AAA plans drive-through events, offers directory of local resources

Options Counseling offers seniors and individuals with disabilities in Johnson County choices for long term care, KanCare Medicaid, home and community-based services and information about informal supports and benefits.

For Johnson County residents who need help with in-home services, meals/nutrition, housekeeping, caregiver support or want to know their options for housing, assisted living and nursing facility care, options counseling can be helpful. It gives an individual the opportunity to have a conversation tailored to their unique needs and situation.

Individuals interested in options counseling can provide information about their needs at one of four options counseling drive-through events on Friday afternoons. Staff will wear face masks for safety.

Information staff from the Area Agency on Aging (AAA) then will share the new 2020 directory of services with them and offer caregiver resources and publications.

Drive-through events will take place:

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<td>11811 S. Sunset Drive, Olathe</td>
<td>Sept. 11 and Oct 23</td>
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<td>6000 Lamar Ave., Mission</td>
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Interested aging adults or their caregivers can bring the following information to the drive through events:

- First and last name
- Address
- Date of birth (month, day, year)
- Email address (optional)
- Phone number
- A short statement about the help or information needed

AAA counselors will follow up during the following week to explain any helpful options available.

These events should move smoothly, save on the postage for bulky publications and help individuals in need connect with AAA. Please call 913-715-8861 for additional information about the drive-through event.

Upcoming COA meetings

The Johnson County Commission on Aging will continue to meet via Zoom videoconference at 9 a.m. on Sept. 9 and Oct. 14. For more information call 913-715-8860.