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Carroll Selected 2014 OAGE Practitioner of the Year

March 28, 2014, Columbus, Ohio — Franklin County Office on Aging (FCOA) Director, Antonia M. Carroll, has been awarded the 2014 Ohio Association of Gerontology and Education (OAGE) Practitioner of the Year Award. For the tenth year, the Ohio Department of Aging has partnered with OAGE to present this award which recognizes individuals and/or organizations in Ohio's aging network that have improved services to older adults through research or developed noteworthy partnerships for the betterment of Ohio’s older population.

Carroll, FCOA Director since 1984, is being recognized for her work in development and implementation of Franklin County Senior Options (FCSO). Senior Options, funded by a successful senior services levy, serves as both a state and national model for service delivery to older residents of Franklin County. During her tenure, she has established initiatives regarding refugee and immigrant seniors, as well as GLBT seniors. In addition, she has partnered with both Columbus State and The Ohio State University to promote gerontology education in public policy and aging related topics. Carroll is a Licensed Social Worker with a Master's degree in Public Administration from The Ohio State University.

OAGE is a membership organization that serves as a resource to the aging network. As an organization of educators, researchers, practitioners, and students in Ohio, OAGE members are dedicated to gerontology education, research, and practice. The organization supports Ohio’s aging network as a resource for research and practice, and provides professional development opportunities for students, faculty, and practitioners.

FCOA provides centralized access to diverse programs and individualized services for older adults and their families so they can preserve their independence and quality of life. The agency administers Senior Options, the "one stop shopping" point for information and access to senior services. Senior Options helps maintain independence, ensure safety and improve the quality of life by providing community based services to Franklin County residents, age 60 and older.