



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

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**“Substance Abuse in the Elderly” Training Opportunity  
Provided Through AAA7**

A continuing education training will soon be available in Piketon, sponsored by the Area Agency on Aging District 7 (AAA7). “Substance Abuse in the Elderly: The Hidden Epidemic” will be held on Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 am until 12:30 pm at the Piketon Comfort Inn. Cost for the program is \$50 per attendee. Pre-registration is required. The deadline to register is Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>.

Three (3) continuing education units (CEU) are available and meet social work requirements. The program is approved for the CEUs by the State of Ohio Counselor, Social Worker, and Marriage and Family Therapist Board. The Ohio Board of Nursing accepts events approved for counselors and social workers for continuing education contact hours. The program is also approved for three (3) continuing education units by the Board of Executives of Long-Term Services and Supports (BELTSS – formerly BENHA), as well as three (hours) of CEUs from the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities.

The program will aim to help attendees define chemical dependency, understand the difficulty in diagnosing alcoholism, gain new tools in identifying drug problems, and learn what best practices are. The featured speaker will be Charles Gorman, M.Ed., LPCC-S, LICIC-CS, who is an Associate Professor at Southern State Community College and Executive Director of FRS Counseling in Highland County.

Those who are interested in the training can locate registration information on the AAA7’s website at [www.aaa7.org](http://www.aaa7.org). At the home page, click on the “Training Calendar,” where a list of training opportunities are provided. For more information, contact Debbie Crawford or Bonnie Dingess at the AAA7, at 1-800-582-7277.

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](http://www.facebook.com/AreaAgencyOnAgingDistrict7).

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