

Ohio Association of Senior Centers

Empowering Lives:

**Embracing Aging with
Innovation & Compassion**



66th Annual Conference

Wednesday, March 19 & Thursday, March 20, 2025



Ohio Association of Senior Centers

The Ohio Association of Senior Centers, Inc. (OASC) was formed as a nonprofit organization in 1959 by a senior center director, Muriel Bertsch. OASC became a front-runner to support and promote senior centers through advocacy, professional development, communication and networking.

OASC leadership recognizes our differences in purpose and scope and celebrates our common factor - the older adults we serve. For over sixty years, centers from every corner of the state have benefited from the efforts of this organization.

The mission of the Ohio Association of Senior Centers, Inc. is to strengthen senior centers and the community-based service network in Ohio through advocacy, education, networking opportunities and technical assistance.

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A full vendors list will be provided at the annual conference with an opportunity to learn more about each business/organization.

Additional vendor space is available for the 2025 conference.

Interested in a sponsorship and exhibitors booth?

For details visit: www.ohioasc.org or contact the Ohio Association of Senior Centers office at 614.784.9772

Welcome to the 66th Annual Spring Conference of OASC

The Ohio Association of Senior Centers (OASC) conference committee has selected an array of professional presenters/speakers who are charged with sharing their expertise to ensure you have a full toolkit of ways to embrace change in this industry.

These stimulating sessions will provide you with an opportunity for enhanced learning through self-discovery, sharing and modeling practices to ensure you take your role as a professional to the next level.

By attending this conference, you will acquire practical solutions to challenging professional roles, develop and enhance your network of professionals within the state, and gather a plethora of new ideas.

We are looking forward to you joining us as we are "Empowering Lives" Embracing

Conference Attire

The conference committee has worked hard to plan a conference that will be educational and relaxing. You are welcome to wear your comfy clothes to attend the daily workshops. It is recommended that you layer your clothing as room temperatures may vary.

Ohio Association of Senior Center Certification Testing

Certifying your staff has many professional benefits. Certification provides assurance to clients and peers that you have reached a measurable level of professionalism and knowledge in the aging field, demonstrated a standard of competency for the benefit of members and the communities you serve.

A Study Session/Review & Testing for all OASC certification levels will be held on Wednesday, March 19, 2025 from 10:30 to 12 p.m. Be sure to mark this on your registration form to reserve your place for the test. Successful results will be announced at the conference on Thursday during the annual meeting.

For more information on the benefits of certification contact the OASC Office.

CEU Processing Fee/Credits

By attending this conference you have the opportunity to acquire the following CEU's:

NCCAP—8.5 CEUs

OASC Certification—10 CEUs

Be sure to check off this section on your registration form and pay the \$10 fee.

For more information:

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Wednesday, March 19, 2025

9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Open Tours at several Ohio Senior Centers Registration Required

Join us anytime between 9:30 and 10:30 a.m. for a warm and welcoming tour of one of Ohio's vibrant Senior Centers, where community, connection, and enrichment come together! These guided tours will showcase the various programs and services these centers offer to support the health and happiness of our older adults. These tours will give you an insightful glimpse into the operations, marketing, nutrition and programming aspects of these centers. Attendees of these tours will receive an extra conference raffle ticket when they arrive at the conference.

Choose from these destination options:

50 North, 339 East Melrose Avenue, Findlay, OH 45840,

United Senior Services 125 West Main Street, Springfield, OH 45502 (937) 323-4948

10:30 to 12 p.m. Certification Study Session & Testing, Registration Table Open

*Connie Huntsman, Director O'Neil Center & Bryan Glover,
Director Seneca County Commission on Aging*

12 to 1 p.m. Round Table Networking Lunch

Connect with fellow attendees, make new friends, and strengthen existing relationships. This is a wonderful chance to engage with diverse perspectives and interests. Roundtables include: *55+ programming, Events, Marketing, New Directors, Nutrition, Travel and Technology, Dementia and Integration in Centers.*

1 p.m. General Session and Welcome:

There's no "I" in TEAM, but there is "M-E!"

How to use our ME (Mindset Effect) to make us all stronger!

Success is all about "ME" – the Mindset Effect. No matter their title or duties, how we work together matters. Unfortunately, our amazing yet frustrating brain is hard-wired for survival, not growth or collaboration. Self-awareness is our superpower, and we can learn to unlock our potential by gaining a better understanding of how our mindset affects our behaviors, relationships, communication, work styles and our performance as individuals and as a group. Learn how to harness your personal power through culture-building techniques, routines and habits of excellence and train your brain to use your "Mindset Effect" (your "ME") to get the best out of yourself and everyone around you! Learn to better utilize and appreciate all the "MEs" on your team and their individual gifts, contributions and unique approaches. Great teams are comprised of "MEs" who understand that harnessing the unique talent and training of the group helps us perform at our peak! *Julie Jones, SSB Performance*

2:15 p.m. General Session Panelist HOT Topics "Service Animals"

This panel discussion will provide senior center professionals with valuable insights into navigating essential policies, establishing and enforcing codes of conduct, and understanding the role of service animals in their facilities. Participants will also gain a clearer understanding of how the Department of Agriculture's regulations impact senior centers. *Jessica Ricker, American Kennel Club Board Member; Emily Kahn, Department of Agriculture*

3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Breakout Sessions:

Administration/Advocacy:

What Do You Broadcast? Communicate to Build Connection, Collaboration and Comfort!

Communication is a behavior. We communicate something with every move we make. Understanding that our influence is never neutral is the first step to building great relationships and connecting diverse groups of people and perspectives. Self-awareness is our superpower. You can harness yours by answering one question: What do you broadcast?

Julie Jones, SSB Performance

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Programming:

Dementia Friends Champion Training Dementia

Friends USA is part of a global movement that is changing the way people think, act, and talk about dementia. Anyone can be a Dementia Friend – we all have a part to play in creating dementia friendly communities! A Dementia Friend is someone who, through viewing a series of online videos or attending a live interactive session, learns about what it's like to live with dementia and then turns that understanding into action. From telling friends about the Dementia Friends program to visiting someone who is living with dementia, every action counts. This training will enable you to conduct presentations at your center and in your community.

Marty Williman, BSN, RN, Program Director, Ohio Council for Cognitive Health

Social Service:

A Behind the Scenes Examination of Food Safety Practices & Innovating Nutrition for Older Adults: Solutions and Trends

PART 1:

This session will cover how the Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA) does not directly regulate senior centers, but does oversee regulations and policies that affect senior centers in several important ways, particularly around food safety, nutrition, and agricultural programs that senior centers might engage in. The Ohio Department of Agriculture's Food Safety Division will share information including how they ensure that food served meets health and safety standards; compliance with the Ohio Uniform Food Safety Code, which covers food handling, sanitation, and facility requirements; what is included in regular inspections of kitchens and food preparation areas to ensure compliance with state health codes. These practices will aid in keeping your Senior Centers safe and ensure that food storage, preparation, and serving practices comply with these standards to prevent foodborne illnesses.

Emily Kahn, Ohio Department of Agriculture

Innovating Nutrition for Older Adults: Solutions and Trends

Part 2:

Gordon Food Service delivers an insightful presentation tailored to the unique challenges and opportunities in Senior Centers and Meals on Wheels programs. This session highlights practical resources, innovative products, and emerging trends to elevate older adults nutrition and streamline operations. This session equips senior nutrition providers with actionable ideas and solutions to better serve their communities while meeting their operational goals. *Molly Armstrong & Alie Match, GFS*

Break 4:30 to 5 p.m.

5 to 6 p.m. Experience the Healing of Sound: What is a Sound Bath?

Though a sound bath may seem like a "new age" concept, the practice of healing bodies through sound is technically thousands of years old with deep roots in cultures across the world. A sound bath is a meditative experience where those in attendance are "bathed" in sound waves. These waves are produced by various sources, including healing instruments such as gongs, singing bowls, percussion, chimes, rattles, tuning forks, and even the human voice itself. Many people are using this technique for stress reduction, relaxation and lifestyle management. Try the class for your own stress reduction or to find out how you can offer it at your center. You may bring a yoga mat, blanket and/or pillow.

Facilitated by Jessica Smith

OR

5 to 6 p.m. The Art of Crafting

This is a hands-on, creative class designed to explore the world of crafts. Whether you're a beginner or an experienced maker, this class invites you to experiment with materials and tools to create unique, handmade items. The class emphasizes creativity, attention to detail, and the therapeutic benefits of crafting, offering a space for personal expression and craftsmanship. Join us to unlock your artistic potential, build new skills, and gather a new idea to take back to your center.

Facilitated by Wendy Menegay -4th Street Art



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6 to 7 p.m. **Mingle with Appetizers, Entertainment and Drinks (one free drink ticket)**

7 p.m. Dinner on your own (Restaurant List available at OASC registration desk)

Thursday, March 20, 2025

7:30 a.m. **Registration Open, Breakfast open, Vendor Marketplace open
Vendor Roundtable Opportunities**

8 to 9 a.m. **Zentangling: How Creativity Impacts Aging**
The Zentangle Method is an easy-to-learn, meditative, and enjoyable way to create beautiful images by drawing and laying patterns with ink. No art experience needed! The class reveals the artist in all of us. Sanda Gibson, PHD, LPCC-S, a psychotherapist and certified Zentangle teacher, will guide you through the simple and elegant eight-step ritual of creating this art form. Participants will gather in a meditative space and get unplugged from the noise and busyness of modern life. Structured and imaginative pattern making creates both a personal and group experience of fun and contemplation. We will explore the creative process and how it may impact aging. Participants will leave with their own art kit to continue to create art. *Sanda Gibson, PhD, LPCC-S Professional Clinical Counselor*

9 to 9:45 a.m. **Vendor Marketplace Open**

9:30 to 10 a.m. **Sponsor Presentations "How Vendors Can Enhance Senior Centers"**

10 to 11 a.m. **General Session: Ohio Pathways HUBS**
A comprehensive review of how Ohio Pathways HUBs and Community Health Workers are addressing Social Determinants of Health on a local and state level by using community health workers and contracted care organizations. Bridges to Wellness will focus on past, present and future opportunities the evidence-based model has addressed/could address and how the model helps identify gaps on a local, mezzo and macro level for state and national initiatives. *Presented by Jessica Kinsey, MSW, LISW-S, CEO & Founder of Access Tusc. & Jamie L. Smith, MBA, Executive Director, Tuscarawas County Senior Center.*

11 to 11:20 a.m. **BREAK/Vendor Marketplace Open**

11:20 to 12:20 p.m. **Breakout Sessions:**

Administration/Advocacy: HUB & Community Health Workers in Senior Centers

The history of Pathway HUB's in Ohio and how Access Tusc started providing the program will be discussed, as well as the current need for Community Health Workers and why organizations should consider partnering with a HUB organization. *Presented by Paige Dugan, Director of HUB Operations and Jessica Kinsey, MSW, LISW-S, CEO & Founder of Access Tusc.*

Programming:

Community Needs Assessments: What is the best tool to use? How does it capture community needs from users' and nonusers? How can you use this data for Your centers?

Learn more about how this comprehensive community needs assessment can be used to identify the average Ohio senior center user. This senior center needs assessment will include input from both users and nonusers and it was crucial for understanding the evolving needs of the older adult population. Learn more about how the statistical information from this survey will enable our senior centers to adapt their services to better serve the community, attract more participants, and address the specific challenges seniors face, in turn leading to improved health, well-being, and quality of life for older adults. *Abhishek Bhati, PhD. Bowling Green State University*

12:20 to 12:30 p.m. **BREAK/Vendor Marketplace Open**

12:30 to 1:30 p.m. **LUNCH** Business Meeting & Awards

1:45 to 2:45 p.m. **BREAK/Vendor Marketplace Open**

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11:20 to 12:20 p.m. **Breakout Sessions (continued):**

Social Services:

The Best Approach to Supporting Caregivers

Caregiving is a vital and often unseen role that involves providing support to those who need assistance. We know that caregiving is about meeting basic needs and maintaining dignity, fostering independence, and ensuring the well-being of those who need care. These efforts can be exhausting, frustrating, and grief-inducing. When care is needed, transitions in the level of care occur. Whether moving from the hospital to home, independent living to assisted care, or home care to nursing facilities, it can be particularly complex, emotional, and challenging for both caregivers and care recipients. Learn ways to best support caregivers as they navigate this journey. We'll discuss practical strategies from an evidence-based care navigation program, and a new program from the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services that addresses the needs of persons living with dementia and their family caregivers *Lisa Weitzman is the Director of Strategic Partnerships at Benjamin Rose*

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1:45 to 2:45 p.m. **BREAK/ Vendor Marketplace Open**

2 to 3 p.m. **Breakout Sessions:**

Administration/Advocacy:

Strengthening Ohio's Aging Network: Building Collaborative Partnerships Between Senior Centers and Area Agencies on Aging

Explore how Senior Centers and Area Agencies on Aging can build strong partnerships to enhance Ohio's aging network. Learn about the Older Americans Act, the roles of AAAs, and practical strategies for collaboration to better serve older adults through coalition building and shared goals.

Beth Kowalczyk is the Chief Executive Officer of the Ohio Association of Area Agencies on Aging

Programs & Services:

A Technology Toolkit Approach to Programming

This session is designed for defining efficient and effective technological tools to enhance the development, design and approach to your daily programming needs and goals. Gather information on program standards, evaluation tools, registration, google docs for shared events, apps, waivers and much more. *Jessica Ricker, Marketing and Technology Director, Austintown Senior Center & Danielle Brogley, Director of Programs WCCOA*

3 to 3:45 p.m. **General Session:**

End-of-Conference Group Brainstorming Session for the Ohio Association of Senior Centers

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Facilitated by the Conference Committee

3:45 - 4 p.m. **Basket Raffle—Wrap up**

Hotel Accommodations

**Cherry Valley Hotel
2299 Cherry Valley Rd SE,
Newark, OH 43055**

Special Room Rate of \$139+ tax has been secured for attendees.

Rooms for the conference must be booked directly through the hotel and can be done by contacting the hotel at **1.740.788.1200** (**State that you are with Ohio Association of Senior Centers**).

Room Reservation Deadline:
Monday, February 10, 2025

Check in time: **4 p.m.**
Check out time: **11 a.m.**

Book your room online by visiting: **https://www.bestwestern.com/en_US/book/hotel-rooms.36179.html?groupId=T20YN5P9**

Rate is \$139 Single or Double Occupancy

Cancellation Policy

In order to receive a partial refund of your registration fee, your cancellation request must be received in writing prior to Monday, February 17, 2025.

A \$30 administrative fee (per person) will be charged, **regardless of the reason for cancellation.** Including medical emergencies.

NO REFUND of any kind, for any reason, will be given for cancellation requests received after February 17, 2025. OASC **cannot** make exceptions to this policy. Refunds will be issued within 15 business days after the conference concludes.



Join us for one or both of the following tours:

Although free of charge, In order for us to prepare for these tours, you MUST pre-register on your registration form by checking the box to attend.



Senior Center Tour: 50 North

50 North provides services that help those 50 and over remain healthy and independent. 50 North supports successful aging through programs that promote optimal mental and physical health. Older adults who participate in 50 North programs can experience measurable improvements in their physical, social, spiritual, emotional, mental and economic well-being. For

over five decades, they have partnered with community organizations to serve seniors and their families in Hancock County.

Senior Center Tour: United Senior Services

For 56 years, USS has been the leading advocate, community resource, and change agent for people age 55 & better across Clark County.

Providing more than 30 programs and services for our 4,000+ members and 3,000+ clients, USS is proud to be a comprehensive center for services, activities, information, and resources.



2025 Conference Speakers

Abhishek Bhati is an Associate Professor of Political Science and Director of the Asian Studies Program at Bowling Green State University. Dr. Bhati's research focuses on the intersection of nonprofit and civil society organizations, political science, and public administration, with an emphasis on issues affecting older adults. Specifically, Dr. Bhati examines how nonprofits generate resources to support aging populations and the critical role these organizations play in addressing structural social, economic, and political inequalities faced by older adults.

His work also explores impact of nonprofit and civil society meeting needs of older adults in the U.S. and around the world. In addition to academic responsibilities, Dr. Bhati serves as a member of the Planning Commission for the City of Bowling Green, Ohio, and as a Trustee for the Bowling Green Community Foundation, contributing to initiatives that enhance the quality of life for older adults in the local community.

Danielle Brogley Wood County Committee on Aging has served as the Director of Programs for the Wood County Committee on Aging since 2002, where she is responsible for planning, organizing and implementing all recreational, health and wellness, educational and cultural programs that WCCOA offers to older adults.

A graduate of the University of Windsor with a degree in Kinesiology and a certificate in Gerontology, she possesses over twenty five years of experience in aging service administration and has served as the coordinator for Program Service Area 4 (PSA) program planning mentoring group.

Paige Dugan Paige Dugan is the Director of HUB Operations overseeing the Bridges to Wellness HUB providing support to all partner Care Coordination Agencies and collaborating with other Ohio HUB's, assisting in community meetings/events, managing referrals, providing clinical support/education to our Community Health Workers in 8 certified counties.

Paige is a Licensed Social Worker in the State of Ohio. She received her bachelor's degree in social work at Akron University in Spring of 2019. She has indicated she has always known she wanted to help others as she comes from a family of social workers and serving others has been instilled in her since childhood.

She began her specific line of expertise as a Medical Social Worker on the maternity floor of the hospital. During her time serving in that position, she saw firsthand the need for more services in the community. Dugan is dedicated to Access Tusc Bridges to Wellness and an advocate for the Pathways Community HUB Model.

Sanda Gibson is a psychotherapist who works in private practice at Directions Counseling & Coaching in Powell, Ohio. Prior to that, she worked 13 years in college counseling.

She earned her Doctor of Philosophy in Counselor Education and Supervision from Ohio University and her Master of Arts in Clinical Counseling from Ashland Theological Seminary. She is also a clinical supervisor and has earned professional certifications as an Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) Coach and an ADHD-Certified Clinical Services Provider (ADHD-CCSP).

She is a Trained Zentangle Facilitator. She became interested in the Zentangle Method when she noticed that her clients enjoyed a sense of calm when drawing and doodling in a playful but structured manner. She taught Zentangles to university students and has also offered classes in her local community, including Dawes Arboretum and Franklin Park Conservatory. She loves sharing the Zentangle Method with people to help them find a portal to creative expression, play, mindfulness, and wellness in a community experience.

Bryan Glover Executive Director, Seneca County Commission on Aging

In 1993, Bryan and his wife Kelly left Ohio and moved to Toccoa, Georgia, where he attended Toccoa Falls College. Upon completion of his psychology degree, Bryan, Kelly and their daughter, Emily returned to Ohio where Bryan took a position as the Social Services Manager at the Seneca County Commission on Aging in June of 1997.

Due to the sudden death of the Interim Director, Bryan was named Executive Director in August of that year and has served in that capacity since. During his time at the Commission on Aging, the agency has grown in every service area and increased its overall revenue by over 600%.

Service offerings include nutrition-based services, home repair and modification, private catering and hall rentals, transportation and senior housing. Currently, the Seneca County Commission On Aging provides hot daily meal service to Seneca, Wyandot, Richland, Morrow and Marion Counties and frozen meal service through its Home Style Selections program in nineteen counties throughout Northwest Ohio.

In addition to his duties as Executive Director, Bryan also serves on the Ohio Association of Senior Centers Board of Directors (president 2006 – 2008).

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Connie Huntsman, Executive Director of the O'Neill Senior Center

Connie is the Executive Director of the O'Neill Senior Center and has been with the organization since 1997.

She has been involved in all program development and capital projects undertaken by the O'Neill Center and is currently certified as an Administrator on Aging Services through the Ohio Association of Senior Centers and serves as the current President of the Ohio Association of Senior Centers.

Julie Jones, Mental Performance Coach Founder, SSB Performance, LLC

Julie Jones is a highly respected leader in collegiate athletics, with a career spanning 26 years as a Division I softball coach, athletics administrator and champion for women's athletics.

Her coaching philosophy has always been centered on developing well-rounded student-athletes—Smarter Students, Stronger Athletes, and Better People and building high-functioning teams.

Now, as the founder of SSB Performance, LLC, Jones applies her passion for personal growth and culture building specializing in mental performance coaching helping athletes and business teams nationwide develop a Smarter, Stronger, Better mindset. In addition to her work as a mental performance coach, Jones serves as an Adjunct Professor at the University of Akron, Ursuline College, and Baldwin-Wallace University.

She teaches a variety of undergraduate and graduate courses, including well-being and performance, psychology of coaching, culture building, athletic coaching, and public speaking. She played a pivotal role in developing Ursuline's Curated Wellness master's program and Institute for Women, Wellness and Work.

A dynamic and engaging public speaker, Jones has delivered presentations to hundreds of groups, from Fortune 500 companies such as Sherwin-Williams and Oswald Companies to national conferences, business teams, and athletic programs. Known for her energy, passion, and practical insights, she speaks on mental performance, leadership, communication, team culture and peak performance.

Emily Kahn graduated from Miami University in 2022 with a Bachelor of Science in nutrition and kinesiology and has been working as a Food Safety Specialist for the Ohio Department of Agriculture Division of Food Safety for 2.5 years since graduation. She currently conducts inspections for both ODA and FDA in the Midwest counties of Ohio including Franklin, Warren, Clark, Miami, and Madison. Her favorite type of inspection to conduct is a produce safety inspection.

Jessica Kinsey, MSW, LISW-S, CEO & Founder of Access Tusc.CEO

She serves as the founder and CEO of Access Tusc, a non-profit providing care coordination services and public transportation. She has been blessed with over 20 years' experience with 9 of those years in healthcare leadership.

She graduated in 1999 from Ohio University with a degree in Psychology and minor in Social Work. In 2005, she graduated from University of Akron with a master's degree in social work. Jessica also graduated from our local Leadership Tusc class in 2015. After years of serving as a hospital social worker, she became Director of Social Services & Integrated Care developing counselor roles in primary care setting and opening an outpatient behavioral health center at Cleveland Clinic Union Hospital. During this time, Jessica worked with others to form Access Tusc in order to improve community care transitions and coordination among health and social service. This involved working with a lot of great leaders in our community.

She takes the responsibility of leadership seriously and strive for transformational leadership. She absolutely love collaborating with others to unite in work that achieves positive outcomes. At this point in her career, she wants to continue focusing on others beginning in their leadership journey and hopefully inspire others to be change makers.

Beth Kowalczyk, JD, BA Chief Policy Officer, Ohio Association of Area Agencies on Aging (O4A)

Beth Kowalczyk is the Chief Executive Officer for the Ohio Association of Area Agencies on Aging (o4a).

She ensures that the Ohio Area Agencies on Aging and the older Ohioans they serve have a voice at the Ohio Statehouse, with members of Congress and with state and federal agencies through the legislative and regulatory process.

Beth is also a Certified National Trainer for the National Center to Reframe Aging, promoting positive perceptions of aging through strategic communication.

Previously, Beth was responsible for state public assistance policy at the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services and advocated for underserved communities as a legal aid attorney with Ohio State Legal Services Association.

Beth holds a Bachelor of Arts from Kent State University and a Juris Doctorate from New York University School of Law, and has been a member of the Ohio Bar since 1993.

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Jessica Ricker, Director of Marketing and Technology, Austintown Senior Center

Jessica has been working for the Austintown Senior Center, providing educational, social, and recreational services to seniors all over Mahoning County for over 8 years.

She holds the Certification of Administrator on Aging Services through the Ohio Association of Senior Centers.

Passionate about community involvement, she serves as a 4-H advisor and is actively engaged in the dog-showing and dog-sports Community. As a Delegate for the American Kennel Club, and having trained therapy dogs herself, Jessica combines her love for animals with a dedication to promoting dog education and excellence in canine events.

Jamie Smith, MBA, Executive Director, Tuscarawas County Senior Center.

Jamie Smith, MBA, has been leading the Tuscarawas County Senior Center since 2019 as the executive director. She has been working in the nonprofit sector for 30 years with the last 28 years in a leadership role as a director of operations, assistant director and executive director.

Jamie's undergraduate degree is from Kent State University in 1994 and an MBA from Walsh University in 2018. Jamie has a passion for helping others by providing a voice to those who lack one and ensuring that the community takes care of each other.

Her experience and knowledge stretch from youth mentoring to healthcare and finally to working with the aging population.

Lisa Weitzman is the Director of Strategic Partnerships at Benjamin Rose.

In this role, she seeks to enhance Benjamin Rose's effectiveness in the community by aligning with the business community, health systems, and other community-based organizations to drive Benjamin Rose's mission-driven work to support older adults and the family and friends who care for and about them.

Lisa also oversees the delivery of WeCare... Because You Do, a family caregiver support and care navigation program, and has been instrumental in the launch of Nutrition Solution, a program to address food insecurity and social isolation through medically-tailored meals for chronically-ill older adults.

Lisa earned a BA in history with a concentration in American Foreign Policy from Yale University, an MA in Soviet Studies and International Economics from the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies, and an MSW from Case Western Reserve University. She currently holds an LISW-S license and advanced certification in gerontology and case management.

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Carroll County Senior Citizens Friendship Center

Jamie Smith

Tuscarawas County Senior Center



OASC 2025 Conference Registration Form

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Company/Title	
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Check	Registration levels	Cost
	Member Early Bird	\$289
	Non-member Early Bird	\$319
	Member Certified Early Bird	\$269
	Member after 2/8/25	\$309
	Non-member after 2/8/25	\$339
	Member Certified after 2/8/25	\$289

Check	Registration levels	Cost
	Member Thursday Only	\$225
	Certified Member Thursday Only	\$215
	Non-Member	\$245

*= Certified Members: A copy of your current certificate must accompany your registration.

Special Event and Meal Option Requests

Check	Options	Check	Options	Check	Tours
	Wed. Tour		Thurs. Reception		
	Wed. Lunch				
	Thurs. Lunch				

Special Meals Request Vegetarian or Diabetic	Please list request:
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Certification Registration *Circle level requested*

Certification Test: \$50 Support Staff; \$75 Senior Center Program Planner; \$75 Senior Center Manager; \$100 Professional of Aging Serv; \$125 Sustaining Level; \$125 Administrator of Aging Services

CEU Processing Fee (\$10 per person) **CEUs: (*check if needed*)**

For quick and easy registration and payment with your credit card go online to:
<https://ohioasc.wufoo.com/forms/oasc-2025-conference-registration/>

Conference Registration Deadline is Wednesday, February 26, 2025
Check payable to: OASC Attn: Kimberly Corey, 3757 Indianola Ave., Columbus, OH 43214
For Information: Call 1-800-796-6272 Fax: 614/784-9771

OASC 2025 Conference Session Registration Form

Please indicate sessions that you are interested in attending by prioritizing sessions checking the sessions box. **Return with registration.**

Wednesday, March 19, 2025

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	TOUR: 50 North—Findlay, Ohio	9:30 to 10:30 a.m.
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	OASC Certification Study Session & Test	10:30 to 12 p.m.
	Round Table Networking Lunch	12 to 12:45 p.m.
	General Session: There's no I in team, but there is "M-E!"	1 to 2 p.m.
	General Session: Hot Topics Service Animals	2:15 to 3:15 p.m.
	Break Out What do YOU Broadcast?	3:30 to 4:30 p.m.
	Break Out Dementia Friends Training	3:30 to 4:30 p.m.
	Break Out A Behind the Scenes Examination of Food Safety & Innovating Nutrition for Older Adults: Solutions & Trends	3:30 to 4:30 p.m.
	Experience the Healing of Sound: What is a Sound Bath?	5 to 6 p.m.
	The Art of Crafting	5 to 6 p.m.
	Mingle with Appetizers	6 to 7 p.m.

Thursday, March 20, 2025

Check	Session	Time
	Zentangling: How Creativity Impacts Aging	8 to 9 a.m.
	Sponsor Presentation: How Vendors Enhance Senior Centers	9:30 to 10 a.m.
	General Session: Ohio Pathways HUBS	10 to 11 a.m.
	Break Out: HUB & Community Health Workers in Senior Centers	11:20 to 12:20 p.m.
	Break Out: Community Needs Assessments	11:20 to 12:30 p.m.
	Break Out: The Best Approach to Supporting Caregivers	2 to 3 p.m.
	Lunch Business Meeting	12:30 to 1:30 p.m.
	Break Out: Strengthening Ohio's Aging Network	2 to 3 p.m.
	Break Out: A Technology Toolkit Approach to Programming	2 to 3 p.m.
	General Session: OASC brainstorming session	3 to 4 p.m.



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