

## Eastern Nebraska Office on Aging

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# We will always be here for you!

#### Our Mission

To promote choice and enhance the wellbeing and dignity of aging adults, caregivers, adults with disabilities, and those with the greatest economic need so they may live independently.







As one of the nation's 622 Area Agencies on Aging created by Congress under the Older Americans Act, the Eastern Nebraska Office on Aging serves families in Douglas, Sarpy, Dodge, Cass, and Washington counties. Our role is to provide a continuum of services to meet the varied needs of a diverse group of older individuals. Through our nutrition programs, care management services, volunteer opportunities, and community services, we enhance the lives of older Nebraskans.

A further mission of the Eastern Nebraska Office on Aging is to assess the needs of older individuals and their families and to provide services to meet those needs. By creating unique programs that fill gaps in service, ENOA helps older Nebraskans live independently, with dignity, and to remain for as long as possible in their own home. The caring, professional support we provide to the oldest members of the family can also help relieve the burden of caregiving on younger family members.



Aging and Disability Resource Center

Serving all Nebraskans www.adrcnebraska.org



#### C.H.O.I.C.E.S

### Choosing Home or In-Community Elder Services

ENOA is committed to empowering older adults by giving them more choices and greater control over services they receive; the environment in which they choose to receive those services and the manner in which their providers deliver those services. ENOA has several case management programs that focus on supporting older adults in maintaining their independence and supporting the efforts of family caregivers of older adults

#### CARE MANAGEMENT

#### Promoting independence with support

ENOA's Care Management is designed to help older adults live in their own home for as long as possible. Professional care managers work with older individuals identifying and coordinating available community resources and services.

To qualify for Care Management services, men and women must be age 60 and older, live in ENOA's five-county service area, and need assistance with three or more daily activities for 90 days or longer.

A Care manager and the older adult will:

- Complete a comprehensive assessment that reviews health, nutrition, daily activities, etc.
- Discuss information on resources to address assessed needs.
- Develop a written plan for needed services.
- Coordinate services, resources, and support.
- Participate in ongoing monitoring of service delivery.

#### CAREGIVER SUPPORT

#### Strengthening the family base

ENOA realizes daily care provided by family and/or informal caregivers remains the primary support that allows their frail older loved ones and those loved ones with Alzheimer's disease or related disorders to remain at home.

To qualify for Caregiver Support Services you must be an adult caregiver age 18 years or older assisting an older adult age 60 or over with:

- At least two activities of daily living deficits, or
- A diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease or related disorders.

The caregiver will work with a Case Manager dedicated to serving caregivers by participating in a comprehensive assessment designed to provide a detailed picture of the caregiver's strengths and needs. This assessment will be used to assist the caregiver and Case Manager to develop a Support Plan to provide respite services and resources.

Referrals for Case Management and Caregiver Support are taken by calling 402-444-6536.

## AGED & DISABLED MEDICAID WAIVER

AD Medicaid Waiver Program

#### **ENOA Services Coordination**

Participants and/or their legal representatives are required to select a services coordination provider to be enrolled in the AD Medicaid Waiver program.

ENOA's highly skilled professional services coordinators provide participant driven comprehensive assessments, care planning and ongoing case management. This participant-centered approach ensures the participant's choices, preferences and rights are at the forefront of the services participants receive while maintaining their health, welfare and safety.

To make a referral contact the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services Division of Developmental Disabilities by:

**Email:** DHHS.ADWaiverApp@nebraska.gov **Telephone:** 1-877-667-6266

#### **INFORMATION & ASSISTANCE**

Guiding you in the right direction

Often the first call for help from people requesting services, the Information and Assistance lines are staffed by individuals who answer questions about ENOA programs or direct callers to the appropriate agency or community resources.

I & A is the entry point for ENOA's services. Call 402-444-6536 weekdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

#### **IN-HOME SERVICES**

Preserving independence & dignity

To receive the following services, individuals must meet care management eligibility guidelines. Clients are asked to contribute monthly toward the cost of the services received based on their income. Nobody is denied ENOA services due to an inability to pay.

- **Homemaker**: Provides light housekeeping services for people who are physically unable to perform these tasks.
- **Bath Aide**: Provides assistance to those needing help with personal care/bathing.
- Emergency Response System: A 24-hour personal response service that summons help by pushing a button on a pendant worn on the client's wrist or around their neck. Income guidelines apply to this service

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#### **NUTRITION**

So much more than a meal

The Eastern Nebraska Office on Aging's nutrition program offers hot, healthy, nutritionally- balanced meals to our senior center and Meals on Wheels participants. Meals are designed to meet one-third of the recommended dietary allowance of nutrients, and comply with the most current dietary guidelines for Americans.

#### • Home Delivered Meals (Meals on Wheels):

Weekday meals are delivered to those who are homebound and unable to cook for themselves. Recipients are certified for the meal delivery by either an ENOA care manager, the program's intake specialist, or the Department of Health and Human Services. Call 402-444-6444 weekdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. for more information or to make a referral.

- Senior Centers: Located throughout our five-county service area, these facilities serve as resource centers in neighborhoods and rural communities. All centers offer a hot midday meal (reservations are required). Participants are asked to contribute towards the cost of the meal. Each center hosts a variety of recreational and social activities, guest speakers, crafts, nutrition and health programs.
- Diner's Choice: ENOA's Nutrition Division has developed the Diner's Choice program to provide a flexible meal schedule for older adults in our service area. ENOA contracts with grocery stores throughout the Omaha area to provide specific menus based on what's offered in the store's restaurant area. The menus are planned to meet the nutritional guidelines approved by the ENOA Nutrition Services Division Director. Participants are asked to contribute towards the cost of the meal. For more information, please call 402-444-6513.



#### **COMMUNITY SERVICES**

For better education & information

**New Horizons Newspaper:** The New Horizons is ENOA's primary source of information for the five-county area's older population. The publication strives to present a positive image of older Nebraskans by reporting on issues like healthcare, travel, nutrition, Medicare, Medicaid, Social Security, and ENOA's programs and services.

**Legal Service Resource:** ENOA contracts with Legal Aid of Nebraska to provide limited legal advice and assistance to Nebraska residents age 60 and older in our service area through the ElderAccessLine<sup>®</sup>. Phone calls to the ElderAccessLine<sup>®</sup> are answered by an experienced attorney or paralegal who will ask questions about your situation and provide assistance and information. Toll-free:1-800-527-7249; Omaha: 402-827-5656; or legalaidofnebraska.org.

Intergeneration Orchestra of Omaha (IGO): Blends the talents of volunteer musicians age 25 and younger and age 50 and older. Performances are given for retirement and nursing homes. IGO's concert season runs from September through May, with a schedule of seven concerts open to the public. The Spring Pops & Pie concert is their annual fundraiser and is open to the public. Visit *igoomaha.org* for concert schedule and information.

## AGING AND DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER (ADRC)

Serving all Nebraskans

The Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) was established by the Nebraska Legislature. The ADRC's goal is to assist Nebraskans in accessing services and supports to meet their long-term care needs and provide information, assistance, and education on community services and long-term care options for:

- Men and women age 60+.
- People with disabilities of all ages.
- Family members, caregivers, and advocates for the above segments of the population.

All information and assistance provided is free and confidential. Call 402-444-6536 and ask to speak with an ADRC options counselor. Visit the ADRC website at *www.adrcnebraska.org*.

#### **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

Sharing a lifetime of experience

Each year, over 400 individuals contribute their time, skills and compassion to better their community as Eastern Nebraska Office on Aging (ENOA) volunteers. The amount of time they serve is equivalent to over 40 full-time employees with a value exceeding 2.3 million dollars.

Each volunteer opportunity at ENOA results in making a positive impact on the clients served, our communities and the volunteers themselves. ENOA has a variety of opportunities and volunteers of all ages who are engaged in meeting our mission driven needs through the following programs:

• Ombudsman: Advocates help ensure residents of long-term care facilities and assisted living communities enjoy the best possible quality of life by promoting the residents' rights and serving as a liaison between the residents and staff. The Ombudsman listens to the residents' concerns, informs residents about their rights, and serves as a resource and a problem-solver. Volunteers, who must be age 21 and older, are enrolled through an application and screening process. Pre-service and on-going training is provided. A minimum of two hours per week is required.

- SeniorHelp Program: Volunteers of all ages provide assistance to older adults that help them remain in their homes and improve their quality of life. Volunteers provide help such as: companion, escort/transportation, handyman, holiday gift delivery, Meals on Wheels delivery, personal/household assistance, one-time clean-ups, painting, and yard care. Scheduling is flexible. Volunteers are enrolled through an application and screening process.
- ENOA Volunteer Connect: Provides resources for older adults who wish to volunteer with community-based organizations including non-profit and public agencies including opportunities to volunteer in place.

#### **AmeriCorps Seniors Programs:**

- Senior Companion Program (SCP): Volunteers give support and friendship to homebound older adults who are struggling to stay independent. SCP volunteers visit the homes of older individuals who can benefit from the company of another older adult. Prospective volunteers must be age 55 or older, meet an income guideline, and be able to serve a minimum of 10 hours per week. Volunteers earn an hourly tax-free stipend, transportation reimbursement, and other benefits.
- Foster Grandparent Program (FGP): Volunteers serve in schools, hospitals, Head Start programs, and child development centers. Foster Grandparents are age 55 and older who assist children needing special attention in education, healthcare, and social development through regular interaction as a grandparent role model. Prospective volunteers must meet an income guideline and be able to serve a minimum of 10 hours per week. Volunteers earn an hourly tax-free stipend, transportation reimbursement, and other benefits.

#### Call 402-444-6536

for information about any of ENOA's volunteer opportunities or services.

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