



**NEWS RELEASE – Area Agency on Aging District 7, Inc.**

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**Free Healthy Living Workshop Available Soon**  
**in Chillicothe to the Community**

Live in Ross County or surrounding communities? Do you or someone you know have long-term health challenges such as asthma, arthritis, heart disease, diabetes, and other life-long health conditions? Would you like to gain confidence and new skills to manage your chronic conditions and feel healthier?

“Healthy U” is a program made possible by a joint effort of the Ohio Department of Aging and the Area Agency on Aging District 7 (AAA7). In the workshop, that will soon be offered in Ross County, the AAA7 is partnering with local workshop leaders to offer this special evidence-based healthy aging program to local residents.

Participants in the Healthy U program will gain needed support in addition to a number of other benefits including:

- Learning practical ways to deal with pain, fatigue and depression
- Discovering ways to be more physically active
- Learning how to eat healthier
- Learning better ways to talk with your physician and family about your health
- Setting personal goals
- Finding ways to relax and deal with stress

The free six-week workshop will be offered at the Tabernacle Baptist Church, located at 221 E. Main Street in Chillicothe. Sessions over the six-week period will be held on Saturdays from May 30<sup>th</sup> through July 11<sup>th</sup> (no class on July 4<sup>th</sup>). Each session will be held from 1:00 pm until 3:30 pm. Those participating should attend all six sessions.

Healthy U is open to anyone age 60 or older or enrollees with OPERS non-Medicare Medical Mutual. Participants in Healthy U can represent individuals with any of the conditions mentioned previously, be a caregiver of someone with these conditions, or be someone who simply wants to learn more about healthy living.

Pre-registration for Healthy U is required by calling Vicki Woyan at the Area Agency on Aging District 7 toll-free at 1-800-582-7277, extension 22215. Class size is limited, so those who are interested should call soon. Deadline to register is May 27<sup>th</sup>.

Your local Area Agency on Aging District 7, Inc. provides services on a non-discriminatory basis. These services are available to help older adults and those with disabilities live safely and independently in their own homes through services paid for by Medicare, Medicaid, other federal and state resources, as well as private pay. The AAA7's Resource Center is also available to anyone in the community looking for information or assistance with long-term care options. Available Monday through Friday from 8:00 am until 4:30 pm, the Resource Center is a valuable contact for learning more about options and what programs and services are available for assistance.

Those interested in learning more can call toll-free at 1-800-582-7277 (TTY: 711). Here, individuals can speak directly with a nurse or social worker who will assist them with information surrounding the programs and services that are available to best serve their needs. The Agency also offers an in-home assessment at no cost for those who are interested in learning more. Information is also available on [www.aaa7.org](http://www.aaa7.org), or the Agency can be contacted through e-mail at [info@aaa7.org](mailto:info@aaa7.org). The Agency also has a Facebook page located at [www.facebook.com/AreaAgencyOnAgingDistrict7](https://www.facebook.com/AreaAgencyOnAgingDistrict7).

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