Older Missourians are just ONE INCIDENT AWAY from hospitalization, nursing home placement, and the loss of lifetime resources.

Did you know Area Agencies on Aging provide options? Support the Senior Services Growth and Development Bill.
ONE INCIDENT AWAY ...

We’re Here to Lend a Listening Ear.

John and Anna, a couple in their 80's, visited their local Area Agency on Aging. Anna was crying because she could not find her little girls. John shook his head and said "Our girls are adults now, but she still thinks they are children. She won't stop crying. I just don't know what to do for her.” John was beside himself.

Care Coordinator Denise complimented Anna on her beautiful pink dress. Anna stopped crying, turned to her spouse and said "Let this lady talk.”

John said Anna had been in three different facilities and at one of the facilities she had walked off several times. At the last facility, Anna had fallen multiple times so they brought her home. John placed no blame on the facility because since coming home he realized how unsteady she was on her feet at times. She liked to wander at night, making it difficult to keep up with her. Their daughters were looking for a place that had a security wing but they both worked and had limited time to search.

John kept repeating "I just never expected this to happen.” Denise was able to talk him through lists of long-term care facilities and offer caregiving options to help them manage life at home.

Anna, in her beautiful pink dress, smiled and patted Denise’s arm as she walked out the door. John reached with one hand for a tissue to wipe away his tears and extended the other thanking her for her help and guidance. It was Denise’s reassurance and listening ear that they needed most.

Your Area Agency on Aging in Missouri has expert help.

“We want to be here when you need us.”