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Seniors invited to voice opinions on needs for transportation

Council on Aging of Southwestern Ohio is surveying older adults as part of an effort to improve transportation options for seniors.

Adults age 60 and older who would like to have their opinion included in Council on Aging's Transportation Needs Assessment can complete a survey online at www.help4seniors.org. The survey will be available until Nov. 10.

Earlier this fall, Council on Aging mailed more than 8,000 transportation surveys to seniors in Butler, Clermont, Clinton, Hamilton and Warren counties.

"Effective, reliable and economical transportation is a huge challenge for seniors who no longer drive themselves, and it's only going to get bigger," said Diana French, Council on Aging Program Development Administrator. "Getting to doctor appointments, handling basic errands or visiting friends are more difficult than many people realize. It's critically important for us to hear directly from people who use or need transportation services so we can address the gaps."

The survey asks questions such as:

- What types of transportation are most needed?
- Among current transportation options, where are the gaps in service?
- What are the barriers that prevent seniors from using the current options?

Council on Aging will compile the survey data and prepare a report by the end of this year.

For more information about the survey, call 513-345-8620.

About Council on Aging

Council on Aging of Southwestern Ohio (COA) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for older adults and their families.

Since 1974, COA has been designated by the state of Ohio as the Area Agency on Aging for Butler, Clermont, Clinton, Hamilton and Warren counties. COA plans, coordinates, funds and administers programs for an area that is home to more than 252,000 adults age 60 and older.

COA promotes choice, independence, dignity and well-being of older adults through a range of services that help them remain in their homes for as long as possible.

One call to COA links people to the wide variety of agencies, information and programs that serve older adults.

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