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place like
home.



Summit County Resource Guide

 Healthwise

 Homewise

 Moneywise

 Givewise

 Otherwise

 Ridewise

SUMMIT COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES

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I am pleased to provide this Summit County community resource guide to you and your family. It was created to help seniors, family members and caregivers gain easy access to critical information for safe and healthy aging.

This guide will help you choose wisely when determining what support services and resources are appropriate for your individual needs. You will find a wide array of information within—from resources that can help manage a chronic disease or provide financial assistance to appointment transportation and volunteer programs. The guide is formatted into four categories: Healthwise, Homewise, Moneywise, and Ridewise, with each category containing information related to the topic.

It is my hope that this guide will empower seniors, those with disabilities and their caretaker, and help make getting older just a little easier. The resources and support services available in Summit County can help you preserve your independence and safety while maintaining your comfort and dignity.

Several local organizations that serve Summit County seniors recently joined together to form the Summit Senior Coalition. The group created an informational website, www.GettingWiser.org. I encourage you to visit this site to learn even more about aging positively in our community.

Please take advantage of all Summit County has to offer and stay well!



Sincerely,

Ilene Shapiro
Executive, County of Summit



We can
help you
maintain your
independence.

Get Started

Our assistance is FREE
to residents of Summit County.
Contact us today for
an in-home assessment.

800.421.7277

info@dhad.org



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How well you age depends on your access support.

As a nonprofit organization, the Summit Senior Coalition is committed to helping families proactively address the challenges of aging and caregiving. Our goal is to provide access to the tools and support you need in order to make better informed decisions that work to suit your health and lifestyle.



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Getting Wiser is here to help you remain more independent and healthy as you age. Explore a wide range of health care resources with a focus on staying as active and independent as possible.

Find the health care help you need.

Whether you're looking for home health care, searching for financial programs to help pay for care, or planning for long-term assistance – we're here to help.



BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

VANTAGE Behavioral Health Solutions

330-253-4597

Mental health services and treatment for alcohol and other drug use disorders to Summit County adults age 50 and older.

[vantageaging.org/
behavioralhealth](http://vantageaging.org/behavioralhealth)

COMMUNITY CLINICS

Community Action Akron Canton

330-376-7730

In cooperation with the University of Akron provides physicals at no cost for income eligible older adults.

ca-akron.org

AxessPointe Community Health Center

888-975-9188

AxessPointe has five current sites in Northeast Ohio, including three in Akron, one in Kent and one in Barberton. AxessPointe also provides behavioral health, women's health and pharmacy services.

axesspointe.org

Faithful Servant Care Center

330-633-3680

Mission To provide urgent care service, in a compassionate, Christ-like manner to those unable to access the usual health care resources because of socioeconomic or other reasons.

faithfuleservantscarecenter.org

Open M Free Medical Clinic

330-434-0110 ext. 413

OPEN M is dedicated to reducing health disparities and providing patient-centered services to people with limited access to medical care.

openm.org

DENTAL CARE

Summit County Public Health Dental Clinic

330-812-3816

Summit County Public Health Dental Clinic offers a variety of services for the whole family, including cleanings, exams and x-rays.

scph.org

EYE CARE

Community Action Akron Canton

330-376-7730

In cooperation with the University of Akron, Community-Action Akron Canton provides physicals at no cost, pays for eye examinations and contributes \$20 toward cost of eyeglasses for older income-eligible adults.

ca-akron.org

AxessPointe Community Health Center

888-975-9188

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axesspointe.org

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openm.org

United Disability Services: Low Vision Services

330-762-9755

Low Vision Services helps people with visual impairments recognize and achieve their potential for independent living through education and rehabilitation.

udsakron.org

FITNESS/ACTIVITIES

Akron Active Adults Programs

330-375-2839

Community centers throughout Akron offer physical activity programs, clubs, travel opportunities, and more.

[akronohio.gov/cms/
activeadults/index.html](http://akronohio.gov/cms/activeadults/index.html)

Barberton Active Adults

330-861-7135

Provides recreational and educational opportunities and services to improve the quality of life for all older adults.

cityofbarberton.com

Cleveland Clinic Akron General

330-344-6000

Will talk on a variety of health topics.

akrongeneral.org

Cuyahoga Falls Quirk Cultural Center

330-971-8425

The perfect place for adult and youth activities. Rooms are available for wedding receptions, showers, dances, parties and meetings.

cityofcf.com/play/quirk

Delay the Disease

330-869-6014

Community-based exercise class for people with Parkinson's Disease and other neurological diseases.

Mogadore Senior Community Center

330-628-4896

mogadorevillage.org

Return to Recreation

330-784-1271 ext. 5246

Community program offering a combination of sports, craft classes, community outings, social events, and general recreation activities. All activities can be adapted or modified to meet your needs.

Silver Sneakers

1-866-584-7389

Exercise class for older adults. Call for a location near you.

Stow Parks and Recreation

330-689-5100

Senior programs and activities. Call for a schedule.

stowohio.org/parks-and-recreation/

Tallmadge Community Center

330-633-0855

Call for information on activities for older adults.

tallmadge-ohio.org

Twinsburg Senior Center

330-963-8722

The center has exercise classes, card games, line dancing, movies, Wii Bowling, art, ceramics and stained glass classes.

[mytwinsburg.com/163/
Senior-Center](http://mytwinsburg.com/163/Senior-Center)

GERIATRIC ASSESSMENT

Cleveland Clinic Akron General - Akron Health Center

330-344-4000

akrongeneral.org

Jewish Family Service

330-867-3388

jfsakron.org

Summa Health Senior Healthcare Services

888-473-7285

summahealth.org/seniors

Direction Home Akron Canton Area Agency on Aging and Disabilities

800-421-7277

dhad.org

HEARING

AudioPhone Akron

330-434-5101

Audiologist, Free speakers are available.

audiphoneakron.com

University of Akron - Audiology and Speech Center

330-972-6035

uakron.edu/sslpa

HOME HEALTH CARE

Catholic Charities Community Services

Summit Adult Day Services

330-762-2000

Provides programs designed to improve physical, mental and spiritual health — with the ultimate goal of helping older adults maintain their independence. Provides hot meals, emergency financial assistance and a pantry program.

Summa Health at Home **234-312-5400**

Delivers specialized home care visits to homebound patients 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Speakers are available on a variety of health topics

summahealth.org

MEAL ASSISTANCE/ NUTRITION

Asian Services in Action

330-535-3263

Meals are served Mondays, Thursdays, and every other Wednesdays from 11:30 am -1:30 pm.

asiaohio.org

Catholic Charities Community Services

330-475-0091

Provides hot meals, emergency financial assistance and a pantry program.

ccdacle.org/summit-county

Mobile Meals

Toll-Free Mobile Meals:
800-852-6325

Please call or visit the website for lists of locations and available times.

mobilemealsinc.org

Springfield Township - Senior and Community Center

330-733-2556

Meals are served Monday through Friday at 3:30 pm.

springfieldtownship.us

Richfield Village

330-659-9203

Meals are prepared by Regina Health Center and delivered by volunteers.

richfieldvillageohio.org

VANTAGE Meals on Wheels of Northeast Ohio

1-800-466-8010

Congregate dining and home delivered meals provided to homebound seniors, the ill and/or disabled who are unable to cook for themselves. Meals provided on both short or long-term basis. Emergency food boxes provided through the Commodity Supplemental Food Program and Farmers' Market Vouchers also available.

vantageaging.org/mow

MEDICATION PLANS/SHOTS

Summit County Public Health

330-375-2772

The Immunization Clinic at Summit County Public Health offers immunizations for children, teens and adults.

scph.org

PRESCRIPTION ASSISTANCE

NeedyMeds

1-800-503-6897

Find help with prescription medications.

needymeds.org

Ohio's Best Rx

1-866-923-7879

State of Ohio's prescription discount program.

ohiobestrx.org

SCREENINGS/ TESTS

Summit County Public Health

330-375-2772

The Immunization Clinic at Summit County Public Health offers immunizations for children, teens and adults.

scph.org





Better choices impact better home health care.

Most seniors want to live at home as long as possible. Getting Wiser is here to help you remain more independent and healthy as you age. Compared with moving to assisted living housing or a nursing facility, in-home care can offer greater convenience, lower medical bills and a greater quality of life. You'll find that more and more health care programs, nurses, therapists, social workers and service providers accommodate routine in-home care.

Explore a wide range of home health care resources with a focus on staying as active and independent as possible. Find the care you need, in the comfort of your own home. Whether you're looking for home health care providers, tips on home safety, help with household chores, or information on paying for care – we're here to help.

ADULT DAY SERVICE PROGRAMS

Blick Center
330-762-5425
blickcenter.org

**Catholic Charities
Community Services
of Summit County**
330-762-2000

**Summit Adult Day
Services and Caregiver
Support Group**
ccdacle.org



**Direction Home Akron
Canton Area Agency
On Aging: PASSPORT**

877-770-5558

Adult Day Services (Adult Day Care) - A place where older adults can go for the day and have socialization, meals and supervision. Some Adult Day Service Centers also provide personal care assistance such as bathing.

dhad.org

**Help Foundation
Northfield Adult
Day Support**

216-432-4810 ext. 333

[helpfoundationinc.org/
adult-day-support/](http://helpfoundationinc.org/adult-day-support/)

**Louisa Ridge Adult
Day Services**

330-945-4115

louisaridge.com

The Mentor Network

330-563-4018

thementornetwork.com

**REM Ohio - Portage
Lakes Drive**

330-644-9730

rem-oh.com

REM Ohio

888-644-9730

rem-oh.com

SarahCare Of Stow

234-334-5046

sarahcare.com/stow

Blind Mobility Aids

National Federation of
The Blind Of Ohio

866-504-7300

**National NFB
Newline Registration**

nfb.org

CARETAKER
SUPPORT

Alzheimer's Association

800-272-3900

Greater East Ohio Area
Chapter (24-hour helpline)

CHORE/SHOPPING
ASSISTANCE

Almost Family

330-773-9434

[lhcgroupp.com/
locations/almost-family-
medlink-of-akron](http://lhcgroupp.com/locations/almost-family-medlink-of-akron)

**ClearPath -
Hospice and Home Care**
877-892-1568
clearpathhomehealth.com

**Cleveland Clinic
Akron General Visiting
Nurse Service**
330-745-1601

Skilled nursing services, hospice care, medical equipment and supplies

vnsa.com

**Direction Home Akron
Canton Area Agency on
Aging: PASSPORT**
877-770-5558

PASSPORT is a Medicaid Waiver program that provides older adults with additional services, so they can remain in their homes instead of being admitted to a nursing facility.

dhad.org

**Healing Starts at
Home Care Services**
330-237-9799
healingstartsathome.com

**Heritage Home
Healthcare**
330-923-5859
heritagehomehealthcare.net

Home Helpers
330-745-9295
homehelpersohio.com

**Home Instead
Senior Care**
330-249-3801
homeinstead.com/181

**Maxim Healthcare
Services - Akron**
330-670-1054
[maximhomecare.com/
locations/akron-oh](http://maximhomecare.com/locations/akron-oh)

Prince of Peace
330-825-9543
princeofpeaceparish.org

**VANTAGE Home
Wellness Solutions**
330-253-4597
Services are available for private pay clients as well as for low-income clients meeting income guidelines.

[vantageaging.org/
homewellness](http://vantageaging.org/homewellness)

HOME HEALTH SERVICES

A1 Cherishing Hearts Home Care

330-962-8595

Angels Care Home Health

330-835-9663

Care for You Home Healthcare Agency

234-334-0185

Clearpath Home Health & Hospice

877-892-1568

Direction Home Akron Canton Area Agency on Aging: PASSPORT

877-770-5558

Easter Seals Northern Ohio

330-836-9741

Incare Home Health

330-945-6950

Journey Behavioral Health - First Choice Home Health

330-867-1409

Miles of Care Home Health Services

330-745-8480

National Church Residences Home & Community Services

800-388-2151

Rockynol Retirement Community: Home Care

330-867-2150

Senior Independence of Akron/Canton: Home Care

330-873-3468

Stay at Homecare Service

330-253-4597 ext. 181

Summa Health System: Home Health Care

330-375-3000

VANTAGE Aging Chore/ In Home Assistance

330-253-4597 ext. 128

Visiting Nurse Service and Affiliates: In Home Care

330-861-6100

HOME REPAIRS/ YARDWORK ASSISTANCE

**Akron City Minor Home
Repair Program**
330-375-2050

**ADD Summit County
Home Weatherization
Assistance Program**
330-643-8013

Lift Up Ministries
330-671-4121
liftupministries.org

HOUSEKEEPING

**Direction Home Akron
Canton Area Agency
on Aging: PASSPORT**
877-770-5558
dhad.org

IN-HOME HOSPICE

**ClearPath - Hospice
and Home Care**
877-892-1568
clearpathhomehealth.com

**Continuing Healthcare
of Cuyahoga Falls**
330-929-6272
continuinghc.com

**Harbor Light Hospice -
Akron**
330-325-4656
harborlighthospice.com

**National Church
Residences - Portage
Trail Village**
800-388-2151
Senior Apartments
nationalchurchresidences.org

**Ohio Living Home
and Health Hospice -
Greater Akron**
330-873-3468
ohioliving.org/home-health-hospice

**Saber Healthcare Group -
Ohio Bath Creek Estates**
330-922-9911
saberhealth.com

**Saber Healthcare Group -
Ohio Bath Manor
Special Care Centre**
330-836-1006
saberhealth.com

**Saber Healthcare Group -
Ohio Windsong Care Center**

330-666-7373

saberhealth.com

Summa Health

330-375-3000

General Information/
Summa Connections

summahealth.org

**VISITING NURSE
SERVICE & AFFILIATES**

**Cleveland Clinic
Akron General Visiting
Nurse Service**

Akron, OH 44333

330-665-1455

vnsa.com

**MEAL PREPARATION/
MEAL DELIVERY**

**Catholic Charities
Community Services**

330-475-0091

[ccdocle.org/summit-
county](http://ccdocle.org/summit-county)

**Direction Home Akron
Canton Area Agency
on Aging: PASSPORT**

877-770-5558

dhad.org

MEDICAL EQUIPMENT

**Cornerstone Medical
Equipment**

330-374-6802

cornerstoneonecall.com

**Edgepark Medical
Supplies**

330-963-6996

edgepark.com

**Easter Seals Northern
Ohio - Cuyahoga Falls
Office**

234-417-0250

noh.easterseals.com

Miller's Rental and Sales

330-753-8600

millers.com

**Seeley Medical -
Akron Patient
Management Center**

800-473-3539

seeleymedical.com

**Visiting Nurse Service
Equipment and Supplies**

330-434-1114

vnsa.com

PERSONAL SAFETY ALERT SYSTEM

ADT Home Health Security Services

800-269-5135

adt.com/health

SENIOR CLUBS

City of Akron Dept of Neighborhood Assistance - Adult Recreation

Adult Recreation Staff

330-375-2852

Ed Davis Seniors Club

330-375-2825

Golden Hearts Club

330-375-2849

Firestone Park Prime Timers Club

330-375-2806

Highland Square West Akron Seniors Club

330-375-284

Joyful Seniors Club

330-375-2805

Kenmore Seniors Club

330-375-2812

Mason Park Platinum Club

330-375-2821

Patterson Park Plus 50 Club

330-375-2819

Reservoir Park Seniors Club

330-375-2802

Seniors on the Move Club

330-375-2826

Young at Heart Club

330-375-2825

SENIOR HOUSING

Akron Metropolitan Housing Authority

330-762-9631

akronhousing.org



Better choices impact better financial security.

The hard fact is that one in three U.S. seniors are financially vulnerable. The good news is that many older adults and individuals with disabilities qualify for programs that can help them pay for health care, prescriptions, food, and utilities. Getting Wiser is here to help you remain more financially secure and independent as you age.

Find the financial resources that can support your needs.

Whether you're looking for information on retirement planning, paying for medical care, eligibility for state and federal benefits, navigating Medicare and Medicaid, prescription programs, affordable housing options, help paying utilities, preparing a will, estate planning, or job placement for seniors – we're here to help.

BENEFITS FOR SENIORS

Ohio Benefit Bank
800-648-1176

**Ohio Senior Health
Insurance Information
Program (OSHIIP)**
1-800-686-1526

**Social Security
Administration:
Benefits Assistance**
800-772-1213

**Summit County
Department of Job
and Family Services:
Benefits Assistance**
844-640-6446
summitdjfs.org

**Summit County Veterans
Service Commission**
330-643-2830

**INCOME
ASSISTANCE**

**Asian Services
in Action, Inc.**
330-535-3263

**Catholic Social Services
of Summit County**
330-762-7481

**Community Action
Akron Canton: Energy
Assistance**
330-253-8806
ca-akron.org

**Copley Outreach
Center: Financial
Assistance**
330-665-3335

Homestead Exemption
330-643-2661

**Ohio AARP
(American Association
of Retired Persons)**
1-866-389-5653

**Ohio Department
of Aging**
800-266-4346

**Real Estate
Discount Program**
1-888-388-5613

**Stephen A. Comunale,
Jr. Family Cancer
Foundation**
330-835-5985

**Veteran Service
Commission**
330-643-2830

**MONEY
MANAGEMENT**

**The Akron Leadership
Foundation**
akronlf.org

**East Akron Neighborhood
Development Corporation**
330-724-0244
eandc.org

**Financial Literacy
Training/ FDIC Money
Smart Classes**
330-253-4590
bbb.org/akron

**Mustard Seed
Development Center**

330-631-0350

mustardseedcdc.com

**Pride Through
Empowerment
Foundation**

Financial Literacy

330-761-2294

[pridethrough
empowerment.org](http://pridethrough
empowerment.org)

**Summit County Office
of Consumer Affairs**

330-643-2879

consumeraffairs.summitoh.net

**JOBS FOR
SENIORS**

Akron SCORE

330-379-3163

Akron Urban League

330-434-3101

akronurbanleague.org

**Goodwill Industries
of Akron**

330-724-6995

goodwillakron.org

**OhioMeansJobs
Summit County Center**

330-633-1050

Open M

330-434-0110

openm.org

**VANTAGE Workforce
Solutions**

330-253-4597

Paid, part-time job training for low-income older adults age 55 and older. Eligibility guidelines may apply.

[vantageaging.org/
workforcesolutions](http://vantageaging.org/
workforcesolutions)

**LEGAL
ASSISTANCE**

**Community Legal
Aid Services, Inc.**

330-535-4191

**Greenlawn Family
Service**

330-645-6683

SENIOR FRAUD AND SCAMS

**Attorney General
Consumer Protection**

800-282-0515

ohioattorneygeneral.gov

**Consumers Better
Business Bureau**

330-253-4590

bbb.org/akron

**Summit County
Prosecutor's Office -
Crime Safety**

330-643-2800

[co.summit.oh.us/
prosecutor](http://co.summit.oh.us/prosecutor)

**Summit County
Consumer Affairs**

330-643-2879

[consumeraffairs.
summitoh.net](http://consumeraffairs.summitoh.net)

LONG-TERM CARE PLANNING

**Easter Seals Northern
Ohio - Akron Office**

330-836-9741

noh.easterseals.com

**Easter Seals Northern
Ohio - Cuyahoga Falls
Office**

234-417-0250

noh.easterseals.com

**Direction Home Akron
Canton Area Agency on
Aging and Disabilities**

844-644-6582

dhad.org

**United Way of
Summit County**

330-376-6660

211summit.org



Discover better ways of getting where you need to go.

Getting where you need to go is important to your health and wellbeing – whether you need a ride to doctor’s appointments, the pharmacy, the grocery store, or to your neighborhood gathering. Getting wiser can help you find reliable transportation in order to help you maintain your independence.

Find the transportation resources that support your needs.

Whether you’re looking for public transportation schedules, rides to health care appointments, a list of specialized transportation providers, meal delivery service, or help determining whether you should still be driving yourself – we’re here to help.

ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY

**Tri-County Independent
Living Center**

330-762-0007

tcilc.org

Mobility Works

330-633-1118

ext. 57911

mobilityworks.com



RIDES FOR MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS

Active Transportation

330-800-9084

jeff@acesable.com

American Medical Transport

330-752-4477

american-medical-transport.com

American Red Cross, Transportation Services

330-535-6131

Community Care on Wheels

330-785-3930

cconwheels.com

Home Instead Senior Care

330-249-3801

homeinstead.com/181

Homewatch Caregivers

440-472-1268

homewatchcaregivers.com

METRO Regional Transit Authority

330-376-5353

SCAT Scheduling and Information

330-376-8458

SCAT Return/Cancel

800-227-9905

Toll-Free Customer Service

akronmetro.org

Prince of Peace

330-825-9543

princeofpeaceparish.org

Senior Transportation Program Twinsburg Township

330-425-4497

twinsburgtwp.com

United Disability Services - Main Office

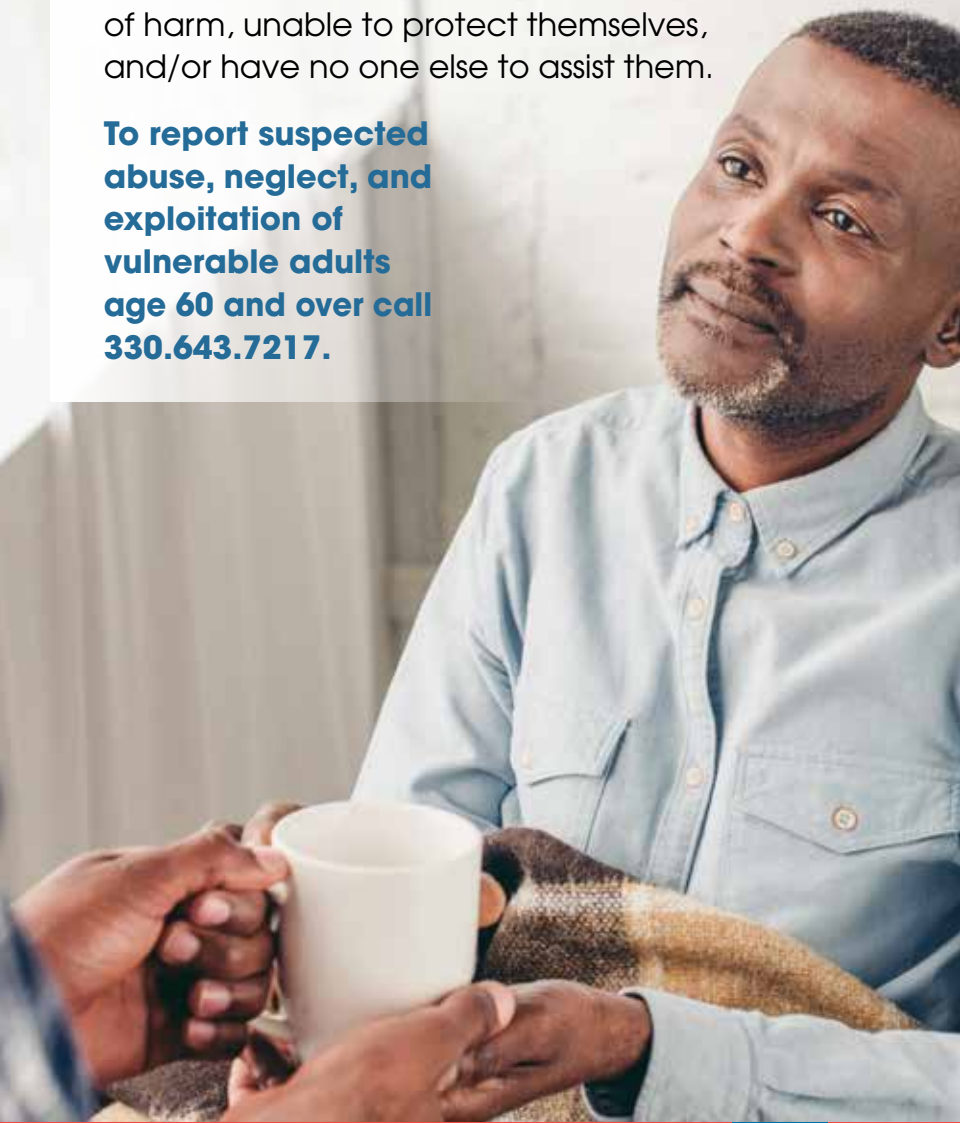
330-762-9751 ext. 283

udsakron.org

Adult Protective Services

Summit County Department of Job and Family Services provides Adult Protective Services to the elderly who are in danger of harm, unable to protect themselves, and/or have no one else to assist them.

To report suspected abuse, neglect, and exploitation of vulnerable adults age 60 and over call 330.643.7217.



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