AGENCY ON AGING SERVICES AND PROGRAMS:

The Armstrong County Area Agency on Aging provides services to Armstrong County residents primarily age 60 and over, governed by the Older Americans Act and in accordance with the PA Department of Aging regulations. There is a mandatory cost-sharing requirement associated with certain services, which may affect some consumers. (Home-Delivered Meals are exempt from cost sharing). The following services are available through the Agency on Aging directly or through subcontract:

Please note: Individual brochures are available on request for most services listed providing detailed information.

ADULT DAY SERVICES, EMERGENCY SERVICES, EMERGENCY AND PERSONAL EMERGENCY RESPONSE SYSTEM

Provides services in accordance with consumers’ care plans.

APPRIZE PROGRAM:

Program provides medical insurance counseling by appointment.

CARE MANAGEMENT AND IN-HOME ASSESSMENT SERVICE:

Provides an in-home assessment visit by a Care Manager for those persons age 60 and over requesting general services in the community.

CAREGIVER SUPPORT PROGRAM:

Provides supportive services to Caregivers of older adults, individuals with Alzheimer’s Disease or other chronic dementia, as well as grandparents and other relatives aged 55 and older who are raising grandchildren or caring for adults with disabilities. It provides resources and assistance to individuals who assume primary responsibility for the provision of care in order to help alleviate the stress associated with caregiving and support the caregiving relationship by focusing on the Caregiver’s well-being. Access to respite services is encouraged, and financial reimbursement for caregiving-related services and supplies is allowed. CSP services include care management, benefits counseling, Caregiver education and training, and Caregiver reimbursement. Services are subject to eligibility requirements.
FUNCTIONAL EVALUATION DETERMINATIONS:

Provides Functional Evaluation Determinations for persons age 18 and over, applying for Medicaid Assistance for nursing home care, Home and Community Based Services, or for those persons currently receiving or requesting SSI Supplements for Personal Care Homes or Domiciliary Care Home placement.

HOME-DELIVERED MEALS:

Delivers meals on pre-established routes to individuals, who are unable to cook for themselves, and have no other person’s resources available to them. Home-Delivered Meals are not affiliated with “Meals on Wheels” Program.

INFORMATION & REFERRAL:

Provides information on Agency services, help with benefits applications such as PACE or Rent/Property Tax Rebates, and provides information/referrals for other service agencies/providers.

LEGAL SERVICES:

Provides legal counseling and representation to those in greatest social and economic need, where other resources are not available in areas such as: wills living wills, powers of attorney, tenant in tenant/landlord relations, representation for financial benefit, consumer complaints, bankruptcy and protection from abuse (PFA) and more. (Legal Services do not include any type of fee generating suits, property transfers, divorces, probating of wills, representation of landlord in disputes, and criminal cases).

OMBUDSMAN PROGRAM → Access this specialized program directly by calling: 724-859-8661 or 833-897-6732.

Program provides a trained worker to investigate and resolve complaints for both long-term care providers and consumers of long-term services. Providers include nursing homes, licensed personal care homes, formal and informal providers of in-home services. Consumers include those residing in facilities or in the community.
OUTREACH:

Program locates isolated seniors, via door-to-door contacts, providing information and linkage with appropriate Agency services.

PERSONAL CARE SERVICES:

Provides services to consumers who are unable to fully meet their needs, such as bathing, grooming, dressing, and etc. Services do not displace assistance provided by family, friends or any other available supports. Services are subject to assessment and eligibility requirements.

PERSONAL CARE HOME/DOMICILIARY CARE ASSISTANCE:

Assistance in locating certified personal care homes or domiciliary care homes for age 18+ who are unable to live independently, but who don’t need nursing care. (A Domiciliary Care Home offers a family type setting).

PROTECTIVE SERVICES (Elder Abuse):

Provides specialized, trained casework staff to investigate and remedy situations of abuse, neglect, exploitation, abandonment and/or other circumstances creating an imminent risk of serious harm to person or possessions. Reports (anonymous if necessary), may be made 24 hours a day, seven days a week at (724)548-3290 or 1-800-732-6618.

SENIOR CENTER SERVICES:

Center Services are available at any of the 10 Senior Centers and 2 Satellite Centers operated in Armstrong County.

- Congregate meals - noontime hot meals meet 1/3 of recommended daily dietary allowances for older adults.
- Social and recreational activities.
- Educational programming.
- Health and Wellness programs covering a range of health related topics.
- Health Screenings—regularly scheduled blood pressure and general health checks by R.N.
- Care Managers - regularly scheduled group presentations and individual meetings.

Contact your local center for congregate meal reservations. Reservations must be made one day in advance by 11:30 AM.
The following Centers are open Monday through Friday (normally 8:00 AM—2:00 PM):

- **APOLLO SENIOR COMMUNITY CENTER**
  Hose Co. #3
  707 N. 5th Street
  Apollo, PA  15613
  (724) 478-1410

- **DAYTON SENIOR COMMUNITY CENTER**
  American Legion
  134 N. Milton Street
  Dayton, PA  16222
  (814) 257-0103

- **FORD CITY SENIOR COMMUNITY CENTER**
  421 Ninth Street
  Ford City, PA  16226
  (724) 763-2660

- **FREEPORT SENIOR COMMUNITY CENTER**
  VFW Building
  102 Fifth Avenue
  Freeport, PA  16229
  (724) 295-4380

- **KITTANNING SENIOR COMMUNITY CENTER**
  125 Queen Street
  Kittanning, PA  16201
  (724) 543-2773

- **LEECHBURG SENIOR COMMUNITY CENTER**
  Parks Twp. Firehall
  1119 Dalmatian Drive
  Vandergrift, PA  15690
  (724)567-5359

- **WORTHINGTON SENIOR COMMUNITY CENTER**
  Civic Center
  218 E. Main Street
  Worthington, PA  16262
  (724) 297-3668

The following Centers are open as listed, generally from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM:

- **ELDERTON SENIOR COMMUNITY CENTER**
  Bethesda Lutheran Srv.
  309 E. Saltwork Street
  Elderton, PA  (724) 354-4341
  Open: Monday, Wednesday and Thursday
• **PARKER SENIOR COMMUNITY CENTER**
  Community Building
  204 S. Wayne Street
  Parker, PA  16049
  (724) 399-2828
  Open: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday

• **BRADY’S BEND SATELLITE SENIOR COMMUNITY CENTER**
  American Legion
  975 State Route 68
  East Brady, PA  16028
  (724) 526-5110
  Open: Monday and Wednesday

• **DISTANT SATELLITE SENIOR COMMUNITY CENTER**
  Distant Firehall
  2239 Madison Road
  Distant, PA  16223
  (814) 275-2101
  Open: Thursday

**SPECIAL PROGRAMS/EVENTS:**

• National Volunteer Week - April
• Older Americans Month - May
• Spelling Bee - May
• Farmer’s Market Voucher Program - June
• Senior Games - June
• All Centers’ Picnic – August or September.
• Caregiver Summit - November

**TRANSPORTATION SERVICES:**

• **CENTER TRANSPORTATION:** Sponsorship of group transportation to and from the Apollo, Brady’s Bend, Dayton, Distant, Elderton, Ford City, Kittanning, Leechburg, Rural Valley and Worthington Senior/Satellite Centers and for center related programs and activities.

  *Please Note*: Center and center related transportation requires 24 hour-notice reservation. Rider co-pays apply for trips.

• **MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION:** Sponsors transportation for medical services for persons:
  o Age 65 and older
  o Age 60+ with a life threatening illness
Age 60+ who are Veterans
Medical trips are only sponsored for those who do not drive or have access to any other transportation. Trips available within Armstrong County and designated out-of-county locations.

*Please note:* Medical transportation requires Agency on Aging preauthorization for referral.) Medical transportation requires 48 hour-notice prior to appointment. Rider co-pays apply for trips.

**VOLUNTEER SERVICES:**

Provides and promotes volunteer opportunities within the Armstrong County Area Agency on Aging. Contact the Agency on Aging Volunteer Coordinator for volunteer opportunities.