

# Take Charge of Your Health!

Fall brings cooler weather and is the perfect time to get outside to enjoy the many colors it brings. Taking a walk is an excellent way to recharge this time of year.

This edition of <u>Living Well</u> will begin to feature the proven benefits of the AAA7 Wellness Programs. We are all looking for ways to improve our health and well-being. Choosing a program that already has proven outcomes is a great way to start!

We often refer to the Wellness Programs offered at AAA7 as evidence-based programs. We also talk about them being self-management programs. So, what does that really mean?

## What are evidence-based programs?

Simply put, a program is judged to be evidence-based if:

- The evaluation research shows the program produces the expected positive results
- The results can be attributed to the program itself
- The evaluation is peer reviewed by experts in the field
- The program is "endorsed" by a federal agency or respected research organization

### What is self-management? Why is self-management important?

- Self-management is taking responsibility for your own behavior and well-being. In healthcare, monitoring your condition and adjusting your physical and emotional responses can help you achieve optimal quality of life.
- Providing self-managed support, such as AAA7 wellness classes, helps individuals manage their health
  on a day-to-day basis as they learn about self-management techniques such as problem-solving,
  communication, managing time and symptoms, exercise, and planning.
- There is evidence that self-management programs improve health-related behaviors thereby decreasing healthcare costs

## AAA7 offers a variety of evidence-based, self-managed programs:

- A Matter of Balance Falls Management
- Chronic Disease Self-Management
- Chronic Pain Self-Management
- Diabetes Self-Management/Diabetes Educational Empowerment Program
- Powerful Tools for Caregivers

Check our schedule for Fall on the next page to learn about our upcoming classes!

# **Upcoming Wellness Classes**

#### **Chronic Pain Self-Management**

Gallia County - Starting October 16th in Gallipolis Pike County - Starting November 4th in Waverly

#### **Matter of Balance Falls Management**

Lawrence County - Starting October 10th in Proctorville

Pike County - Starting October 10th in Waverly Ross County - Starting October 10th in Chillicothe Gallia County - Starting November 4th in Gallipolis

#### **Diabetes Self-Management Program**

Scioto County - Starting October 8th in Wheelersburg Ross County - Starting November 6th in Chillicothe

#### **Chronic Disease Self-Management**

Jackson County - Starting October 2nd in Wellston

#### **Diabetes Empowerment Education**

Scioto County - Starting November
5th in Portsmouth
Jackson/Vinton - Starting December
2nd in Wellston

Community organizations are welcome to contact us to schedule a class at your site!



call 1-800-582-7277, ext. 284 or 247 or e-mail <a href="mailto:info@aaa7.org">info@aaa7.org</a> to register or for more information on all the classes listed.

Check out our website at aaa7.org to keep up-to-date on calendar changes and additions!

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