







# mission

Medina County Senior & Adult Services will offer support to older adults and adults with a disability to live independently and safely within their own homes and community.

Cover: Brunswick artist Judy Hohl of “Brunswick Vintage Artists” group.  
Photo: Susan Jones.





# Supporting Medina County seniors is our mission

2024 proved to be another successful year for the Medina County Office for Older Adults, I mean...Medina County Senior & Adult Services! We went through the process in the latter half of 2024 of changing our agency name. Why? Well, there are several reasons. Medina County Senior & Adult Services better captures all of the services that we are providing.

Our Aging & Disability Resource Center is able to provide benefit services to any adult over age 18 with an identified disability. Additionally, since 2021, we have been the contracted agency for Adult Protective Services (APS). APS is charged with investigating allegations of abuse, neglect, self-neglect financial exploitation and sexual abuse of adults over the age of 60. We now have a fully functioning, open to the public café operating at Soprema Senior Center since 2023. Finally, in 2024, we lowered the age of senior center participation to age 55. Being an older adult or a senior in many respects is self-defined. 'Medina County Senior & Adult Services' better encapsulates the vast array of services we are now providing and doesn't designate an age, as we can help many adults.

Along with an excellent staff, the community continues to help MCSAS with volunteerism, both one-on-one with clients, helping at our front desk, with activities or in our kitchens, and through volunteering to serve on boards. The Medina County Advisory Council on Aging & Disability meets 10 times per year to discuss issues and activities of the senior populations. This board is made up of representatives from all over Medina County: Cities, Villages and Townships.

We are also very thankful to the Medina County Senior & Adult Foundation, a 501C3 established in 2018 to benefit the seniors of Medina County by supporting the programs and activities of MCSAS. The foundation has two major fundraisers each year. In 2024, the foundation has been able to fund large items such as all lunches at Senior Day, Aldi gift cards to farmer's market participants, Wednesday lunches in Medina and the large screen tv in Brunswick. They are also funding home repair project for our clients through Habitat for Humanity and sponsored a Picnic on the Patio and Oktoberfest.

As you can see from the data provided in this report, we continue to serve the entire county with a variety of programs. Social and educational programs as well as trips are provided at our center in Medina and through our Senior Service Coordination in Brunswick. We are providing nutrition and transportation opportunities for all Medina County residents age 60 and over. With the population of Medina County aging, our services continue to grow and become more popular. We are happy to continue providing these services and partnering with agencies and professionals in Medina County to better serve our consumers.

## 2024 MEDINA COUNTY ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING AND DISABILITY

Our Advisory Council meets on a monthly basis and is charged with providing a community voice in the administration of county activities concerning aging and the disabled. They also assist with the determination of policies of the Medina County Senior & Adult Services whose purpose it is to serve the needs of Medina County residents over age 60 and the disabled with education, social services, and defense of their rights through advocacy. The Council represents various parts of the county as a whole and the members include:

### Township Trustees Association Representatives

Colene Conley, Medina  
Amy Wermer, Medina  
Sarah Poling, Spencer  
Joan Weigel, Valley City  
John Vujevich, Medina  
Karin Williams, Medina

### Village Mayors Association Representatives

Carol Carter, Seville  
Member #2, Vacant

### Brunswick City Representatives

Diane Madonna  
Member #2, Vacant

### Medina City Representatives

Linda Williams  
Sue Boggs

### Wadsworth City Representatives

Bill Meyer  
Jim Dull

### County At Large

Sarah Gardner, Medina  
Jenette Fagan, Brunswick  
Dave Wetzel, Medina  
Lilly Cleveland, Medina  
Kimberly Koehring-Weinmann, Wadsworth  
Marie Edmonds, Medina

### Western Reserve Area Agency on Aging Board Appointments

Marie Edmonds, Medina  
Kim Bernardi-Runyon, Medina

### Five County Advisory Council of the WRAAA

Ashley Sorgen, Medina  
Dave Wetzel, Medina

# support services



## Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC)

The Aging and Disability Resource Center provides services to adults age 60 and over; 18 and over with disabilities. These services include Specialized Information and Assistance, Benefits Assistance, and Long Term Options Counseling.

**1165**  
Individual  
Contacts

**Specialized Information and Assistance:** This service helps consumers find the right information, assistance, resources and referrals that they need for their specific issue. MCSAS acts as a conduit for people who need information and then follows up to ensure that they receive the assistance they requested. In 2024, MCSAS's ADRC had 1,165 contacts with individuals seeking out Specialized Information and Assistance Services.

**623.75**  
Hours of Benefits  
Counseling

**Benefits Counseling:** A more specialized service, benefits counseling offers consumers the ability to sit down with a trained professional and discuss their finances, seeing where they may benefit from federal, state, or local program offerings. This includes things such as applying for Medicaid, choosing a Medicare Advantage plan or seeking local funds to assist with ongoing financial needs. In 2024, MCSAS's ADRC logged 623.75 hours of benefits counseling with consumers.

**200.75**  
Hours of LTO  
Counseling

**Long Term Options Counseling:** MCSAS is unique in offering this opportunity for a short term case management program to consumers in need. Options counseling is designed to help individuals and their families assess their current living situation, make changes (if necessary) to maintain placement in the community, set goals for their services and care, and plan for future needs of the consumer and their caregivers. This is a very popular program and allows consumers professional guidance while making informed choice. In 2024, MCSAS's ADRC logged 200.75 hours of Long Term Options Counseling with consumers.

*The Medina County Commissioners make the ADRC service possible by Title IIIB funding provided by the Western Reserve Area Agency on Aging through the Ohio Department on Aging.*



## Adult Protective Services (APS)

Adult Protective Services is a mandated service provided by local social services districts in Medina County. Medina County Senior & Adult Services is contracted to provide this service throughout the county, this contract was awarded in September 2021. MCSAS employs 3 full-time social workers to this unit. It involves intake, investigation and assessment of referrals of abuse, neglect and financial exploitation of impaired, vulnerable adults age 60 and over who live in the community. APS workers develop service plans for eligible clients to remedy physical abuse, sexual abuse, emotional abuse, neglect, financial exploitation or to address unmet needs of older adults.

**504**  
Calls  
Received

**184**  
Cases  
Opened

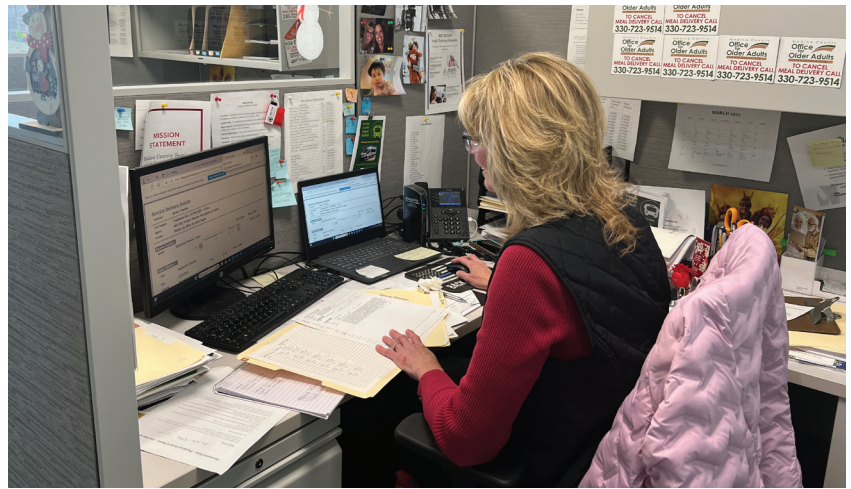
**320**  
Cases  
Screened Out

**165**  
Cases  
Closed

## Outreach Services

796.25 hours of supportive services provided by Outreach workers throughout Medina County, including assessments for transit and meal services as well as supportive services, information and referrals.

**796.25**  
Hours of Supportive Services



## Transportation Services

Medina County Senior & Adult Services contracts with Medina County Transit to provide all subsidized transportation services. Transportation is subsidized for any adult age 60 or over and includes direct transit trips to places such as the doctor, grocery store or bank.

### 2024 Transit Actual Cost (Trips scheduled)

	Trips	Miles	Av. Cost per mile	Total Transit Cost	OOA Paid	MCPT Adj. Cost
January	1303	4849.61	\$ 4.69	\$ 22,744.67	\$ 13,408.06	\$ 9,336.61
February	1404	5096.04	\$ 5.04	\$ 25,684.04	\$ 15,897.97	\$ 9,786.07
March	1437	5412.25	\$ 5.48	\$ 29,659.13	\$ 17,594.97	\$ 12,064.16
April	1473	5449	\$ 5.50	\$ 29,969.50	\$ 17,651.77	\$ 12,317.73
May	1556	5873	\$ 5.47	\$ 32,125.31	\$ 18,663.91	\$ 13,461.40
June	1139	4069	\$ 6.25	\$ 25,431.25	\$ 12,814.21	\$ 12,617.04
July	1361	5159	\$ 5.19	\$ 26,775.21	\$ 16,348.52	\$ 10,426.69
August	1408	5635	\$ 5.34	\$ 30,090.90	\$ 17,912.71	\$ 12,178.19
September	1301	5106	\$ 5.77	\$ 29,461.62	\$ 15,379.40	\$ 14,082.22
October	1508	6054	\$ 5.10	\$ 30,875.40	\$ 19,191.34	\$ 11,684.06
November	1269	4911	\$ 6.11	\$ 30,006.21	\$ 15,774.85	\$ 14,231.36
December	1287	5143	\$ 5.75	\$ 29,572.25	\$ 16,269.00	\$ 13,303.25
Totals	16446	62756.9		\$ 342,395.49	\$196,906.71	\$145,488.78

### 2024 Transit By Month

	TRANSIT CLIENTS	NUMBER OF RIDES PROVIDED
January	140	1259
February	149	1357
March	148	1410
April	185	1429
May	179	1482
June	162	1096
July	151	1320
August	160	1360
September	166	1257
October	159	1454
November	156	1238
December	163	1239
TOTALS		15901

The Medina County Commissioners make the supportive services and transportation possible by Title IIIB funding provided by the Western Reserve Area Agency on Aging through the Ohio Department on Aging.



# Meal Services

(offered to adults age 60 and over)

## Congregate Meals

We were able to offer 8,189 meals to our Medina and Brunswick Congregate locations.

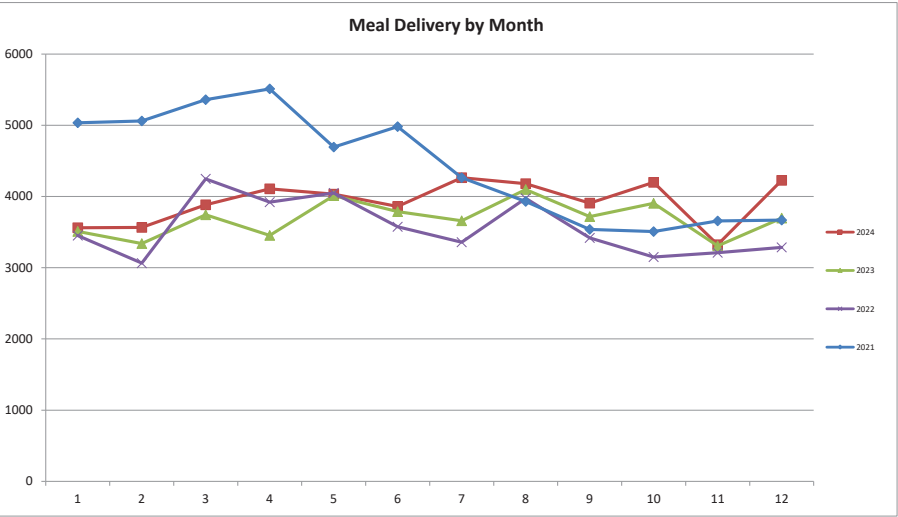
## Home Delivered Meals

Our Meals on Wheels program provided 47,111 meals throughout Medina County to homebound individuals. This program is also a ‘gatekeeper’ service in that drivers are checking on the county’s most vulnerable seniors four days (5 meals) per week during meal delivery.



### 2024 MEALS PER MONTH

	HOME DELIVERED MEAL CLIENTS	NUMBER OF MEALS SERVED	CONGREGATE MEAL CLIENTS	NUMBER OF MEALS SERVED
January	188	3561	139	673
February	191	3565	143	715
March	204	3883	145	653
April	199	4107	141	695
May	204	4033	139	691
June	205	3860	139	625
July	209	4264	142	658
August	205	4180	145	694
September	210	3908	145	681
October	203	4198	148	757
November	198	3324	145	665
December	201	4228	149	682
TOTALS		47111		8189



## Restaurant Voucher Program

4,348

Vouchers were distributed

## Soprema Cafe Operations

In May 2023 the Soprema Senior Center Café reopened under a new contract between the City of Wadsworth and Medina County Senior & Adult Services. Response to our operations has been very positive. We also cater to groups in the center and prepare meals for large scale events at Soprema.





Senior Farmer’s Market Nutrition Program

In 2024, the state switched this popular program to online access only. Staff worked with many seniors to help them gain access to farmer’s market funds, which were continued at \$50 per person. Medina County had 349 participants in the Farmer’s Market program, although utilization of coupons was low in 2024 (61% utilization for Ohio overall). We hope that more seniors will access and be able to utilize their \$50 vouchers in 2025 and we will continue to be there to help.



2024 SERVICE BREAKDOWN TOTALS			
CITY /TOWNSHIP	NUMBER OF TRIPS	NUMBER OF HDM MEALS SERVED	NUMBER OF CONG. MEALS SERVED
BRUNSWICK CITY	3840	10192	1112
BRUNSWICK HILLS	245	2797	152
CHATHAM TOWNSHIP	6	340	4
CHIPPEWA LAKE/GLORIA GLENS	295	459	0
CRESTON VILLAGE	0	0	0
GRANGER TOWNSHIP	380	765	0
GUILFORD TOWNSHIP	6	370	160
HARRISVILLE TOWNSHIP	19	1043	42
HINCKLEY TOWNSHIP	6	1626	143
HOMER TOWNSHIP	174	494	0
LAFAYETTE TOWNSHIP	1165	1669	136
LITCHFIELD TOWNSHIP	341	901	77
LIVERPOOL TOWNSHIP	44	1018	130
LODI VILLAGE	38	1105	0
MEDINA CITY	4204	9614	1293
MEDINA TOWNSHIP	432	1706	503
MONTVILLE TOWNSHIP	802	1896	64
RITTMAN	0	0	6
SEVILLE VILLAGE	301	359	94
SHARON TOWNSHIP	170	1484	180
SPENCER TOWNSHIP/VILLAGE	156	1355	0
WADSWORTH CITY	2842	5788	3828
WADSWORTH TOWNSHIP	294	942	137
WESTFIELD CTR/WESTFIELD TOWNSHIP	49	618	0
YORK TOWNSHIP	88	570	70
Out of County (in WRAAA Service Area)	0	0	58
AGGREGATE (Sr. Day Transit)	4	0	0
TOTALS	15901	47111	8189

2024 UNDUPLICATED CLIENTS			
CITY /TOWNSHIP	TRANSIT CLIENTS	HOME DELIVERED MEAL CLIENTS	CONGREGATE MEAL CLIENTS
BRUNSWICK CITY	69	81	21
BRUNSWICK HILLS	13	21	6
CHATHAM TOWNSHIP	1	3	1
CHIPPEWA LAKE/GLORIA GLENS	4	3	
CRESTON VILLAGE			
GRANGER TOWNSHIP	9	6	
GUILFORD TOWNSHIP	1	4	6
HARRISVILLE TOWNSHIP	2	7	1
HINCKLEY TOWNSHIP	2	11	8
HOMER TOWNSHIP	3	2	
LAFAYETTE TOWNSHIP	26	10	7
LITCHFIELD TOWNSHIP	4	6	2
LIVERPOOL TOWNSHIP	4	9	7
LODI VILLAGE	2	8	
MEDINA CITY	94	78	43
MEDINA TOWNSHIP	13	16	15
MONTVILLE TOWNSHIP	6	19	5
RITTMAN			
SEVILLE VILLAGE	8	4	4
SHARON TOWNSHIP	2	7	3
SPENCER TOWNSHIP/VILLAGE	3	9	
WADSWORTH CITY	71	39	90
WADSWORTH TOWNSHIP		7	4
WESTFIELD CTR/WESTFIELD TWP	2	4	
YORK TOWNSHIP	5	8	3
Out of County			2
TOTALS	344	362	228

Medina County Senior & Adult Foudation

Medina County Senior & Adult Foundation is a 501c3 that works to support the mission of Medina County Senior & Adult Services. Formed in 2018, the all-volunteer board donates funding for programs, services and capital improvements for the seniors of Medina County and for the Senior Centers. Past projects include purchasing boxed lunches for Medina County Senior Day, purchasing food-only Aldi gift cards for seniors, replacing all dining room tables at the Medina Senior Center, setting up the Wadsworth Café with a point-of-sale system, providing new chairs for the nutrition room



at the Brunswick Rec Center. The Foundation has upgraded tech screens in Medina and Brunswick as well. Future capital projects will include craft room cabinetry in Medina. Additionally, the foundation will continue to meet the needs of food insecure seniors throughout the county. We invite you to join us for our fundraisers: Giving in Style – A Fashion Show on March 21, 2025, and the Twin Sizzler, which happens every July 4th on Medina Square. Please follow us on Facebook and Instagram.

Board Members: Marie Edmonds, Chair; Kimberly Valco, Vice Chair; Marsha Pappalardo, Treasurer; Mishalene Wasmer, Secretary; Mary Meli; Angela Mansier; Lalitha Reddy; Karen Hooven; and Laura Toth, Ex Officio.





**956**  
Day Trip Participants

**1,729**  
Medina Large Activity  
Participants

**980**  
Brunswick Large Activity  
Participants

## Social Activities

Medina County Senior and Adult Services continues to work hard to keep seniors connected. Activities include arts programs, crafts, leaning programs, games, community resource presentations, holiday parties, exercise classes, billiards and more, all of which include the opportunity to socialize. The Medina Senior Center welcomed 683 new members in 2024.

Day trips rolled along to a variety of places, with 449 seniors filling 956 seats on trips. We continue to welcome new ideas from our members and growing our offerings as new interests come up.



## Volunteers

Our volunteers help out in the office, in the kitchen, teach classes, lend a hand at events and so much more. Volunteers pitched in to help our agency fulfill its mission in 2024, including those who comprise the Compassion in Action non-medical volunteer caregiving program, providing transportation to shopping and appointments, light yard work, light housekeeping and friendly visits. We also partnered with Integrated Community Solutions to participate as shoppers in our Shop for a Senior program, providing involvement in the community for disabled adults.



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