

ULSTER COUNTY NEWS

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Ulster County Office For The Aging & "Hands On" Seek Ombudsman Volunteers

Susan Zimet, Chairman of the Arts, Education, Tourism and Community Relations

Committee and Anne Cardinale, Director of the Ulster County Office for the Aging join together to announce that the Hudson Valley is seeking community volunteers to be advocates for residents in Ulster County and other local Nursing Homes and Adult Homes.

Please consider becoming a certified Ombudsman volunteer. Ombudsmen are trained to investigate and resolve concerns that affect our elderly.

- OMBUDSMAN VOLUNTEERS are certified by the New York State Office for the Aging and receive 36 hours of FREE training which includes Medicare/Medicaid fraud & abuse education.
- Visit and advocate for residents of long-term care facilities, informing them of their rights & resolving concerns confidentially.

Training sessions for Ulster, Dutchess and Columbia Counties will be held May 7, 11, 14, 16, 21 and 23, from 9 AM – 4 PM. Interested community members, please call (845) 452-5600 Ext. 101. Registration is limited. You may also contact the Ulster County Office for the Aging with any questions at: (845) 340-3456.