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COUNCIL FOR OLDER ADULTS FUNDS CHORE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Older adults who need help with summer chores can call the Council for Older Adults, which has teamed up with the Department of Job and Family Services to employ local students to assist those who need an extra hand.

The Summer Chore program, which runs through Aug. 8, is available only when students are out of school since the service is designed to provide work experience for youth while assisting older Delaware County residents, said Donna Meyer, outreach manager for the Council for Older Adults.

Tracey Merrin, employment counselor with the Department of Job and Family Services, said she has hired youth to mow lawns, paint, wash windows, move furniture and perform heavy household cleaning.

To take advantage of this service, county residents must be age 60 or older and unable to perform these chores on their own. The program is funded by the Delaware County Senior Services Levy.

To apply, call the Council for Older Adults at 740-363-6677 or 1-800-994-2255.

The Council for Older Adults is a local nonprofit organization responsible for planning, developing, coordinating and providing services for older adults and their families in Delaware County. Among the Council's services are the county-wide Meals on Wheels program and Senior Choices, a program that provides comprehensive care management and in-home services. Services provided by the Council are made possible in part by funding through our local senior services levy.

