



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

Release Date: Monday, April 27, 2015

Contact: Jenni Dovyak-Lewis

F32-URG PO Box 500

Rio Grande, OH 45674

Phone: 1.800.582.7277, extension 224

E-Mail: [jdovyak@aaa7.org](mailto:jdovyak@aaa7.org)

---

## **Training Opportunity Provided Through AAA7 and National Church Residences**

A continuing education training will soon be available in Waverly sponsored by the Area Agency on Aging District 7 (AAA7) and National Church Residences. “The Tools of Advocacy: Understanding the Law, Client Rights and Managing Behaviors” will be held on Wednesday, May 6th from 12:30 pm until 4:00 pm at Bristol Village in Waverly, with registration and a complimentary lunch from 11:30 am until 12:30 pm. There is no cost for the program. Deadline to register is Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup>.

Two (2) continuing education units (CEU) are available and approved for social workers and counselors through 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. In addition, the training is approved for three (3) CEUs with the Board of Executives of Long Term Services and Supports (BELTSS), and three (3) CEUs through the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities for adult service/day habilitation and service and support administration.

The program will provide the tools and understanding necessary to support clients and patients in a variety of settings. Speakers will include Thomas G. Bedall, Esq. from Pro Seniors, Inc.; Kaye Inoshita, RN, Director of the Regional Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program at the AAA7; and Karen Twinem, APR, from National Church Residences.

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 Bonnie Dingess, Community Outreach and Training Manager at the AAA7, at 1-800-582-7277, extension 22252.

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).

###