

Meeting with your Legislator

Tips and Talking Points

Getting Started

- A little small talk breaks the ice and helps you to engage your legislators
- Thank them for their service
- Explain how you are involved with the aging network
- Use the AAA display to focus conversation on Agency programs

Bragging Rights

This is a time to show your support of aging issues and Ohio's aging network

- Ohio has a well-organized, efficient and effective aging network
35 years of experience with broad scope of elderly issues
- Efficient infrastructure through 12 regionally based AAAs
 - Assists families and individuals by encouraging planning for future
 - Provides information, education and referrals
- Operates the PASSPORT, Choices, Assisted Living Medicaid waivers and RSS
- Directs families and individuals to proper resources (Statewide in 2007)
 - 300,000 Information and referral calls
 - 78,280 Individual screening contacts
 - 38,430 In-home assessments
 - 9,065 Ohioans enter PASSPORT

The Asks

See ABCs of Long Term Care

Wrapping Up

Take your lead from your legislators about ending a conversation, but respect their time

- Thank them for talking with you
- Ask if there is any information you could send them
- Provide your contact information

Final Step

Legislators are most responsive to personal notes and receive few of them

- Within the week, hand-write thank you notes
Provide any information they asked for
Take the opportunity to reiterate one or two points

