

## Who is COA?

**The Commission on Aging** was established as an official advisory board of Orange County Government in July 2001. Today, it serves as the link between Orange County Government, its Mayor and Board of County Commissioners, citizens and local agencies providing services to seniors. Initiatives under the Commission on Aging include:

- Counsel for Caregivers monthly seminars
- Commission on Aging e-newsletter
- Elder Ambassador program
- Fraud Protection Resource Guide
- Senior sensitivity training
- Vital Living Block of programming on Orange TV



## ORANGE COUNTY Elder Ambassador Program

### Learn more about the Commission on Aging at:

Website: [www.ocfl.net/seniors](http://www.ocfl.net/seniors)  
Phone: (407) 254-9277  
Email: [OfficeOnAging@ocfl.net](mailto:OfficeOnAging@ocfl.net)

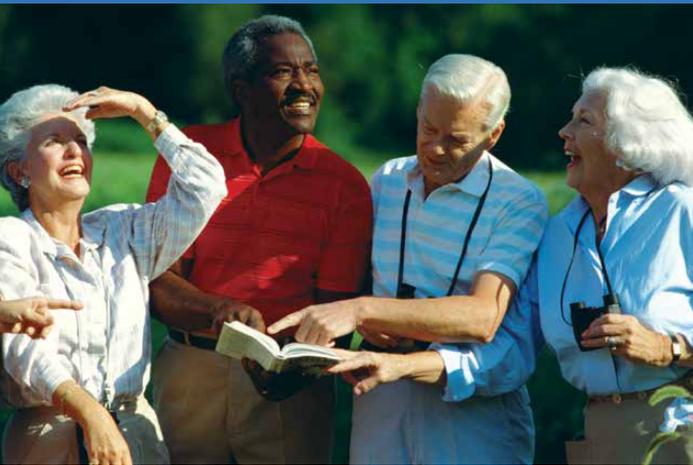
### Other Community Resources:

Elder Helpline – (407) 514-1800  
2-1-1 Helpline – dial “2-1-1”



*A volunteer outreach effort of the Orange County Commission on Aging focused on increasing awareness of the elder services and opportunities in Central Florida*





## History of the Program

**The Elder Ambassador program** is a volunteer outreach effort focused on increasing awareness of elder services and opportunities in Central Florida. It was developed because elder services professionals recognized the knowledge gap that often exists among local residents with many unaware of who to contact for elder services, or where to go to participate in active-aging programming.

This Commission on Aging program addresses this challenge by working with residents dedicated to making Central Florida an elder-friendly community. These local volunteers attend a 3-day core training, periodic training updates, and are provided with educational resources to share with their neighbors, family, and friends.

Through this team of community volunteers, it is hoped that more elders, their caregivers and their families can better connect to resources in Central Florida.

## Types of Educational Outreach

**Elder Ambassador volunteers** share their knowledge by:

- Providing free seminars to faith, civic, homeowner's and other community groups
- Participate as vendors at local resource fairs
- Disseminate resources in the community

**New educational seminars** are developed 3 to 4 times per year! So check back often to learn what aging topics are offered through this series.

**Note:** *Elder ambassadors provide an overview on different aging topics; they cannot recommend specific businesses.*



## How to Request a Speaker

**To invite an Elder Ambassador** to your next meeting or event, contact the Orange County Office on Aging at

Phone: (407) 254-9277

Email: [OfficeonAging@ocfl.net](mailto:OfficeonAging@ocfl.net)

Please allow at least 2 weeks to schedule an available Elder Ambassador for your event.

