



The Wisdom Collaborative

*A 501 (c) 3 organization
engaging individuals 50 and older
in activities that help
solve issues impacting Lake County.*

WHO WE ARE AND WHAT WE DO:

The Wisdom Collaborative was started by a group of citizens 50 years and older who wanted to offer their professional experience and lifelong learning to help Lake County in whatever ways are needed at any given time. Our purpose is to help solve problems by applying our collective knowledge and connections to each issue and to collaborate with community stakeholders to create a solution. We welcome new members who share our interest and commitment.

WHO WE WORK WITH:

The Collaborative works with all community stakeholders who are involved with or concerned about a particular challenge that exists in Lake County. At any given time, this may include individual citizens; city, county, state and federal governments and services; other nonprofit organizations; and businesses.

For example, our first project has been to work as a community partner of the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Northern District of Ohio and the Cleveland FBI on the [Department of Justice's Elder Justice Initiative](#). The mission of this initiative is to support these agencies' efforts to combat financial fraud and scams that target our nation's seniors. We continue to educate the community and share the latest information on fraud and scams affecting our Lake County citizens.

NEWEST PROJECT: ADDRESSING THE DIGITAL DIVIDE IN LAKE COUNTY

According to the [Council for a Strong America](#), there are nearly a million Ohioans without access to broadband internet at home. [Ready Nation Council for a Strong America](#) states that expanding access to high-speed internet will provide more equitable opportunities for learning and strengthen the future workforce. Computer and internet access are also required for the use of healthcare services, businesses and other community services used by adults of all ages.

Our newest project is to identify the digital gaps in Lake County and to help find ways to connect the dots and facilitate digital inclusion. These areas of need can include hardware (computers, cell phones, tablets), software (apps and platforms) and internet (wifi, cellular) access. We are currently identifying the stakeholders related to this problem who can help us discover areas of need.

**DO YOU KNOW OF A NEED FOR COMPUTER HARDWARE, SOFTWARE OR INTERNET ACCESS
IN LAKE COUNTY?**

DO YOU HAVE A COMMUNITY-WIDE CONCERN WE SHOULD KNOW ABOUT?

DO YOU WISH TO JOIN US?

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