

Definition and Purpose

Chore Service is a program to provide certain household repairs, seasonal cleaning, and other chores and errands. The purpose of the program is to help older people continue independent living.

Eligibility

Mercer County residents age 60 and over who are unable to do the work themselves may be eligible. The MCCoA outreach worker visits the client and completes the individual assessment which helps determine eligibility. Service is ordinarily not offered if an able body person lives with the client.

Scheduling

During spring, summer, and fall the waiting time is usually two to four weeks. The waiting time is shortest during the winter months. Clients are required to stay home while the chore work is being done.

Work Permitted

- Simple household repairs
- Seasonal deep cleaning
- Limited seasonal yard clean up
- Install and remove screen and storm doors and windows
- Limited inside painting
- Limited outside painting
- Installation of smoke alarms

Work not permitted

- Light housework
- Routine lawn mowing
- Major home repair
- Major appliance repair
- Wall papering
- Second story painting
- Cleaning second story spouting
- Personal care

Tools Provided

Chore workers have a tool kit, ladders, drop cloths, buckets, vacuum, carpet shampooer, hedge clipper, pressure washer, etc.

Supplies

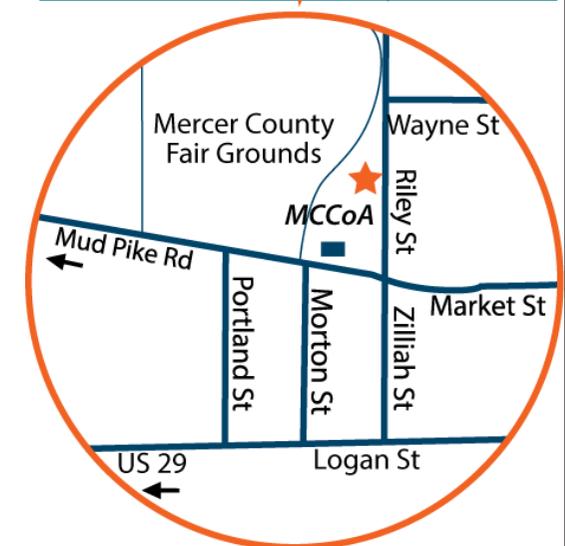
Clients must either provide or pay the Center for paint, paint brushes and rollers, and all cleaning supplies including carpet shampoo. Clients may also be required to purchase additional materials and supplies to complete some projects.

Target Population

State and federal regulations specify the following priorities: persons age 75 and over, persons with a handicap or an illness, minorities, those with a low income, and those who are isolate

Area of Service

All urban and rural areas of Mercer County

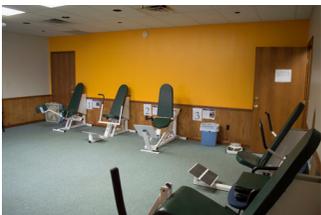


Other services offered at the MCCoA:

- Blood Pressure Clinic
- Outreach Services
- Homemaker Services
- Information & Referral
- Newsletter
- Senior Citizen Tours
- Senior Transportation
- Social Activities
- Volunteer Opportunities
- Toenail Clipping Service
- Legal Aid
- Equipment Rental
- Exercise Equipment

Elderly Nutrition Services

Locksixteen, through the Area Agency on Aging 3 in Lima, provides a daily meal which is served at the Senior Center. The meal is open to anyone 60 or older and a donation of \$3.00 per meal is suggested.



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