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## Ohio Department of Aging announces additional sessions to seek input from Ohioans with dementia, their caregivers

Attend public listening sessions to offer experiences, shape policy

**Columbus, Ohio** – The Ohio Department of Aging (ODA) invites Ohioans living with Alzheimer's disease and other dementias, along with their caregivers, to share their stories and help shape future policy and programs in the state. Professionals who work in aging services, health care, or related fields, and members of the general public are also invited to offer input about services and supports for people with dementia.

The following dates and times for listening sessions across the state, include virtual sessions for those who are unable to attend an in- person event:

- Thursday, Dec. 9, 2-4 p.m.
  University of Toledo
  Register for this session:
  https://bit.ly/3lpKF6q
- Monday, Dec. 13, 10 a.m. 12 noon Scripps Miami of Ohio Register for this session: <a href="https://bit.ly/3pkDaVu">https://bit.ly/3pkDaVu</a>
- Tuesday, Dec. 14, 1-3 p.m.
  University of Cincinnati
  Register for this session:
  https://bit.ly/3Dlp77g
- Thursday, Dec. 16, 1-3 p.m.
  The Ohio State University Health
  Science Colleges
  Register for this session:
  https://bit.ly/3G7CKIJ

- Wednesday, Dec. 15, 5:30 7:30 p.m.
  Virtual session
  Register for this session:
  https://bit.ly/31urlOF
- Friday, Dec. 17, 10 a.m. 12 noon
  Virtual session
  Register for this session:
  https://bit.ly/3DnffKa
- Monday, Dec. 20, 3-5 p.m.
  Virtual session
  Register for this session:
  https://bit.ly/3DmpWMT

Visit www.aging.ohio.gov/alztaskforce for more information.

The listening sessions are part of a comprehensive effort created by Amended Senate Bill 24, which established the Ohio Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias Task Force to examine the needs of people diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease or related dementias, the services currently available in Ohio for those people, and the ability of health care providers and facilities to meet people's current and future needs.

**About ODA** – The Ohio Department of Aging serves and advocates for the needs of Ohioans age 60 and older, as well as their families, caregivers and communities. Programs include home and community based long-term supports and services, as well as initiatives to promote health and wellness throughout the lifespan. Visit <a href="www.aging.ohio.gov">www.aging.ohio.gov</a>.

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