



Ensure Older Adults in All Counties are Safe

For far too long, protection for our seniors has not been given the attention it needs and deserves. Services are radically underfunded, are scattered piecemeal among different agencies, and vary widely depending on local resources. Ohio seniors deserve more. We believe that seniors in every county deserve to age safely with dignity and respect, with the knowledge that help is available when they need it.

Adult Protective Services



Ohio's population is aging. By 2030, adults age 65+ will make up nearly 25% of Ohio's population, up from 14% today. The fastest growing segment, age 85+, is the most likely to need long term care services and supports. Cognitive impairment and the need for help with activities of daily living make seniors more likely to experience abuse. Elder abuse is a silent epidemic and even reported cases do not show the whole problem as victims often are unable or unwilling to tell police, relatives or friends because of fear of further harm or being removed from their homes.

Increase investment in Adult Protective Services to make sure that full, quality Adult Protective Services are available to seniors in all of Ohio's 88 counties.

- Increase Ohio House funding for line item ALI 600-534.
- At least \$10 million per fiscal year is needed with a base allocation of \$65,000 per county and the remainder distributed by formula, so that every county can employ full-time staff and support services to meet the APS standards set forth in the 2016-17 biennial budget.



All Ohioans deserve to age with dignity and respect.

Invest in Ohio's Seniors.