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Southeast Ohio Aging & Disability Resource Network Formalizes Co-operative

The Ohio Cooperative Development Center at OSU South Centers has been working with a variety of regional aging and disability service providers to form a working cooperative known as the Southeast Ohio Aging & Disability Resource Network (SE Ohio ADRN)

Many local and state level agencies have shown support for the SE Ohio ADRN by signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). The purpose of this MOU is to promote cooperation, coordination and enhance the provision of services to ensure elderly, vulnerable or disabled Ohioans are served in the most efficient manner.

The following organizations have signed MOUs with the ADRN: Athens County Board of Developmental Disabilities; Monroe County Board of Developmental Disabilities; Perry County Board of Developmental Disabilities; Washington County Board of Developmental Disabilities; Athens County Department of Jobs & Family Services; Noble County Department of Jobs & Family Services; GMN Tri-County Community Action Corporation, Inc.; WV Alzheimer's Association-Mid Ohio Valley Regional Office; Washington County Health Department; Meigs County Council on Aging, Inc.; Brain Injury Association of Ohio; Southeastern Ohio Center for Independent Living; Area Agency on Aging 8 and AAA8 Ombudsman; Athens County 211— United Appeal for Athens County; Hocking County Veterans Service Commission; Perry County Veterans Service Commission; Washington County Veterans Service Commission; Ohio Association of Second Harvest Foodbanks & Ohio's Benefit Bank; CareStar, Inc.; Marietta Care and Rehabilitation Center; Guardian Medical Monitoring.

The ADRN has also launched The Network of Care website (www.networkofcare.org) to empower seniors and people with disabilities, caregivers and service providers with comprehensive long-term care services, information and education available in the eight-county region. The Southeast Ohio version may be accessed directly at <http://seohioadrn.oh.networkofcare.org>.

“The goal of the SE Ohio ADRN is to streamline services and supports for older adults, people with disabilities, family members and caregivers, said Rick Hindman, AAA8 Director. “The SE Ohio ADRN Network of Care site is a resource network and website that brings together nearly one thousand local services, programs and supports available in its eight-county service area. It is a great resource for folks to find information and even confidentially manage their personal medical information on the free personal health record.”

The Network of Care will help people find resources without having to waste a lot of time searching. As a resource of The Southeast Ohio Aging and Disability Resource Network (SE Ohio ADRN), the site will also enable service providers to help clients connect to the resources they need through better inter-agency communications.

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