



# Advisory Council

## Membership and Responsibilities

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Council on Aging's (COA) Advisory Council plays a critical role in COA's mission to enhance people's lives by assisting them to remain independent through a range of quality services. The Advisory Council gives voice to older consumers of services, people with disabilities and others involved in the field of aging. Members' views are brought to the attention of the Board of Trustees and COA staff to bring about a collaboration of older citizens, people with disabilities, community agencies, and state and local governments.

### **The purpose of the Advisory Council is:**

- To provide information, guidance, advice and support to Council on Aging
- To advocate on behalf of older adults and people with disabilities in Butler, Clermont, Clinton, Hamilton and Warren counties
- To represent the interests of older adults and people with disabilities in the county where the member lives

### **Specific responsibilities include:**

- Attend four meetings per year, as well as 4-6 Board of Trustees committee meetings
- Evaluate program results and assess new service needs
- Review and recommend action on service contracts and COA's Area Plan
- Recruit volunteers for program activities and participate in outreach activities
- Support services for older adults and people with disabilities by actively advocating at the community, state and federal levels
- Report on issues, activities and concerns related to older adults in the community

### **By law, the makeup of COA's Advisory Council must include:**

- More than 50 percent of membership must be over 60 years of age, including minority and older individuals living in rural areas
- Priority populations, or organizations that represent priority populations, as identified by the Ohio Department of Aging (ODA), including: Holocaust survivors; LGBTQ; limited English proficiency; severe disabilities; Alzheimer's disease/dementia; behavioral health concerns; low income
- Representatives of older individuals and/or family caregivers of such individuals
- Representatives of health care provider organizations, including veterans' health care
- Representatives of supportive services provider organizations
- Persons with leadership experience
- Local elected officials
- Representatives of faith-based organizations
- The general public

If you are interested in serving on Council on Aging's Advisory Council, complete the form below and return it to: Heather Junker, Council on Aging, 4601 Malsbary Road, Blue Ash, OH 45242 or by email: [hjunker@help4seniors.org](mailto:hjunker@help4seniors.org). [Click here](#) to complete the form online.



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## Prospective Member Form

This form may also be completed online by scanning the QR Code with your phone's camera.



**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**County:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Best Contact Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Current or most recent occupation:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**If you have served on committees in other organizations, please list:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**In what ways are you involved with older persons or people with disabilities?**

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**Please indicate your areas of interest:**

\_\_\_ Planning for Services

\_\_\_ Community Relations

\_\_\_ Program Evaluation

\_\_\_ Advocacy

\_\_\_ Identifying and Addressing Gaps in Services

\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Are you:** \_\_\_ Age 60+ \_\_\_ Under Age 60

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## Commitment to Diversity

Council on Aging seeks to work with an Advisory Council that reflects the diversity of those we serve and the makeup of our Advisory Council must meet certain requirements. The information you provide below is voluntary but will help ensure Council on Aging meets these requirements and is poised to meet the unique needs of those we serve.

**I represent (check all that apply):**

- ☐ A minority population (Black, Hispanic, Asian-American, etc.)
- ☐ Low-income populations
- ☐ Holocaust survivors
- ☐ LGBTQ individuals
- ☐ Limited English speaking individuals
- ☐ Individuals with disabilities
- ☐ Individuals with Alzheimer's Disease or dementia
- ☐ Individuals with behavioral health needs
- ☐ Family and other unpaid caregivers
- ☐ Health care provider organizations, including Veterans' health care
- ☐ Supportive services provider organizations
- ☐ The faith-based community
- ☐ Local elected officials
- ☐ I prefer not to answer this question
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Referred by:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Additional Information:**

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### Preserving Independence, Enhancing Quality of Life

Council on Aging is designated by the state of Ohio to serve older adults and people with disabilities within a multi-county region. We are experts at helping people with complex medical and long-term care needs, offering a variety of services via publicly-funded programs. Our mission: Enhance lives by assisting people to remain independent through a range of quality services.

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