

TOP THREE

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Area Agency on Aging District 7

Welcome to our **February 2023 news e-blast** - sharing our "Top Three" focus items. As always, reach out to us with any questions and follow us on our social media platforms!

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Roundtable Discussion

Our Agency recently hosted a Roundtable Discussion concerning the workforce shortage in home care services.

Consumers, caregivers, care managers, and providers shared their stories and we are most grateful for their time and speaking from their hearts. We had wonderful participation from our legislative representatives and hope the conversations continue as we look for solutions to the issue at hand. Thank You to Adena Health System in Chillicothe for the wonderful venue!



[Read more here.](#)

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State Budget

A preview to the State Budget was released by Governor DeWine on January 31st. Our Agency is keeping an eye on issues of interest to the populations we serve, including: an expansion of PACE (Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly) from one county to seven counties in Ohio; an increase in the Senior Community Services program which supports services such as meals, transportation and personal care; Alzheimer's and Dementia line item doubled from the last budget; \$4 Million per year increase in Adult Protective Services in the Job and Family Services budget; the Healthy Aging grant program which brings \$40 Million in state ARPA funds for Healthy Aging grants, which will provide resources to support older Ohioans in their communities; and an investment in provider rate increases to help address the current healthcare workforce shortages to ensure greater system stability and access to care for Medicaid recipients. We will continue to monitor and advocate for the individuals and families we serve to help support safe and healthy living in their homes and communities.



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Dementia Conversations

We are proud to partner with the Holzer Health Systems Inpatient Psychiatric Unit and the Alzheimer's Association on a free educational workshop that offers helpful tips to assist families in having honest and caring conversations with family members about dementia. The workshop entitled "Dementia Conversations" is virtual and will be held on Tuesday, February 14th at 10:00 am.



[More information here.](#)

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