

Council on Aging expands service

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A Lake County organization has announced that it is adding new services.

The Lake County Council on Aging is now an Aging and Disability Resource Center.

The center now offers a new level of service for adults 60 years and older and those with disabilities 18 years and older.

Previously, the council could only help seniors.

By calling 855-585-2376 or 440-205-8111, one can be connected to information needed to improve health, independence and quality of life.

“The Lake County ADRC makes it possible for seniors and people with disabilities to learn about and access services that are available right here in Lake County, as well as those provided regionally,” said CEO Joe Tomsick in a news release.

“We recognize the need for greater information and referrals to programs that best meet the needs of Lake seniors and adults with disabilities,” he said.

The new direction is in partnership with the Western Reserve Area Agency on Aging and the Ohio Department on Aging’s statewide initiative.

The center provides information on a number of services, including maintaining independence, long-term care choice, Medicare, Social Security and general support services.

With so many health care options available, the center can help sort through the potential confusion, Tomsick said.

“We can provide unbiased information about the providers and services available in Lake County and beyond,” he said.

Aging and disability resource centers are located across the nation and are federally funded through the Affordable Care Act, which was signed into law in March 2010 by President Barack Obama.