

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

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<u>Dementia Care Training Opportunity Provided Through</u> 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. "Honoring the Person – New Insight Into Dementia Care" will be held on Wednesday, November 5th from 12 Noon until 4:15 pm at Bristol Village in Waverly. There is no cost for the program and lunch will be provided by National Church Residences. Deadline to register is Friday, October 31st.

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).

The program will address dementia and offer a fresh perspective on caring for those with the disease. Speakers will include Melissa Dever, BSW, LSW, with the Alzheimer's Association, and Linda Roehrenbeck, BSN, MBA, with National Church Residences.

Those who are interested in the training can locate registration information on the AAA7's website at 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, or the Agency can be contacted through e-mail at info@aaa7.org. The Agency also has a Facebook page located at www.facebook.com/AreaAgencyOnAgingDistrict7.