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Salt Lake County Aging Services, Ombudsman Program

Is Dignity Important to you? It is to the Elderly, too!

There are over 5,000 older adults currently living in long-term care facilities in Salt Lake County. Sixty percent of those frail adults do not have any family support. Who will be their advocates to assure they receive quality care and continue to be recognized as individuals if they don't have family support?

The Salt Lake County Ombudsman Program is mandated by both the federal and state government to provide advocacy to this frail population of our community. Ombudsmen investigate, mediate, and resolve issues pertaining to the elderly living in long-term care.

If you care about Salt Lake County's senior population and would like to make a difference in your community call **Laura or Jamie**, Salt Lake County Ombudsman Volunteer Coordinator, at **(801) 468-2853** for an interview.

The Salt Lake County Ombudsman Program provides excellent training and supervision. Bring your desire to serve, the skills you've developed throughout your life, and join us for an experience that will improve the quality of life for older adults. Upon successful completion of the Ombudsman Training program, volunteers are certified by the State of Utah as a long-term care ombudsman.

Training begins January 23, 2004.