COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

Adult Protective Services (APS)

The mission of Adult Protective Services is to protect and assist adults 60+ who may be victims of abuse, neglect, self-neglect, and/or financial exploitation. Allegations of abuse concerning adults 18+ are investigated on a voluntary basis. In Cuyahoga County, APS is administered by DSAS. To report a suspected case of abuse, call (216) 420-6700.

Community Resources

Community Resources are available to at-risk adults in need of social support. Services include case management, legal, and economic assistance, nursing support and emergency protective or supportive services. (216) 420-6700.

Information Outreach

The Information Outreach Unit administers the web-based Benefits Check Up Program (216) 620-6840, and the Home Energy Assistance (HEAP) Program. (216) 420-6830.

www.benefitscheckup.org/link/cuyahoga

Grandparent/Kinship Care Program

The Grandparent/Kinship Care Program addresses the needs of relative caregivers and their children, through advocacy, education and information, short term service coordination, and linkage to county and community programs. Services may include education on caregiver options, respite services, legal consultation, linkage to counseling services and support groups. (216) 420-6772.

HOME SUPPORT SERVICES

Options for Elders

The Options Program serves frail residents 60+ who are low-income, yet not eligible for PASSPORT or other Medicaid-funded programs. Services include adult day services, home delivered meals, personal care, emergency response system, homemaker services, chore services, pest control, and medical transportation. Adaptive and assistive devices are also provided.

Home Care Waiver

The Ohio Home Care Waiver serves Medicaid-eligible adults 18+ who meet eligibility criteria, and who have been referred by a physician or other medical authority. Services include personal care, respite, skilled nursing, occupational, physical, and speech therapy and homemaking.

PASSPORT Provider Services

DSAS provides home care for residents 60+ who have been determined eligible for the PASSPORT Program. Services include personal care, homemaking, meal preparation, laundry assistance, grocery shopping, and prescription pick-up. Eligibility for PASSPORT is determined by the Western Reserve Area Agency on Aging (216) 621-0303 and DSAS Medicaid Benefits Division (216) 987-7075.

Personal Pay Services

Personal Pay provides home care for seniors and at-risk adults 18+. Services include adult geriatric counseling, homemaking, personal care, and respite. Fees are charged on a sliding scale based on income. Home care is provided to persons with MS through a contract with the Multiple Sclerosis Society.

Skilled Nursing

Skilled nursing care is available to residents who are Medicare/Medicaid eligible and under the care of a physician. Services include skilled nursing, physical/occupational/speech therapy, medical social services and nutrition counseling.

Ryan White Part A HIV/AIDS Program

The Ryan White Part A HIV/AIDS Program provides personal care, homemaking services, and nutrition consultation to adult residents 18+ living with HIV/AIDS. DSAS’ program networks with other HIV/AIDS care agencies to ensure that clients have access to all available resources.

MEDICAID BENEFITS

The Medicaid Benefits Division determines financial eligibility for residents who apply for Medicaid to cover the cost of a nursing home, PASSPORT (Pre-Admission Screening System Providing Options and Resources Today), PACE (Program for All Inclusive Care for the Elderly), Ohio Assisted Living Waiver, and adult group homes for the mentally retarded/developmentally disabled (MRDD), and for those receiving Residential State Supplement (RSS).

Medicaid eligibility follows guidelines established by the state of Ohio. To request an application for any of the above Medicaid programs, call (216) 987-7075. To request a physical assessment for PASSPORT, call the Western Reserve Area Agency on Aging (216) 621-0303. To request an assessment for Concordia Care/PACE, call (216) 791-3580.

MANAGEMENT SERVICES

Through community based service contracts, the Management Services Division provides more than 6,000 seniors and at-risk adults with services such as adult development, congregate meals, adult day care, financial counseling, transportation, information and referral.

Management Services provides these services through $1.4 million dollars in annual funding to local agencies that serve low-income, frail elderly and disabled Cuyahoga County residents. This ensures client access to a broad array of services and programs that are available from various sectors of the county.

All calls to DSAS are confidential.
According to the 2000 census, approximately one third of the 217,177 seniors in Cuyahoga County live alone. Many have no immediate family living in the Greater Cleveland area.

When an older resident, disabled adult or family member needs assistance, the Department of Senior & Adult Services is here to help. Our goal is to provide the services needed to ensure that older residents and adults with disabilities are able to maintain a full, dignified and independent lifestyle.

Older adults are our most valuable natural resource. We, at DSAS, are committed to providing programs that will preserve and enhance their quality of life.

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Department of Senior & Adult Services (DSAS) is to provide quality in-home and community services to seniors, disabled and vulnerable adults, based on individual need.

For information about DSAS programs and services call (216) 420-6750 or visit us on the web at www.dsas.cuyahogacounty.us

ADMINISTRATION
Community Office on Aging

The Community Office on Aging is the legislative liaison between DSAS and elected officials — both state and federal.

The Office on Aging develops position papers, meets with legislators, and testifies on bills before the Ohio General Assembly.

This office advocates for the passage of legislation that will improve the lives of older and disabled residents of Cuyahoga County. The Office on Aging also facilitates communication among peer agencies by planning and coordinating meetings of the Cuyahoga County Municipal Offices on Aging Association, and the Cuyahoga County Advisory Council on Senior & Adult Services. (216) 698-2201.

Photo: L. to R. Ohio State Representative Sandra Williams with Cuyahoga County resident, Ms. Terri Marshall

Public Information

The mission of the Public Information Officer is to provide a reliable communication link between DSAS and the senior and at-risk adult population of Cuyahoga County. Communication is facilitated via press releases, the DSAS Advocate quarterly newsletter, event coordination and the DSAS web site. (216) 420-6832.