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FRANKLIN COUNTY ANNOUNCES INTERIM DIRECTOR FOR OFFICE ON AGING

The Franklin County Board of Commissioners announced this morning the appointment of Chanda Wingo to serve as Interim Director of the Franklin County Office on Aging.

“Chanda comes into this role with a wealth of knowledge as a human services leader for the county,” said Deputy County Administrator of Health and Human Services Joy Bivens. “She has a passion in serving our most vulnerable residents and has a proven track record of finding ways to transform, innovate, and improve service delivery for our residents. I’m excited to see what all she can do at the Office on Aging.”

The Franklin County Office on Aging supports older adults, dependent adults, and their family members by providing resources that ensure safe and healthy environments and a responsive community to improve independent living among the county’s aging residents. The agency provides “one-stop shopping” through its Senior Options program for people needing information, advocacy, or access to a wide range of services including adult protective services that prevent, remedy and reduce situations that endanger vulnerable older adults. The agency also provides kinship support to caregivers 55 years of age or older, as well as caregiver support that can assist with a variety of free short-term services.



“I’m humbled to be given this opportunity to lead the Franklin County Office on Aging,” said Wingo. “The dedication and compassion the staff have in serving every senior, every day is contagious. They truly recognize that we are servants of the community and understand the seniors we serve are someone’s parent, neighbor, friend or loved one. I know great things are ahead when an agency leads with its heart.”

Wingo, who previously served as the Assistant Director of Operations for the Office on Aging, has more than 12 years’ experience working for Franklin County Health and Human services agencies. Prior to coming onboard at the Office on Aging, she served as Deputy Director of Customer Service at Franklin County Department of Job and Family Services (FCDJFS) where she was successful transforming, innovating, and improving service delivery for diverse populations of residents in need of support due to poverty.

In addition to her work with FCDJFS, Wingo has been an advocate for changes in policy, processes, and practices as a member of the commissioners’ Racial Equity Council Operations Workgroup. Wingo’s passion and commitment to comprehend barriers to racial equity and execute organizational change has

allowed her to collaborate internally across multiple departments, allowing for the real-time exchange of information, updates, and effective staff training curricula to best serve Franklin County residents.

The Office on Aging, which served just over 10,000 residents in 2021, has nearly 100 employees and is located on the third floor of Memorial Hall located at 280 East Broad Street. To learn more about the Franklin County Office on Aging and the services available, call (614) 525-6200 or visit officeonaging.org.

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