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LeadingAge Ohio to Connect Displaced Workers to Jobs in Aging

COLUMBUS – With the state’s decision to close restaurants and other large employers amid the coronavirus crisis, LeadingAge Ohio is offering a new resource to connect displaced workers to jobs in aging services and post-acute care. Jobs@leadingageohio.org is a new email address operated by LeadingAge Ohio where individuals looking for employment can email their contact information and previous work experience and be connected to providers in their community.

“There was a workforce crisis in long-term care before COVID-19 became a reality in Ohio,” said Kathryn Brod, President/CEO of LeadingAge Ohio. “Now, more than ever, we need Ohioans to support our long-term care and post-acute care providers. If you have been displaced from a job because of restaurant closures, hotel cut-backs, any other occupation – I encourage you to reach out and find a new home, even a temporary one, in aging.”

LeadingAge Ohio’s 400+ members span the state and cover the full continuum of care – from housing to nursing homes to hospice. Providers are preparing for a surge in cases of COVID-19 while adapting to closures and restrictions, such as today’s announcement by Governor DeWine that senior centers and adult day cares will be closing. When those kinds of facilities close, it creates a need for additional service workers.

“Long-term care and post-acute care represent the frontlines in the fight against this disease,” continued Brod. “If you are healthy and out of work, consider helping our most vulnerable citizens during this time of great need.”

Jobs that will be needed include but are not limited to: food service and dining, food delivery for seniors, housekeeping and laundry, and transportation.

In a letter distributed to industry leaders who represent some of the businesses affected by the state’s restrictions, Brod asked interested individuals to submit: their name; email address; city of residence (or geographic area in which you are seeking employment); previous position/work area; and their employer prior to displacement.

LeadingAge Ohio staff will be monitoring the jobs@leadingageohio.org email inbox daily and distributing connections to providers around the state. Emailing does not guarantee a job.

Founded in 1937, LeadingAge Ohio is a nonprofit organization that represents over 400 long-term care organizations and hospices, as well as those providing ancillary health care and housing services, in more than 150 Ohio towns and cities. The continuum of care reflected by the member organizations serve an estimated 400,000 elderly Ohioans daily and employ more than 35,000 persons statewide.