



The Early Years



Executive Directors 1973 - 2018

Group Photo - Left to Right: Bob Horrocks (1979-1985);
Richard LeBlanc (1985 - 1989); Pam Matura (1989 - 2018);
John R. Allen III (1975 - 1979); and Richard Sayre (1973 - 1975).

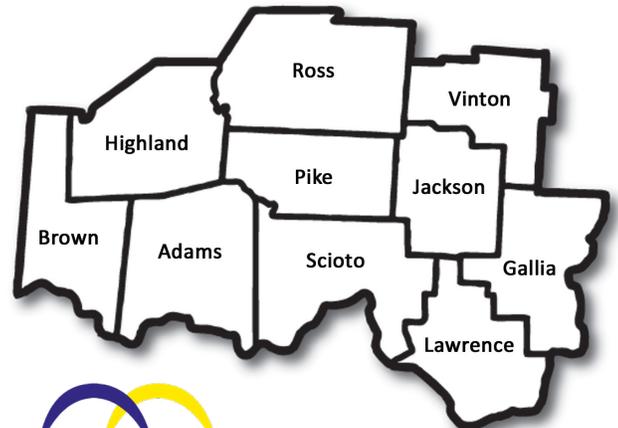
The **Area Agency on Aging District 7 (AAA7)** was established in 1972 through the Older Americans Act to plan and provide a comprehensive and coordinated system of care through in-home and community-based supportive and nutritional services.

Initially, the AAA7 was one of only a few model projects in Ohio funded by the US Administration on Aging. It was sponsored by Rio Grande College to focus on ways and means to assist older adults living within the district. The AAA7 originally served the catchment area of the then Rio Grande College (Gallia, Jackson, Vinton and Meigs Counties) and focused on social services for older adults including transportation, information and referral.

In 1974, the Agency was designated as the AAA7 by the Ohio Commission on Aging and the area was expanded to ten counties (Adams, Brown, Gallia, Highland, Jackson, Lawrence, Pike, Ross, Scioto and Vinton). At this time, the statewide AAA network was also formed.

Today, the AAA7 is one of twelve Area Agencies on Aging throughout the state of Ohio. In addition to ten core counties, the AAA7 also serves other counties through specific programs that have been added over time.

Over the years, the AAA7 has experienced a great amount of growth in programs offered, population and counties served, and staff employed. It has been a true privilege serving our communities since 1972, and we look forward to the future and continuing to do what we do best...Helping You Age Better!



Milestones Over the Years



1970s

- Nursing Home Ombudsman Program (advocates for nursing home residents).
- Work with local Senior Centers to function as county focal points to help deliver services to seniors.
- Develop transportation and information and referral resources for older adults.



1980s

- Left sponsorship of Rio Grande College and became a private not-for-profit organization.
- Established 15-member Board and Nutrition Program through Older Americans Act Title III (Congregate Meals and Home-Delivered Meals).
- Care Coordination (case management for Older Americans Act services).

1990s

- Administrative Agency for PASSPORT (work with the Ohio Department of Aging and Ohio Department of Job and Family Services).
- Residential State Supplemental Program (financial assistance with services and supports for disabled adults in eligible living arrangements).
- Service Coordination (coordinating services at senior apartment complexes).
- Home Repair (through Ohio Development Services Agency).
- Ryan White HIV Program



2000s

- Caregiver Support Program and Grandparents Raising Grandchildren
- Evidence-Based Disease Prevention and Health Promotion Programs
- Nursing Home Diversion Grant from the Ohio Department of Aging (“My Care, My Way”)
- 2006 - Assisted Living Waiver and Choices Waiver (Consumer-Directed PASSPORT)
- 2009 - Senior Farmers’ Market Nutrition Program
- 2010 - Designated by the Ohio Department of Aging as an Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC)
- 2012 - Care Transitions Program (working with local hospitals to reduce re-admissions).
- 2012 - Veteran-Directed Program
- 2014 - Partnership with CareSource with the Ohio Home Care Waiver (OHCW) - for under age 60.
- 2016 - Partnership with CareSource with the Specialized Recovery Services (SRS) Program - for individuals with severe and persistent mental illness or a diagnosed chronic condition.
- 2016 - Expanded Counties for OHCW and SRS (Athens, Hocking and Meigs Counties).
- 2017 - Hospital2Home (short-term services to support those being discharged from the hospital).
- 2020 - Expanded Counties for OHCW and SRS (Adding Clermont and Hamilton Counties).
- 2020 - Porch Talk Telephone Reassurance Program
- 2020 – Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program Expansion (to all counties)
- 2022 – AAA7 50th Anniversary
- 2022 – Accreditation of Case Management for Long-Term Services and Supports from NCQA (2 Years)
- 2022 – Trualta Partnership (Online Caregiver Portal)
- 2023 – Administrative Office Moves to Jackson
- 2024 – Accreditation of Case Management for Long-Term Services and Supports from NCQA (3 Years)
- 2025 - Adams County Office Moves from West Union to Peebles

