

Home Healthcare Provider Co-op Receives OAAA Provider Partnership of the Year Award



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AAA8 and the Ohio Cooperative Development Center at OSU South Centers has been working with a variety of regional home healthcare provider representatives to form a working cooperative home health care cooperative - The Home Healthcare Provider Co-op.

The co-op was recognized at the Annual meeting of The Ohio Association of Area Agencies on Aging with the 2009 Provider Partnership Award.

The providers focus is on common, critical and acceptable issues. In May, the work group voted to move forward and incorporate as a formal group. In June, they chose a name and interim officers. The purpose statement of the group is "working together to benefit members with shared resources to strengthen the home health workforce."

Impacting all members of The Home Healthcare Provider Cooperative and the clients and caregivers they serve across our 8-county district, the group will offer a ready-trained pool of potential employees from which co-op members can hire and will also offer a pool of potential employers for trained individuals to submit resumes for work opportunities.

The group also serves those who wish to secure training and pursue a career in home health care, the communities across rural Ohio (whose unemployment rates are skyrocketing and whose job growth is steady in health care-related fields). In addition, the group will impact other providers of health care should those who are trained and employed with them choose to pursue other health care "lattice" careers in the region.