



## PHOTO RELEASE

The Department on Aging frequently takes photos of different programs for archival and publicity purposes. In the event the Department on Aging uses any photos on the agency website or in agency publication materials, the Department on Aging will attempt to contact persons in such photos for consent.

## AUTHORIZED RELEASE

I formally authorize the release of information obtained in this registration to the following individual/agency:

## DISCLOSURE STATEMENT FOR GDA & FEDERALLY FUNDED PROGRAMS UNDER OAA

The Ohio Department of Aging, GDA and the Western Reserve Area Agency on Aging require that select information and data be collected on program participants in order to determine eligibility and monitor programs under the Older Americans Act. All personal information will be safeguarded to the extent permitted by law. While you will not be denied services based on refusal to provide information, lack of demographic data can adversely effect future funding. Eligible seniors for Federally Funded Programs cannot be denied services based on Race, Color, Age, Sex, Disability, Religion, National Origin, ability to pay or donate.

**Older American Act & GDA program participants have the right:** *To be treated with dignity and respect without regard to Race, Color, Age, Sex, Disability, Religion, or National Origin; Receive eligible services regardless of one's ability to make a donation or co-pay for these services; Know (family or designee to know) the name and title of staff persons with whom contact is made; Be informed of services and agency/program expectations in reasonable terms that can be understood; receive an explanation of the program and participate in decision-making related to services; Be assisted by professional and competent staff; Be informed of changes to the agency and programming as it relates to eligible services; Receive appropriate services in a safe and sanitary environment; Receive nutritious and sanitary food (nutrition program); Feel free from threats to personal safety and the loss of personal possessions; Have one's privacy respected and the confidentiality of personal records safeguarded to the extent permitted by law; Be provided with an opportunity to authorize in writing, the release of records and/or health information and file a grievance if necessary without fear of retribution or retaliation.*

**Older Americans Act & GDA program participants will:** *Treat agency staff and other program participants with courtesy and respect without regard to Race, Color, Age, Sex, Disability, Religion, or National Origin; Cooperate with agency directions, rules and regulations to the best of ones ability; Provide necessary information to document eligibility for funded services; Adhere to the specific guidelines related to each program in which you are enrolled to ensure the agency gets continued funding; Keep the agency informed of changes in status effecting program participation and/or continued eligibility; Refrain from swearing or abusive language; Avoid initiation of, or participation in, any situations involving violent, harmful, threatening or abusive behaviors; Respect and safeguard agency property, equipment and supplies; Not offer gifts, tips or bribes to program staff because they are not permitted to accept them; Communicate problems or areas of concern to appropriate staff.*

## PARTICIPATION WAIVER

In consideration of the Geauga County Department on Aging providing me with programming and services, I intending to be legally bound for myself, my heirs, executors and administrators hereby waive and release, indemnify and hold harmless the Geauga County Board of Commissioners and the Geauga County Department on Aging, their employees, agents and servants from and against any and all rights, actions, suits, proceedings, costs, expenses, damages, demands, claims and/or any other liability whatsoever, including attorneys' fees, which may arise out of, are connected with, or result in any way from such Department on Aging's Programming and Services. Nothing herein shall be construed to require that I am liable for the negligence of the Department on Aging.

**I have fully informed myself of the contents of the disclosure and the releases by reading this information before I signed it.**

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**\*SIGNATURE IS REQUIRED TO REGISTER WITH THE DEPARTMENT ON AGING AND PARTICIPATE IN AND/OR RECEIVE AGENCY PROGRAMS AND SERVICES**

Mail Registration to: **Geauga County Department on Aging** or **Return Registration to Any Senior Center Location**  
**12611 Ravenwood Drive, Suite 200**  
**Chardon, Ohio 44024** **Questions? Call 440-279-2130**

STAFF ONLY:

Client was provided assistance in completing GDA's registration from (Staff Name): \_\_\_\_\_

I have discussed/explained/read the disclosure and releases with the client (Staff Initials): \_\_\_\_\_

Card Issued at the following: BSC \_\_\_\_\_ MF \_\_\_\_\_ CHSC \_\_\_\_\_ WG \_\_\_\_\_

DATE ENTERED INTO SAMS \_\_\_\_\_

STAFF NAME \_\_\_\_\_