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Introduction to the department and definitions.

- (A) The Ohio department of aging was created by the general assembly to administer various state and federal programs ~~benefitting Ohioans sixty years of age and older~~ to provide leadership for the delivery of service and supports that improve and promote quality of life and personal choice for older Ohioans, adults with disabilities, their families and their caregivers. To help ensure that the programs administered by the department are responsive to the needs of local communities, the department has divided the state into twelve regional planning and service areas. The department's programs are administered within each of these areas by a public or nonprofit agency that has been designated as an area agency on aging by the department in accordance rules found in Chapter 173-2 of the Administrative Code. While these agencies are not state agencies, they do work in conjunction with the state and the Ohio's aging network to provide quality services to Ohio's older population.
- (B) As used in this chapter of the Administrative Code and in all administrative rules adopted by the Ohio department of aging under agency 173 of the Administrative Code:
- (1) "Area agency on aging" ("AAA") means a public or non-profit agency that has been designated by ODA in accordance with rule 173-2-01 of the Administrative Code to administer programs on behalf of the department within a particular PSA.
 - (2) "Department" means "the Ohio department of aging".
 - (3) "Director" means the director of the ODA.
 - (4) "ODA" means "the Ohio department of aging".
 - (5) "Older Americans Act" ("OAA") means the "Older Americans Act of 1965," 79 Stat. 219, 42 U.S.C. 3001, as amended.
 - (6) "Planning and service area" ("PSA") means a geographical region of the state, the boundaries of which have been determined by ODA in accordance with Section 305 of the OAA.

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