

# Addressing the Burden of Falls in Ohio: A Leadership Summit and A Call to Action

Wednesday, October 17, 2012  
Cuyahoga County Board of Health



**OHIO INJURY PREVENTION  
PARTNERSHIP**

*Older Adults Falls Prevention Coalition*

8:00 am – 8:30 am	Registration
8:30 am - 8:40 am	Welcome and Introductions
8:40 am – 9:00 am	<p>“The Burden of Falls in Ohio”— Lois Hall, MS, Executive Director, Ohio Public Health Association</p>
9:00 am - 9:20 am	<p>A COLLABORATIVE COMMUNITY-BASED STRATEGY FOR ADDRESSING AN ELDER HEALTHCARE ISSUE: Vince Caraffi, MPH, Cuyahoga County Board of Health</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Coalition Development-Aging/Public Health/HealthCare/Long-Term Care/Housing/Transportation</li> </ul>
9:20 am - 9:35 am	Break: Visit Exhibits
9:35 am - 9:50 am	“Ohio Older Adults Falls Prevention Action Plan as a State Priority”: Lois Hall, MS and Susan Sutherland, MPH, Delaware General Health District
9:50 am – 10:30 am	<p>Fall risk screening and education at Tri-County Rehabilitation, Inc., Canfield, Ohio</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bruce Weston PT, DPT, OCS</li> </ul>
10:30 am - 10:40 am	Break: Visit exhibitors
10:40 am - Noon	<p>Falls Prevention Panel Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Evidence-Based Strength/Balance Training (MOB) and Home and Personal Health Fall Risk Assessment and Modification –Vince Caraffi, Cuyahoga Board of Health</li> <li>Falls Prevention , Youngstown State University Community-based strategies-Jane Wetzel, PT, PhD, Department of Physical Therapy, Youngstown State University</li> <li>Linkages with Primary Care Providers and Changes Within the HealthCare System (falls risk assessments, Vision Screening, Medication Review, Referral to Strength and Balance, e-coding)-Dr. Elizabeth Baum, MD, CMD, Aultman Hospital</li> <li>Fall Risk assessments-Geauga Medical Center-Dottie Thompson, MOT, OTR/L, CLT Rehab Manager, UH Geauga Medical Center</li> <li>Round table discussion and networking</li> </ul>
12:00 pm - 12:15 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wrap-up and evaluation, a Call to Action</li> </ul>

**The burden of falls is more extensive than many might imagine.**

Seniors who fall may be more likely to need emergency room services, may be more likely to require hospital admission, may be more likely to require long term care, may be more likely to acquire infections during that care and may be more likely to die as an outcome associated with that fall. The cost to families is also high as family members need to become caregivers for their elder family members and possibly to take time off work or school to meet the needs of their loved one.

This conference will provide the data you need to make the decisions in your community regarding older adult fall prevention, programming and policy implementation. In addition, you will learn how to do a community assessment regarding fall prevention services and referral networks and also how to begin looking for funding to support the needed public health intervention that will address this issue.

*Our Falls Prevention Summit objectives are to mobilizing available resources, programs, and interventions to build community capacity as a key strategy for providing older adults falls prevention action, and:*

- *To provide an opportunity to exchange knowledge, and ideas among all stakeholders in falls prevention;*
- *To provide current research findings related to falls prevention initiatives and fall risk assessment in the areas of acute care, long-term care, and community care;*
- *To identify and showcase current “best practices” and new innovative ideas in screening and delivery of fall risk and fall prevention; and,*
- *To inspire further development of fall prevention strategies and to encourage potential partnerships and collaboration to advance fall prevention in Ohio.*

**Registration is FREE - but Reservations are REQUIRED in order to provide sufficient materials for participants.** To register online:

**<http://www.ohiopa.org/tabs/events/eventdetails.aspx?EventId=584>**

To register via mail, complete:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail completed registration form to: OPHA, 110 A Northwoods Blvd, Columbus, Ohio 43235**

Questions? Contact: Lois Hall, P: 614-635-0207; [lhall@ohiopa.org](mailto:lhall@ohiopa.org)

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