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Dutchess County Office for the Aging Services

Community Benefits Specialists

- Assist with applying for benefit programs including Medicaid, SNAP (food stamps), Elderly Pharmaceutical Insurance Coverage (EPIC), Medicare Savings Program, housing applications, and more
- Advocate and explain benefits

Continuing Care at OFA

- Provides access to anyone, regardless of age and payment source, to long term care services.
- Case Managers and Public Health Nurses can assess the clients in their home, the nursing home or in the hospital, establish a realistic plan of care, and provide advice on funding sources. They may also make suggestions regarding alternatives like adult day care, adult homes, assisted living, foster care, home health care, respite services, and placement at skilled nursing facilities (nursing homes).
- Provides in-depth Alzheimer's Care Consultations to caregivers. This is a personalized service for those who are facing many decisions and challenges associated with Alzheimer's disease and related disorders.

Health and Wellness

- Diverse exercise programs for older adults, including tai chi, A Matter of Balance, Bingocize, and the SAIL (Stay Active and Independent for Life) remote exercise program
- Remote exercise options also available
- 12 countywide summer picnics
- Outdoor events including Drive-In Bingo
- Senior Prom
- Celebration of Aging

Health Insurance Information and Counseling (HIICAP)

- Medicare and health insurance counseling
- Assist with applying for EPIC
- Monthly workshops on Medicare

Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP)

- Helps people 60 and over with applications for HEAP and related energy programs

Informative presentations for groups

- Topics include successful aging, scam prevention, older adult housing, nutrition, the importance of exercise and physical activity, Medicare/Medicaid, and more. Contact OFA to book a speaker.

Legal services

- For Dutchess County residents over 60, with emphasis on simple legal issues such as wills, powers of attorney and health care proxies

Nutrition

- Home delivered meals for qualifying adults
- 8 OFA Friendship Center sites
- Counseling and group presentations

Transportation Resources

- Transportation to non-emergency medical appointments may be available through Office for the Aging partner organizations

Volunteering Opportunities

- Home Delivered Meals delivery
- Health Insurance counseling (HIICAP)
- Assist at OFA Friendship Centers
- Assist at OFA Picnics and Events
- Exercise Class Leaders
- A Matter of Balance class leaders
- Office Help
- Friendly Calls

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