

COA Awards and Recognition

(As of March 2018)

2017 Awards

- **Inspire | Healthcare 2017 Quality Improvement Award Winner, The Health Collaborative** – Council on Aging’s innovative program for helping hospitalized seniors connect with essential in-home services received The Health Collaborative’s Richard M. Smith MD Leadership in Quality Improvement Award. The award was presented to Council on Aging’s Fast Track Home program at the organization’s annual Inspire|Healthcare Awards Ceremony on November 1. The award recognizes an individual or team who exemplifies commitment to quality improvement, makes it an organizational priority, and serves as a role model for those working to enhance the quality of care within their organization and throughout the community.
- **Venue Magazine and Lead Magazine C-Suite Award** – Council on Aging’s Vice President of Human Resources, Training and Organizational Development Jacqueline Hutsell, M.Ed., PHR, HCS, was selected as a C-Suite Award honoree for 2017. The award is presented by *Venue Magazine* and *Lead Magazine* to honor our region’s leading chief executive officers; chief operating, information, marketing, and financial officers; board level leaders; and other C-level executives. Individuals are selected based on their invaluable contributions to their organization and the region as well as their personal leadership characteristics.

2016 Awards

- **Inspire Healthcare Awards** – Council on Aging’s Care Transitions team was a finalist for the Health Collaborative’s Inspire Healthcare Award in the Leadership and Quality Improvement category. The awards recognize individuals, teams and organizations working to improve health and healthcare in the community.
- **Aetna Better Health of Ohio** – Council on Aging received a \$25,000 grant from Aetna Better Health of Ohio, Inc. to help develop initiatives aimed at strengthening the connection between health and long-term care.

2015 Awards

- **Comprehensive Healthcare Leadership Award** – Suzanne Burke, Chief Executive Officer, received the award honoring our region's leading health care professionals who strive to improve the everyday lives of their patients and colleagues. The award is based on the individual's invaluable contributions and personal leadership characteristics.
- **Miami University Scripps Gerontology Center W. Fred Cottrell Distinguished Alumni Award** – Ken Wilson, Council on Aging’s Vice President of Program Operations, received the award for outstanding leadership in the field of aging.
- **Leadership 500 Excellence Awards Program** – Council on Aging’s Team Educator Certification Program received third place honors in the Midsize Company Category out of 200 contestants as a best practice in human resources.

2013 Awards

- **OSAGE Best Practitioner of the Year Award** – Awarded to Council on Aging’s Business Intelligence Team for their leading-edge work in data analysis.
- **O4A Award** – Sharon Fusco, Vice President of Business Services, was honored by the Ohio Association of Area Agencies on Aging (O4A) for her work leading the statewide initiative to develop pricing models.
- **Women Excel Award – Cincinnati USA Regional Chamber of Commerce** – Council on Aging’s Care Transitions Program was a runner up in the Best New Product of the Year category.

2011 Awards

- **Service Appreciation Award** – O4A honored three Council on Aging senior leaders for their statewide efforts and support of the association.

2010 Awards

- **Better Business Bureau Torch Award** – The prestigious Torch Award honors businesses and organizations that fully commit to ethical practices.

2006 Awards

- **ONE Award** – Council on Aging was awarded the Organizations of Noteworthy Excellence Award (ONE Award) in the category of Performance by the Cincinnati Business Courier and The Greater Cincinnati Foundation.
- **n4a Aging Innovations and Achievement Award** – The National Association of Area Agencies on Aging’s (n4a) Aging Achievement Award recognized Council on Aging for creativity, innovation and good management practices for its Council on Aging Learning Advantages (COALA) Caregiver Education and Support Training Program.

2005 Awards

- **ICAA Industry Innovators Award** – The International Council on Active Aging recognized the COALA Home Health Aide Training Program as one of the most innovative active aging programs for excellence and creativity in the health and wellness field.
- **O4A Outstanding AAA/Provider Partnership of the Year Award** – The Ohio Association of Area Agencies on Aging (O4A) presented Council on Aging’s Senior Center Re-Engineering Workgroup with this award to recognize nine area senior centers and COA staff for their team efforts and work addressing the needs and concerns at senior centers.

2004 Awards

- **OVAR/GEC Best Practice Award** – The Ohio Valley Appalachia Regional Geriatric Education Center presented a Best Practice Award to Council on Aging’s Learning Advantages (COALA) Home Health Aide Training Program. This award recognizes efforts to enhance geriatric education and improve services to older persons throughout Kentucky, Southern Indiana, Southwestern Ohio and Eastern Tennessee.