



Office of the State Long Term Care Ombudsman

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Long Term Care Ombudsman Program Seeks Volunteer Ombudsman

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New York State Long Term Care Ombudsman Program for Chemung, Schuyler and Tompkins Counties is in need of volunteers to join a team of advocates for residents living in nursing homes, assisted living, and adult care communities.

Ombudsmen advocate for all individuals living in long term care communities by empowering and educating, protecting rights, preserving dignity, and ensuring respect. Trained volunteers make weekly visits to assigned long term care facilities to listen to residents and ensure their rights.

We are accepting applications for an **April 2016 NYS Certification Training, to be held at the Tompkins County Office for the Aging in Ithaca, NY.** If you are over 21 years old and sensitive to the needs of older adults, please call **607-274-5498** or email smotheral@tompkins-co.org for information about the application process. The final date for accepting applications is **March 23, 2016.**