

Ohio Department of Aging, LeadingAge Ohio Launch AdultDayOhio.org

Organizations to host adult day education events across Ohio for caregivers and providers

COLUMBUS – Through a partnership between the [Ohio Department of Aging \(ODA\)](#) and [LeadingAge Ohio](#), Ohioans are now able learn more about adult day services through a new website – [AdultDayOhio.org](#) – and will also be able to partake in a series of educational events throughout the state in February and March.

Adult day services offer an affordable alternative to traditional long-term care placement and allow older adults who need support to remain in their homes longer.

[AdultDayOhio.org](#) includes information about the service – including frequently asked questions and guidance for caregivers, health care providers, and referral sources. [AdultDayOhio.org](#) also features a comprehensive directory of adult day centers across the state.

“At the Ohio Department of Aging, one of our goals is to help Ohioans age where they are most comfortable – in their communities,” said ODA Director Ursel J. McElroy. “With the new [AdultDayOhio.org](#) website and in-person events in February, we intend to make sure Ohioans know how adult day services can help them meet their needs, while also providing older adults treasured moments of social interaction.”

“Adult day services are not as widely known across Ohio. As one focus group participant put it, ‘They’re the best kept secret in health care.’ We want to change that,” said LeadingAge Ohio president and CEO Susan Wallace. “Adult day programs’ essential services are an important component of the continuum of care – providing person-centered activities and opportunities for life-enriching socialization outside of the home, while allowing the caregivers to continue employment and have time for respite.”

Beyond partnering on the new online resource, ODA and LeadingAge Ohio will also team up to host five free educational events in February and March. These events will inform caregivers and health care providers on the benefits of adult day services, while also connecting them to providers in the area.

Ohioans can register for the events at [AdultDayOhio.org/events](#).

Northeast Ohio

February 18, 1-3 p.m.

Western Reserve AAA

1700 E 13th Street, Suite 114, Cleveland, OH 44114

Southwest Ohio

February 20, 1-3 p.m.

Council on Aging of Southwestern Ohio
4601 Malsbary Road, Blue Ash, OH 45242

Northwest Ohio

February 28, 1-3 p.m.

Way Public Library
101 E. Indiana Avenue, Perrysburg, OH 43551

Central Ohio

March 5, 1-3 p.m.

Central Ohio Area Agency on Aging
3776 S. High Street, Columbus, OH 43207

South Ohio

March 18, 1-3 p.m.

Area Agency on Aging District 7
1 Acy Avenue, Jackson, OH 45640

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These online and in-person educational resources mark the latest effort in Ohio's ongoing work to include adult day services among the growing number of quality care options available to older adults.

In January 2024, [ODA made over \\$6 million in ARPA grant funding available](#) for providers to revitalize adult day services across the state. That funding, [which was awarded in March 2024 to 22 projects in 16 different counties](#), was aimed at supporting existing providers in expanding their services, enhancing recruitment and retention of employees dedicated to adult day services, and encouraging new providers to join and previous providers to return to the adult day industry.

About ODA – The Ohio Department of Aging serves and advocates for the needs of Ohioans age 60 and older, as well as their families, caregivers and communities. Programs include home and community based long-term supports and services, as well as initiatives to promote health and wellness throughout the lifespan. Visit aging.ohio.gov.

About LeadingAge Ohio – LeadingAge Ohio is a nonprofit trade association representing 400 long-term care, hospice, and healthcare and housing organizations serving older Ohioans in more than 150 Ohio towns and cities. The continuum of care reflected by the member organizations serve an estimated 400,000 older Ohioans annually and employ more than 35,000 persons statewide. Visit leadingageohio.org.