

**Public Service Announcement**  
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**Volunteer Advocates Needed for Ombudservice Program**

The Family Service League's Ombudservice Program of Suffolk County is seeking volunteers to train as advocates for Nursing Home, Adult Home, and Assisted Living Facility residents. Trained volunteers visit residents once a week to help improve the quality of their lives and to ensure that their rights are protected. Ombudsperson candidates will need to complete 36 hours of training to earn the necessary certification. The next training session will be held in April. If you would like to become an Ombudsperson, or are interested in receiving more information about the program, please call Judy Wirkula at (631) 427-3700, ext. 240.