

What is ESP?

The Elderly Services Program (ESP) provides in-home care that helps eligible older adults remain safe and independent in their homes for as long as possible. It can delay or prevent nursing home placement. ESP expands care that may already be provided by family and friends.

Who operates this program?

Council on Aging (COA) manages the program for the Butler County Board of County Commissioners. A volunteer community board is appointed by the commissioners to advise on program needs and policies. LifeSpan, Inc. provides assessment, intake and care management.

Who is eligible?

Services are available to Butler County residents age 65 and older who need help with certain activities of daily living (transportation, bathing, cleaning, cooking, etc.). Home-delivered meals are available starting at age 60. Eligibility for each service is determined by an ESP care manager during a home visit.

There is no income qualification for this program. However, depending on your income, you may be required to help pay for the cost of your care through a co-payment. More information is available on the back of this brochure.

What kind of help is available through ESP?

Eligibility for each service is determined by a care manager during a home visit.

Adult Day Services: Structured programs provide a secure, stimulating environment and respite for caregivers. Transportation may be available.

Care Management: A professional care manager coordinates your services and monitors your care.

Consumer Directed Care: Allows you to hire a friend or family member to provide home care services. Eligibility determined by ESP care manager.

Electronic Monitoring System: 24-hour, in-home monitoring systems that provide safety and/or medication alerts.

Environmental Services: Pest control, major housecleaning and waste removal.

Home Care Assistance: A trained aide helps with housekeeping, personal care and other daily activities, and provides respite for the primary caregiver.

Home Modifications and Repairs: Minor repairs and safety upgrades such as ramps, grab bars and dead-bolt locks.

Independent Living Assistance: Help with benefit applications and organizing personal and household records.

Meals: Home-delivered meals. Special diets can be accommodated with a doctor's order.

Medical Equipment: Health- or safety-related equipment such as a bath bench, cane, walker or other equipment not covered by your health insurance plan.

Mental Health Services: Feelings of depression and anxiety make it harder to remain independent. A counselor can meet with you in your home to help you regain a more positive outlook and sense of well being.

Transportation: To routine medical and other appointments.



"Without help from ESP and my daughters, I'd be in a nursing home - or worse!"

Ralph, Butler County ESP client

Funding and cost

The Elderly Services Program is made possible thanks to the generous support of Butler County taxpayers via a senior services tax levy. Other funding comes from federal and state money, grants, donations and client co-payments.

To help the program serve as many people as possible with the tax dollars available, some clients are required to help pay for the cost of their care through a co-payment. Co-payments are set on a sliding scale depending on income and medical expenses.

Home-delivered meals are always free, but donations are welcomed to help provide meals to more older adults in our area.



"To have this type of service to help seniors stay independent and in their homes goes a long way."

Ann, Butler County ESP client

Butler County ESP services are funded by a special tax levy. ESP does not supplant care provided by families but rather secures the necessary additional care the family is unable to provide. ESP expects families to take responsibility to care for family members to the fullest extent possible. ESP does not discriminate on the basis of age, gender, race, color, religion (creed), sexual orientation, gender expression or identity, national or ethnic origin (ancestry), marital status, or disability.

How do I apply?

Call **(513) 868-9281** for more information or to learn if you or a loved one qualify for services. You'll answer a few questions on the phone and if ESP is right for you, a care manager will schedule an in-home visit to verify your eligibility.

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

Referrals are accepted by phone or online at www.lifespanohio.org/esp.



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