### **Electric Partnership Program**

(800) 282-0880

www.development.ohio.gov/is/is\_epp.htm

State-funded program that assists eligible persons with reducing their home electricity usage through in-home audits and installations of energy efficiency measures.

### **Home Energy Assistance Program** (HEAP)

(800) 282-

0880 <u>www.development.ohio.gov/is/is\_heap</u>.htm

Ohio Department of Development assistance program designed to help low-income Ohioans pay for gas and heating bills from November to March.

# Percentage of Income Payment Plan (PIPP)

(800) 282-0880

www.development.ohio.gov/is/is\_pipp.htm

Extended payment arrangement that allows individuals who are at or below the poverty line by 150% to pay for just a percentage of their gas and electric bills.

# Ohio Home Weatherization Assistance Program (HWAP)

(800) 282-

0880 <u>www.development.ohio.gov/is/is\_hwa</u> p.htm

Provides eligible Ohioans with assistance improving the energy efficiency of their homes and reducing energy costs.

#### TAX ASSISTANCE

#### **Ohio Department of Taxation**

(800) 282-1780 □ www.tax.ohio.gov

State tax department, which can assist older Americans with issues such as age-qualifying income tax exemptions or estate taxes.

### Internal Revenue Service –Tax Counseling for The Elderly Program

(800) 829-

1040 <u>www.irs.gov/individuals/tax-</u>counseling-for-the-elderly

Offers a volunteer assistance hotline to provide free tax help to those 60 and above.

#### **AARP Tax-Aide Program**

(888) 227-

7699 <u>www.aarp.org/money/taxes/aarp\_taxai</u>

Offers free tax assistance and guidance for individuals over 60.

#### **Ohio Benefit Bank**

(800) 648-1176 □ www.ohiobenefits.org Assist with tax preparation and counseling for eligible low-income individuals.

#### HOUSING AND LIVING ASSISTANCE

#### HOME AND COMMUNITY CARE

### Western Reserve Area Agency on Aging

See Area Agency on Aging.

Local AAAs work to bridge the gap between older adults living independently and living in a nursing home, providing a cost-effective option for long-term care. Information on athome services such as home repair, homemaker services, and shopping assistance is available through your AAA. AAAs can also help identify and coordinate in-home care plans, such as:

- → Home Care Waiver: Provides in-home care for eligible Medicaid enrollees under 60 with significant mental health and disability needs.
- → PASSPORT: Medicaid program that helps adults over 60 in need of skilled or intermediate level of care receive assistance and support in their homes.
- → Assisted Living Waiver: Long-term care option for adults 21 and over in need of intensive, personal support services.
- → Specialized Recovery Services: Assists people age 21 and older with mental health conditions with assessments and service planning, referrals for group support, and finding and maintaining employment.
- → Helping Ohioans Move, Expanding Choice (HOME Choice): Transition program that helps persons with disabilities move from a long-term care facility into home and community-based settings.

#### **HOUSING**

#### **Ohio Housing Finance Agency (OHFA)**

(614) 466-7970 □ <u>www.ohiohome.org/</u>

Offers a range of resources to help lowincome, first-time buyers, renters and senior Ohioans find quality and affordable housing options.

#### **Ohio Housing Locator**

www.ohiohousinglocator.org

Support service that makes available information on immediate or long-term housing options, rental assistance, tenants' rights and homebuying information, and other housing resources.

#### **Long-Term Care Consumer Guide**

www.ltc.ohio.gov/

Department of Aging guide designed to help individuals and their families navigate and compare long-term care options for loved ones, report issues with care providers, and locate housing.

# U.S. Housing and Urban Development Agency

(800) 669-9777 □ www.hud.gov/

Federal department dedicated to resolving home and economic inequality, including an information service and complaint intake line.

### Residential State Supplement Program

(614) 752-

9316 www.aging.ohio.gov/services/resident ialstatesupplement/

State supplementation program which provides financial assistance to adults with disabilities to help with accommodations, supervision, and personal care services in eligible living arrangements.

#### **NUTRITION**

#### Western Reserve Area Agency on Aging

See Area Agencies on Aging.

Contact your local AAA for assistance locating senior dining sites, grocery and shopping assistance, and home-delivered meals.

#### Senior Farmer's Market Nutrition Program:

Offers low-income seniors over 60 \$50 worth of coupons towards fresh local produce and goods at participating farmers markets and farm stands.

# **Cuyahoga County Department of Job and Family Services**

See County Job and Family Services.

Coordinates Supplemental Nutrition
Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits, which
provides nutrition assistance to qualifying
low-income individuals and families.

#### **TRANSPORTATION**

#### Western Reserve Area Agency on Aging

See Area Agencies on Aging.

Contact your local AAA for information regarding curb-to-curb transportation, home-to-door service and transportation to congregate meal sites and senior centers in the local area.

# **Cuyahoga County Department of Job and Family Services**

See County Job and Family Services.
Can provide transportation to and from medical appointments for qualifying Medicaid enrollees.

### LEGAL AND ADVOCACY

#### LEGAL RESOURCES

#### Pro Seniors. Inc.

7162 Reading Rd., Cincinnati, OH 45237 (800) 998-9454 

www.proseniors.org

Attorney service that offers free legal consultations and advice to seniors in Ohio of 60 years of age and older.

# LASPD (Legal Advocates for Seniors and People with Disabilities)

(866) 785-3328

www.mylegaladvocates.org

Coalition of lawyers working to assist seniors and people with disabilities with legal challenges like debt collection and social security disability at a low cost.

#### **Ohio Legal Assistance Foundation**

10 W. Broad St., Columbus, OH 43215 (614) 715-8560 □ www.olaf.org Statewide organization dedicated to making legal aid available for all low-income Ohioans.

#### **Disability Rights Ohio**

(800) 282-

9181 www.disabilityrightsohio.org

Federally and state-designed system working to connect protection, advocacy, and client assistance services for people with disabilities in the state.

#### OHIO ADVOCACY RESOURCES

#### **Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program**

See Long-Term Care Ombudsman.

Advocates for excellence in long-term services and supports wherever consumers live, including nursing homes, assisted living facilities, adult care facilities and in private residences.

# Ohio Association of Area Agencies on Aging

88 E. Broad St., Columbus, OH 43215 (614) 481-3511

www.ohioaging.org/index.html

Statewide nonprofit agency that connects services and advocates for the network of local offices, working to provide a wide range of services for the elderly.

### Ohio Council for Home Care and Hospice

(614) 885-0434 □ www.ochch.org

Ohio trade association representing the interests of home care and hospice facilities in the state.

#### **Ohio Health Care Association**

(614) 436-4154 □ www.ohca.org

Represents Ohio nursing care facilities, assisted living communities, and care providers of individuals with developmental disabilities.

# Ohio Hospice & Palliative Care Organization

(614) 763-0036

www.caregiver.org/ohio-hospice-and-palliative-care-organization-ohpco

Works to distribute information about endof-life care, including programs for individuals with advanced or terminal illnesses.

#### **AARP Ohio**

(614) 224-9800 □ www.aarp.org

Prominent advocate for the elderly, whose efforts include lobbying and providing resources and discounts to those over 65.

#### MEDICAL AND HEALTHCARE

#### **GENERAL RESOURCES**

# **Cuyahoga County Department of Job and Family Services**

See County Job and Family Services.

Assists with applications for Medicaid benefits, as well as the integration of federal Medicaid programs, supports and services throughout Ohio.

#### **Ohio Association of Free Clinics**

(614) 221-6494 □ www.ohiofreeclinics.org Organization that supports free clinics statewide and provides referrals to health clinics in the local area.

#### Ohio Senior Health Insurance Information Program (OSHIIP)

(800) 686-1578

www.insurance.ohio.gov/Consumer/Pages/ConsumerTab2.aspx

Department of Medicaid program offering consumer education about health plans and one-on-one counseling, and interpretation of health care bills and insurance claims for seniors.

#### Ohio T.R.A.I.N.

(800) 784-3425 □ www.oh.train.org

State-funded information service that lists and describes essential medical equipment available for purchase, as well as information about items.

#### **Ohio Department of Health**

246 N. High St., Columbus, OH 43215 (800) 899-7127 

State department dedicated to improving public health, health policy and health care delivery systems.

#### **DISABILITIES RESOURCES**

Western Reserve Area Agency on Aging

See Area Agencies on Aging.

Aging and Disability Resource Center
(ADRC):

Call center that provides information to older adults, people with disabilities, caregivers and professionals.

# **Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities**

1275 Lakeside Ave. East, Cleveland, OH 44114

(216) 241-8230 □ www.cuyahogabdd.org Local advocacy group who aims to invigorate people with disabilities by helping them create, develop and fund opportunities and activities in their community.

#### **Ohio Relay Service**

7-1-1 □ www.ohiorelay.com

Telephone service that allows persons with hearing or speech disabilities to place and receive telephone calls.

# Opportunities for Ohioans With Disabilities (OOD)

(800) 282-4536 □ <u>www.ood.ohio.gov</u>

State agency working to advance community participation for Ohioans with disabilities through opportunities for employment and independence.

#### **WELLNESS PROGRAMS**

### Western Reserve Area Agency on Aging

See Area Agencies on Aging.

- → Healthy U: Workshops aimed at teaching individuals with diabetes and other ongoing diseases how to stay active, make healthy choices and manage chronic conditions so to achieve the highest possible quality of life.
- → Diabetes Empowerment Education Program (DEEP): Diabetes self-management workshop that gives hands-on, real-world help to those learning to manage diabetes.
- → A Matter of Balance: Community-based workshops that focus on practical strategies to reduce the fear of falling and increase activity levels. Work to set realistic goals, change their environment to reduce risk factors, and exercise to increase strength and balance.
- → Self-Management Programs: Workshops that work to train seniors and older adults to gain control of their health, through teaching goal setting and stress management, as well as meal planning, healthy eating, and more.

### **RETIREMENT AND BENEFITS**

#### **Social Security Administration**

(800) 772-1213  $\square$  www.ssa.gov

Social insurance program offering retirement, disability and survivor's benefits.

#### **Supplemental Security Income**

(800) 772-1213 □ www.ssa.gov/ssi/

Federal income supplement program funded designed to help the aged, blind, and disabled with little to no income.

#### **Ohio Benefits Bank**

(800) 648-1176 □ www.ohiobenefits.org/
Internet-based, counselor-assisted program that helps low-income individuals and families file for public benefits like Healthy Start & Healthy Families, childcare subsidies, and more.

#### **SUPPORT SERVICES**

### Western Reserve Area Agency on Aging

See Area Agencies on Aging.

Contact your local AAA for information on adult day care programs, caregiver training and respite services, support groups and resource guides.

- → Family Caregiver Support Program: Provides one-on-one support for family or volunteer caregivers by identifying balance strategies and increasing caregiver knowledge and quality of care.
- → Powerful Tools for Caregivers: Workshop aimed at teaching caregivers how to take better care of themselves while effectively caring for their loved one through setting realistic and healthy goals.

#### **Caregiver Action Network**

(202) 454-3970 □ www.caregiveraction.org National non-profit dedicated to improving the lives of caregivers through education, support and public awareness.

#### **VETERANS' SUPPORTS**

# **Cuyahoga County Veterans Service Commission**

1849 Prospect Ave., Suite 150, Cleveland, OH 44115

(216) 698-2600 
www.cuyahogavets.org/

Provides a variety of services for both active and retired military personnel.

#### **Veterans' Health Care Benefits**

(800) 488-8244

www.va.gov/healthbenefits

Connects aging veterans with services at local veteran's hospitals and benefits.

#### CAREGIVER RESOURCES