



**Tuesday March 3, 2026**

**PM Workshop 3: Panel Discussion:** Protective Services and Ombudsman Process, from Start to Finish.

**Speakers:** Kevin Kurpieski, BA, Karri Owens, BSW, Eric Carpenter, JD, Sarah DeMoss, MSW

Speakers Bio:

**Kevin Kurpieski**, Social Services Supervisor, Adult Protective Services, Butler County Dept. of Job and Family Services.

**Karri Owens** is a Miami University graduate with over 19 years of social work experience, including 13+ years with Adult Protective Services. She currently serves as board president of SELF (Supports to Encourage Low-income Families), a Butler County community action agency, and has always had a passion helping vulnerable populations. Owens enjoys spending her free time on day trips and sporting events with her husband, time with friends, family, and her cats.

**Eric Carpenter** is Program Director for the Region 1 Ombudsman team at Pro Seniors, a nonprofit organization dedicated to helping older Ohioans resolve legal and long-term care problems, and combat Medicare fraud. Carpenter became a staff ombudsman in 2020 and took over as Program Director in 2024. In that time Carpenter has not only resolved countless long-term care problems for those in need but built relationships and grown awareness for Pro Seniors. From a macro perspective, Carpenter has also helped to address systemic issues affecting older Ohioans such as the badly needed and now impending increase in Personal Needs Allowance for Long Term care residents that rely on Medicaid to pay for their nursing care.

Prior to joining Pro Seniors, Carpenter spent 14 years with Child Focus, Inc., where he served in several different roles; Foster care Case Manager; Foster Care Coordination; Adolescent Life Skills group leader; and Parent Educator.

**Sarah DeMoss** serves as the Screening Manager at Butler County Children Services, where she oversees the team responsible for the county's child abuse and neglect hotline and provides administrative leadership for all after-hours operations. With 26 years of experience in a wide range of roles within the agency, DeMoss brings deep expertise in child welfare practice and a strong commitment to advancing safety, permanency, and well-being for children and families. DeMoss holds a Bachelor of Science from Centre College and a Master of Social Work from the University of Cincinnati.