



# The National Long-Term Care Ombudsman Resource Center

## ***Advocating for LGBT Long-Term Care Consumers: Resources for Long-Term Care Ombudsmen***

***October 13, 2011  
3:00-4:15 pm Eastern***

## **WEBINAR SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES**

### ***ERIC M. CARLSON***

Eric Carlson, an attorney for the National Senior Citizens Law Center (NSCLC), has specialized in long-term care since 1990. His fields of expertise include facility-based long-term care (nursing homes and assisted living facilities), along with community-based services and the Medicaid programs that help pay for them. He counsels attorneys and others from across the country, and co-counsels cases on behalf of consumers. Mr. Carlson is the author of numerous publications and articles, including the legal treatise *Long Term Care Advocacy* (Matthew Bender and Co.) and the consumer guide *20 Common Nursing Home Problems, and How to Resolve Them*. He serves as President of the Assisted Living Consumer Alliance and as Vice-Chair of the Leadership Council for the National Consumer Voice for Quality Long-Term Care.

### ***HILARY MEYER***

Hilary Meyer is the Director of the National Resource Center on LGBT Aging, the country's only resource center focused on improving the quality of services and supports offered to lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender older adults nationwide. Funded by an historic grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and the Administration on Aging (AoA), the Resource Center on LGBT Aging was created by Services & Advocacy for GLBT Elders (SAGE) in partnership with 10 national organizations with expertise in a wide range of areas, including mainstream aging, LGBT aging, cultural competency and program evaluation.

### ***JENNIFER A. SOLMS***

Jennifer Solms has been an Assisted Living Ombudsman with DRCOG for over 5 years. She previously worked as a case manager coordinating in-home services for people living with mental illness in the Denver area. Jennifer holds a master's degree in social work and a bachelor's degree in psychology. She created the Denver Metro Area Resource Guide for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Elders in partnership with The Center. She also provides training to senior providers on providing sensitive and competent care to LGBT elders. Jennifer is a member of the Denver County Adult Protection Review team and the Single Entry Point Advisory Committee at Longterm Care Options.



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Sue lives in an independent living setting in a continuing care community in Colorado. Her partner lives in the memory care unit of the same community.