

SENIOR CHOICES UPDATE

During the month of June, staff members spoke with **1,291** people who were interested in obtaining information and assistance, SENIOR CHOICES services or advocacy. Our staff enrolled **39** new clients and disenrolled **31** clients, bringing our total to **864** clients at month's end. So far this year, we have served **1,054** clients.

CAREGIVER WORKSHOPS

The Council for Older Adults provides monthly opportunities for caregivers to learn, grow, and gather support. Please join us on August 8 (**Monday**, not the usual Tuesday) from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. for "Understanding VA Benefits," presented by Bob Osborn of the Department of Veterans Affairs. 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.

TWO PROGRAMS, ONE GOAL

The Council has partnered with the Delaware County Department of Job and Family Services as well as Delaware County Juvenile Court to offer two helpful programs for seniors. If you need assistance with certain household chores, such as heavy cleaning, yard work, minor painting, minor home repairs, or window cleaning, we can help arrange for supervised youths to complete those projects. The services are free, and certain eligibility requirements may apply. For details, please call the Council at (740) 363-6677.

GO BUCKEYES!

The Committee to Save Senior Services will host its thirteenth annual fundraiser Thursday, September 8, from 5 to 8:30 p.m., at Brookshire, 405 Greif Parkway, just south of Delaware. The committee decided to continue the scarlet and gray theme to kick-off another Ohio State football season.

The popular soiree will serve as this year's only fundraiser for the Committee to Save Senior Services. The Committee depends on the Delaware County community to support this worthwhile event. The cost of a ticket purchased in advance by 5 p.m., August 31 is \$25 each. Tickets will go on sale July 15 and can be purchased by mail at the Center for Older Adults office, 800 Cheshire Road, Delaware or online at www.growingolder.org. Tickets at the door on September 8 will be \$30 each.

SAVE THE DATE! 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 workshops and demonstrations, screenings, and vendors. Please plan on joining us for the day. For more information, contact the Center at (740) 369-5133 or see the September issue of the Council Communicator.

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.

OPEN ENROLLMENT FOR MEDICARE PRESCRIPTION PLANS IS CHANGING IN 2011

Open enrollment for the Medicare Prescription Drug plans runs from October 15 – December 7, with coverage beginning on January 1, 2012. Previously open enrollment was from November 15 - December 31, so please make sure to note the date changes and to compare your prescription plan early!

It's wise to perform a checkup of your prescription drug coverage every year. Costs for the premium, deductibles, co-pays and the formularies of the medications the prescription drug plans cover, change every year. While open enrollment does not begin until October 15, generally you can explore the new changes beginning in mid-September. Our trained insurance specialist is here to assist you with additional information, and help you explore 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 us! 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 will be held at the Council for Older Adults on the second Wednesday of each month from 10 a.m. - 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 or get more information.

SENIOR CHOICES SERVICES

Please remember that if you have any problems with the services you are receiving, contact your care consultant immediately so we can help intervene and resolve the problem. You can reach your care consultant at (740) 363-6677.

HOMEBOUND SERVICE FROM DELAWARE COUNTY DISTRICT LIBRARY

Do you love to read or listen to books on tape? The Delaware County District Library offers a homebound library service for those individuals with a temporary or permanent disability. Applications are available at the main library, through Outreach Services and at the Powell, Orange, and Ostrander Branches. Deliveries are made every four weeks, on a day and time that is convenient for you and the library. For more information or an application, please contact the main library at (740) 362-3861 and ask for Outreach Services.

