



MERCER COUNTY AREA AGENCY ON AGING, INC.

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OUR MISSION

*To enrich the quality of life of older adults in Mercer County
and enable them to maintain their independence as long as possible.*

Mercer County Area Agency on Aging, Inc., is a 501(c)3 private, non-profit corporation. Through an agreement with the Pennsylvania Department of Aging, the Agency provides a wide range of services to support Mercer County's older adults and their families.

The Agency has a very dedicated, experienced and compassionate staff who are invested in providing these supportive services through its Senior Centers, Care Management Unit, Adult Day Care Program and Administrative Office.

Mercer County Area Agency on Aging, Inc., has been serving Mercer County's older adults and their families for more than 40 years. With the passage of the Older Americans Act and Amendments, each County in Pennsylvania was tasked with establishing an Area Agency on Aging, so in 1976, the Mercer County Commissioners transformed the Senior Citizens Department from a County Office into a 501(c)3 nonprofit corporation to provide services to the 60+ population. As a non-profit corporation, the Agency is able to receive funding and donations that are tax-deductible.

The Commissioners later engaged the Agency to manage the Medical Assistance Transportation Program to assure that Mercer County's low-income population of any age, have access to medical services. Through this program, the Agency arranges transportation to residents who are enrolled in Medicaid and meet certain eligibility requirements.

Mercer County has a 60+ population of 27,167, 40% of whom are 75+ years of age. The Agency programs and services enable many of these people to stay in their own homes longer than would otherwise be possible, using the least restrictive means available.

To meet the needs of seniors, the Agency's Administrative office, located in Mercer, operates four Senior Centers strategically located around the County: Greenville, Grove City, Sandy Lake and the Shenango Valley. The Agency also operates an Adult Day Care Program within the Shenango Valley Senior Center. Any donations received at the Senior Centers remain at the senior center to continue, increase and enhance services for the participants.

The Agency is committed to assisting the rapidly growing older adult population with a focus on the most frail, 75+, low-income population. The bulk of the Agency's funding for this mission is provided through a block grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Aging from revenue generated by the Pennsylvania Lottery. Because this funding has not kept pace with the increase in the 60+ population and their needs, the Agency also relies on donations, fundraising and minor funding from the County. Some services are offered on a cost-sharing basis. The funds received through cost-sharing go back into that service to allow more services to be provided.

Staff work diligently to stretch the funding while maintaining or increasing services, but waiting lists are sometimes necessary when the demand exceeds our funding.

Services provided by the Agency include:

Senior Center Services

Congregate Meals
Socialization/Recreation
Life Skills Education
Health & Safety Education
Nutrition Education
Self-Enrichment Education
Crime Prevention
Arts & Crafts
Health/Wellness Programs
Exercise Classes

Options (Community-Based Care)*

Assessment
Care Management
Community In-Home Support
Personal Care
Home support/Respite (limited basis)
Home Delivered Meals
Older Adult Protective Services
Caregiver Support Program
Adult Day Care

**Cost Sharing and Waiting Lists may apply.*

Other Aging Services

Long Term Ombudsman	PA Medi (Insurance Counseling)
Volunteer Opportunities	Person Centered Counseling

Special Services

Transportation Services (through contract with Mercer County Community Transit)
Legal Services Referrals
Application Assistance - Property Tax/Rent Rebate, Reduced Vehicle Registration,
PACE (Pharmaceutical Contract for the Elderly), LIHEAP (Low Income Home Energy
Assistance Program)
"Senior Update" Radio Show - Fridays 9 a.m. WPIC 790AM

For a more thorough review of the services offered by Mercer County Area Agency on Aging, Inc., and the locations, contact numbers and a calendar of events at our senior centers, visit our website at mercercountyaging.org to see what might be of interest to you. We look forward to hearing from you!



Fun Facts:

In Fiscal Year 2023-2024 the Agency provided:

- 18,955 lunches at our senior centers to over 1,000 older adults
- 20,981 days of senior center activities to those older adults
- 103,389 in-home lunches to 643 older adults
- 27,633 hours of personal care service to 186 older adults in their homes
- 27,275 one-way transportation trips to 732 older adults
- 8,688 trips to medical facilities for 790 people through the Medical Assistance Transportation Program
- 18,155 Farmers Market Checks to 3,631
- Volunteer opportunities for 144 people.