

Leelanau County Senior Services there to help

Leelanau County Senior Services (LCSS) provides a variety of programs and services to meet the growing needs of seniors. As the senior population continues to grow, Senior Services strives to provide services that will assist seniors to stay in their homes for as long as possible. We recognize that all needs are different and strive to take a holistic approach to provide a range of services and programs that address the unique physical, social, and emotional needs of our seniors.

Senior Services is funded by Leelanau County property tax millage, private donations, fees, and is overseen by the Leelanau County Board of Commissioners.

A person must be sixty years of age or older and a resident of Leelanau County to be eligible for services.

Leelanau County Seniors Services produces a newsletter, The Leelanau Connection, that is mailed bi-monthly and provides information on upcoming events, and educational articles about resources available to seniors.

Leelanau County Senior Services' has seen an increase in the number of seniors applying for in-home services and financial assistance through our Unmet Needs program. A senior's income/asset information (tax return, social security, pension, bank statements, etc.) is taken into account to determine whether or not they may qualify for assistance with the following programs:



**THE
LEELANAU
COUNTY
Senior
Services
Staff poses
for a photo.
(Left to right)
Armanda
Krantz, April
Missias,
Nancy
Begeman**

- **Homemaking** - services for seniors who have difficulty performing basic home cleaning tasks.
- **Respite Care** - short-term care or companionship for a senior so that a seniors caregiver may receive additional support.
- **Personal Care** - care related assistance with activities of daily living, which may include personal hygiene and dressing.
- **Medication Management** - services to assist seniors in setting up and managing their medications.
- **Unmet Needs assistance** - heating/utility costs, eye glasses, hearing aids, dental, BATA passes available and general unmet needs (home repair, medical bills, etc.)

All Leelanau County seniors are welcome to participate and utilize the following services:

- **Information and assistance** - providing referrals and resources to other agencies and service providers.
- **MMAP** (Medicare Medicaid Assistance Program) is a free service that can help you make health benefit decisions.
- **LCSS works with ShareCare** who has dedicated volunteer drivers who provide transportation to non-procedural appointments, for seniors who are unable to obtain transportation on their own.

- **LCSS strives to provide programs** that promote safety in senior's homes with our Personal Emergency Response Systems, Care Trak tracking system, emergency 911 cell phones, and our medical equipment loan closet.
- **LCSS along with AARP provides** tax assistance at no cost.
- **LCSS collaborates with other organizations** to provide educational programs, support services and social opportunities.

If LCSS is unable to meet a need we will work with a senior to access assistance through other agencies/entities. Our goal is to provide information, facilitate relationships between support systems, encourage continuing community involvement, and to connect seniors with services that will allow seniors to live life on their terms.

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