



## Cuyahoga County Together We Thrive

## DIVISION OF SENIOR AND ADULT SERVICES

### Services Summary

#### Adult Protective Services

investigates allegations of abuse, neglect, self neglect, and/or financial exploitation of adults 60+. Allegations of abuse concerning adults 18-59 are investigated on a voluntary basis. In Cuyahoga County, DSAS is entrusted with this important mandate. Adult Protective Services also has an interdisciplinary team, known as the Cuyahoga County Adult Protective Collaborative, which is a coordinated community response to victims of elder abuse. Members meet on a monthly basis to identify systematic problems, promote solution based interventions, offer guidance with difficult cases and foster increased communication between agencies and individuals.

#### Home Support Services

include home health aide, homemaker and respite services for eligible older adults and adults with disabilities. Homemaking services include light housekeeping, laundry, shopping and meal preparation. Home health aide services include assistance with ambulation and personal care. Home Support Services encompasses the private pay consumers, as well as, some services reimbursed by the National Multiple Sclerosis Society and the Ryan White HIV / AIDS program. Private pay consumers are those who are over 60 years and/or frail and disabled. Private pay rates are determined on a sliding scale.

#### Skilled Home Care Services

is Medicare/Medicaid certified and provides skilled nursing, physical, occupational and speech therapy, medical social services and home health services. Our Division is the County's only provider of Title I Ryan White Program services, providing personal care and homemaking services to adult residents 18+ living with HIV/AIDS.

#### Options for Independent Living Program

is designed to assist older adults and adults with disabilities to live and function independently in their homes. Currently there are nearly 2,000 clients who would find it difficult, if not impossible, to continue to live in their own homes without our assistance. Options services include: light housekeeping, personal care, medical transportation, home-delivered meals, emergency response buttons, and chore services.

#### Community Office on Aging

plans, advocates, promotes, and coordinates programs and services for older adults and adults with disabilities in Cuyahoga County. This office also coordinates with other Cuyahoga County government departments serving seniors and the aging network.

#### Community Social Services Program

provides funding to serve more than 5,000 older adults through community based service contracts including adult day service, adult development, transportation, home-delivered and congregate meals.

#### Information Services

connects older adults and caregivers to our network of service providers that support independence including; information and referral services through our Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) with the Western Reserve Area Agency on Aging; benefits assistance through the National Council on Aging to facilitate enrollment in federal programs including Medicare's MIPPA and LIS; person-centered case management and support services to address complex needs and assist with housing, food insecurity and emergencies; bed bug remediation services; and help with applications for utility bill assistance through Ohio's Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP).



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