

## Press Release

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***Vancouver, Washington: Arnold Dyer appointed to Area Agency on Aging & Disabilities of Southwest Washington advisory council.***

Arnold “Arnie” Dyer has been appointed to the advisory council of the Area Agency on Aging & Disabilities of Southwest Washington (AAADSW), representing Clark County. Mr. Dyer is a longtime Clark County resident and a retired school teacher.

The Area Agency on Aging & Disabilities of Southwest Washington is a State-appointed public agency whose mission is to promote independence, choice, well-being, and dignity for persons aged 60 and over, adults with disabilities, and their families through a comprehensive, coordinated system of home and community-based services. The Agency’s Advisory Council is made up of six members from Clark County and three members from each of the other four counties it serves.

Mr. Dyer has a long history of working with and for seniors in his community. While working for the City of Vancouver in the 1970s, Mr. Dyer helped start the first home-delivered meal program in Clark County. He later served as the director of the Retired Senior Volunteer program where he worked closely with social services agencies around the County.

After retiring from a full-time teaching career, including seventeen years at Evergreen High School, Mr. Dyer helped develop the Where Do We Grow From Here program, focusing on a different definition of retirement and encouraging retirees to stay actively engaged in their communities. He also wrote a regular column in The Senior Messenger on a more complete definition of retirement, and volunteered as a Lunch Buddy and classroom tutor at Hough Elementary, Harney Elementary and McLoughlin Middle School. In addition, Mr. Dyer has served on the boards of several local non-profit agencies including Columbia River Mental Health, Campfire, Seafarer’s Center, and Carter Park Neighborhood association, among others.

Mr. Dyer feels his experience working with so many diverse groups in the community and bringing people together to work on a common goal prepares him to work successfully with the Advisory Council.

“I know from experience that AAADSW has long been a leader in the field with forward looking, effective programs. I would like to help continue that tradition and help develop even more ways to engage seniors in the community.”

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The Area Agency on Aging & Disabilities of Southwest Washington is a multi-service public agency providing assistance to the elderly and disabled of Clark, Cowlitz, Klickitat, Skamania and Wahkiakum counties. Requests for information, assistance and general inquiries may be directed to (360) 735-5721.

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