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NURSING HOME OMBUDSMEN NEEDED *Ombudsmen Are Advocates for Residents of Long-Term Care Facilities*

The County of San Diego Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program is looking for volunteers to help safeguard the rights of residents in nursing homes and board and care facilities. A free training course for volunteer ombudsmen will be held in September.

Ombudsman volunteers advocate for the quality of life and quality of care for long-term care residents. They also maintain a regular presence in more than 675 skilled nursing facilities and residential care facilities for the elderly in San Diego County.

Volunteers must successfully complete a 40-hour training course, 10 hours of fieldwork and be available five hours per week to be recommended for state certification as a Long-Term Care Ombudsman.

Orientation sessions will be held from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 11, and from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 13, in the Kearny Mesa area. The 40-hour training course will be held from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from Sept. 8 to 23.

To register for the orientation and training or to obtain additional information, call (858) 560-2507 or (800) 640-4661.

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