

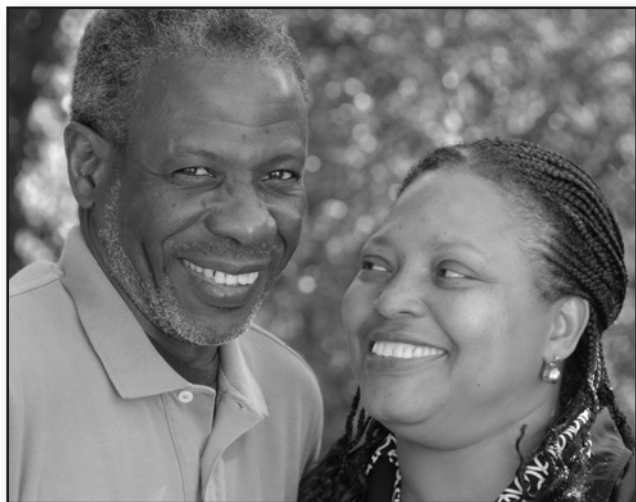


Council on Aging
of Southwestern Ohio

Answers on Aging

Elderly Services Program

FACT SHEET



*ESP preserves independence,
dignity and dollars*

Nursing homes are important; we need them. But most people don't want to go there before their time. The Elderly Services Program (ESP) makes it possible for seniors to remain in their homes and live by their own rules among the things and people they love.

Nearly 15,000 people in southwestern Ohio receive long-term care in their homes through the Elderly Services Program. This is a win-win for seniors and taxpayers.

On average, services through ESP cost taxpayers less than \$400 per month, per person. This is a fraction of the cost for Medicaid nursing home care, which averages more than \$4,000 per month.

The Elderly Services Program is supported by county tax levies and administered by Council on Aging of Southwestern Ohio.

The Elderly Services Program (ESP) helps older adults remain independent in their homes. It supplements care that may be provided by family and friends. ESP can delay or prevent nursing home placement.

ESP is different from PASSPORT, Ohio's Medicaid waiver program. It's less restrictive than PASSPORT because it allows wider ranges of income and levels of disability.

ESP may be for you if you are:

- Age 65 or older (*see back)
- Impaired in certain everyday activities
- A resident of Butler, Clinton, Hamilton or Warren counties

ESP provides services such as Meals on Wheels, personal care, homemaking and emergency response devices, to name a few.

You also get a care manager to advocate for you – a person who has your best interests at heart. Your care manager will answer your questions and make sure you have the right services.

Your care is free of charge, or set at an affordable level depending on your income and assets.

Find out more: (513) 721-1025, 1-800-252-0155 or www.help4seniors.org.

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More about the Elderly Services Program (ESP)

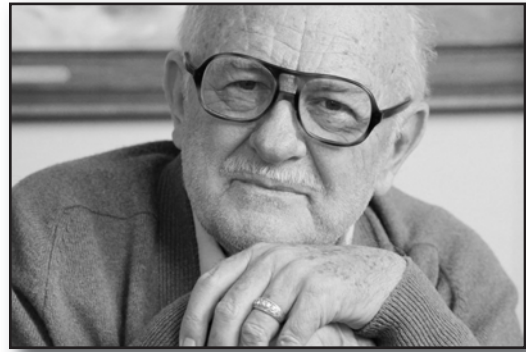
Services provided by ESP:

- Personal care (bathing and grooming)
- Homemaker service
- Meals on Wheels
- Minor home modification for safety
- Adult day services
- Medical transportation
- Respite for caregivers
- Companion service
- Home medical equipment and supplies
- Emergency response system
- Independent living assistance
- Pest control, major housecleaning
- Care management

Interested families may inquire about Consumer Directed Care, a program within ESP that allows a relative or friend to serve as designated primary caregiver. This program is available to residents of Butler and Hamilton counties.

To qualify for ESP, you must:

- Live in Butler, Clinton, Hamilton or Warren counties (Clermont County has a separate program. Call (513) 724-1255 for more information)
- Be age 60 or older (Warren County)
- Be age 65 or older (Butler, Clinton or Hamilton counties)
- Be impaired in everyday activities such as bathing, driving and preparing meals
- Be assured you can be cared for safely in a home - not institutional - setting
- Agree to home visits from a care manager
- Agree to help pay for services depending on your circumstances



“I want to stay in my home for as long as I can. It takes only a few hours of help a week to make a difference in my life.” - ESP Client

Signing up for ESP:

After answering some questions on the telephone, you will be assigned an ESP care manager who will schedule a meeting with you to determine your eligibility.

You will be asked to show documents verifying your income, assets, household and medical expenses. Before the care manager's visit, you will receive a letter that lists the papers you will need to provide at the meeting.

If you qualify for ESP, your care manager will work with you and your family to arrange for services that best meet your individual needs.

Depending on where you live, call:

- Butler County: (513) 868-9281
- Butler (Middletown area): (800) 215-5305
- Clinton County: (937) 382-7170
- Hamilton County: (513) 721-1025
- Warren County: (513) 695-2271

Southwestern Ohio's Area Agency on Aging Since 1974

Council on Aging is designated by the state of Ohio to serve the older adults of Butler, Clermont, Clinton, Hamilton and Warren counties. We are experts on aging with a variety of programs available as free and low-cost public services. **Our mission:** Enhance the lives of adults by assisting them to remain independent at home through a range of quality services.