

SENIOR CHOICES UPDATE

During the month of August, staff members spoke with **373** people who were interested in obtaining information and assistance, SENIOR CHOICES services or advocacy. Our staff enrolled **35** new clients into our homecare program and disenrolled **24** clients, bringing our total to **880** clients at month's end. So far this year, we have served **1122** clients through our homecare program.

DELAWARE COUNTY FAIR – SEPTEMBER 17-24

It's another sign that summer is fading fast - the Delaware County Fair is right around the corner. Cotton candy, the Ferris wheel and 4-H clubs aren't the only regulars at the fair. We'll be in our usual spot in the Merchants Building. Stop by for a visit and learn about our services and volunteer opportunities, and meet our staff and board members. We are pleased to announce that we will be partnering with Willow Brook Christian Communities to sponsor Senior Citizens & Veterans Day at the Fair on Tuesday, September 20. And as always, we will be providing free coffee and donuts at our booth that morning. Admission to the Fair on this special day is only \$2 for people age 55 or older or for any veteran.

SENIOR CHOICES STAFF UPDATE

Congratulations to Becky Carpenter for her promotion from Lead Care Consultant to Social Work Supervisor! Becky joins Michele Endsley as a Social Work Supervisor for SENIOR CHOICES. Becky and Michele will supervise five Care Consultants, complete administrative duties, and continue assisting clients with services. Congrats Becky!

We are sad to let everyone know that Care Consultant Jami Schmidt has submitted her resignation. Jami would like to pursue other opportunities and spend more time with her family. Jami's last day will be Friday, October 14. Thank you Jami for your service for the past four years! We will miss you!

We are in the process of hiring her replacement. If Jami was your Care Consultant, you should be receiving a letter soon with information on who will be assisting you during this time of transition. Once a new Care Consultant is hired and fully trained, clients will be transitioned to this staff member. We will do everything in our power to ensure continuity of care, and we appreciate your patience and understanding during this time of transition.

CAREGIVER WORKSHOPS

The Council for Older Adults provides monthly opportunities for caregivers to learn, grow, and gather support. Please join us on October 11 from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. for "Identifying and Appreciating Generational Differences," presented by Christine Nardecchia of the City of Dublin. Workshops are free and are held at the Center for Older Adults, 800 Cheshire Rd., Delaware. Please feel free to bring a friend! To register, please RSVP to Jen Spicer at (740) 203-2377.

SENIOR HEALTH & SAFETY DAY AT THE CENTER

Senior Health & Safety Day will be at the Center on Thursday, October 27, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. There will be free workshops and demonstrations, health screenings, flu shots, and more! Please plan on joining us for the day. For more information, call (740) 369-5133.

ANNUAL INSURANCE SEMINAR

The 11th Annual Insurance Seminar will be held on Wed., Oct. 5 from 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. in the Radebaugh Room at the Center for Older Adults, 800 Cheshire Road, Delaware. This free seminar will provide attendees with the opportunity to learn about Medicare insurance programs, prescription drug coverage, and state and community resources, specifically for those 60 years or older. A question and answer period, as well as an opportunity to get a Medicare Part D Insurance Plan comparison report, will be available at the seminar. A free Continental breakfast sponsored by Willow Brook Christian Communities will also be served. If you are interested in attending this event, please call our reservation line at (740) 203-2382. (Please register by Friday, September 30, as space is limited.)

OPEN ENROLLMENT DATES FOR MEDICARE PRESCRIPTION PLANS ARE CHANGING

Open enrollment for the Medicare Prescription Drug plans runs from October 15 to December 7, with coverage beginning on January 1, 2012. In previous years, open enrollment began November 15, so please make sure to note the date changes and to compare your prescription plan early! Costs for the premium, deductibles, co-pays and the formularies of the medications may change every year. While open enrollment does not begin until October 15, generally you can explore the new changes beginning in mid-September. Our insurance specialist is here to assist you in exploring low-cost ways to access the prescription drugs you may need. Call us at (740) 363-6677.

NEW TO MEDICARE CLASSES

Do you know someone who is about to turn 65? If so, please have them call COA! The Council for Older Adults is offering "New to Medicare" classes monthly. This class is open to anyone who is about to turn 65 or wants to learn more about Medicare. Information will focus on enrollment time frames; Medicare Parts A, B, C, and D; Medicare supplemental policies; and extra help programs. The classes at the Council for Older Adults on the second Wednesday of each month from 10 a.m. to noon. Participants should bring their Medicare card (if they have one), a list of prescription medication with dosage and frequency, and any questions they have pertaining to Medicare. Please call the Council for Older Adults at (740) 363-6677 to register.

** There will not be a class in October due to the Insurance Seminar.**

TRANSPORTATION AVAILABLE

The Council for Older Adults Transportation Program can provide necessary (non-emergency) transportation for older adults and/or caregivers. Volunteers provide a door-through-door service; accompany a rider to and from an appointment or event, and can stay during the appointment if needed. Transportation is limited to Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. through 5 p.m. and depends upon the availability of a volunteer. A two-week notice is appreciated in order to accommodate as many requests as possible. If you are interested in this free program, please call your Care Consultant at the Council at (740) 363-6677.



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