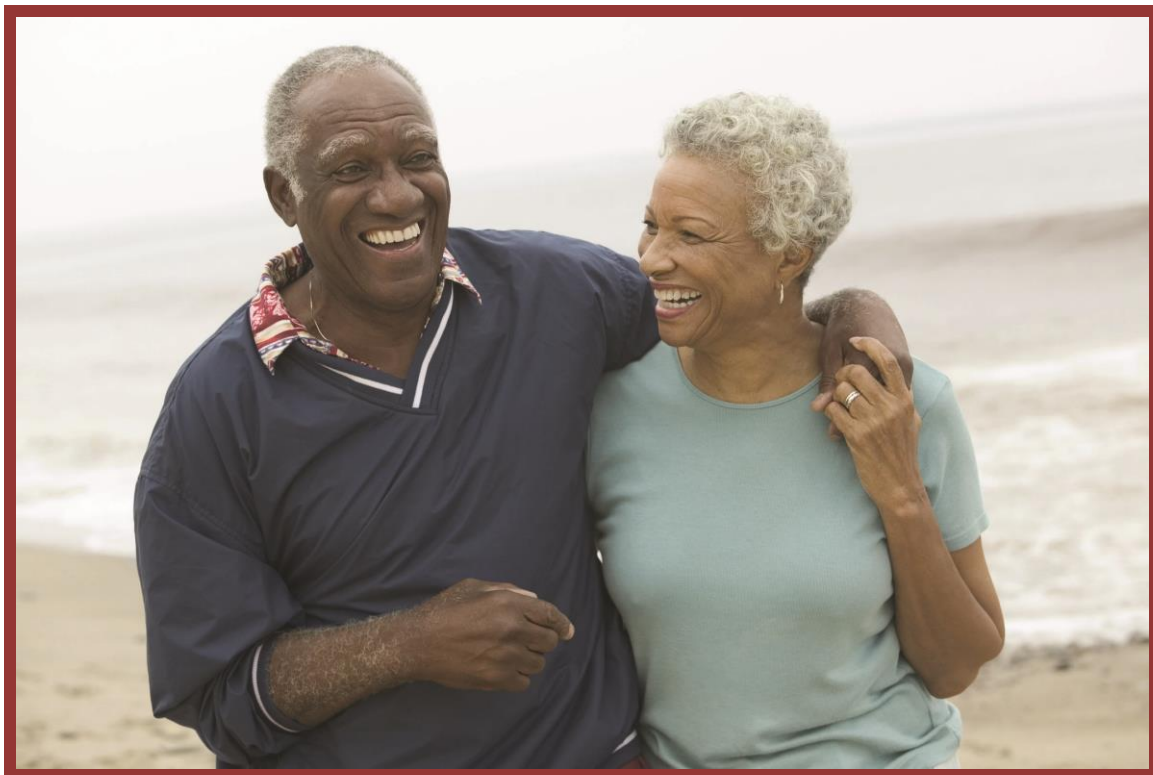


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# Quick Guide to Aging Resources

## Information & Assistance

**Free Language Assistance is available at 1-800-342-9871**

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**Fax 315- 435-3129**

Weekdays 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

421 Montgomery Street

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Syracuse, NY 13202

The Office for the Aging provides information on community services available to older adults in Onondaga County.

**Office for Aging Mission:** To support a comprehensive system of services for senior citizens, caregivers and families through advocacy, planning, coordination, direct services and program funding. Their services are helping families and individuals remain safe and productive members of their communities, building a stronger Onondaga County for all of us.

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**<http://www.aging.ny.gov>**

**Senior Citizen's Helpline: 1-800-342-9871**

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**Fax (518) 474-1398**

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Albany, NY 12223-1251

**NYS Office for the Aging Mission** is to help older New Yorkers be as independent as possible for as long as possible through advocacy, development and delivery of person-centered, consumer-oriented, and cost-effective policies, programs and services which support and empower older adults and their families, in partnership with the network of public and private organizations which serve them.

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**Eldercare Locator**

**<http://www.eldercare.gov>**

**1-800-677-1116 (Toll free number)**

**Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. Eastern Time**

This is a nationwide directory assistance service designed to help older persons and caregivers locate local support resources for aging Americans. Please have the following information ready: county and city, name or zip code and a brief description of problem. The Eldercare Locator is a public service of the Administration on Aging and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

**Call 2-1-1 (Formerly Helpline)**  
24-Hour Health and Human Services Information  
[www.211cny.com](http://www.211cny.com)

## **Emergency Services**

For **Elder Abuse** Emergencies Call:

**Call 9-1-1** for a life threatening emergency

### **Adult Protective Services**

<http://www.ongov.net/adult/protective.html>

315- 435-2815

Weekdays 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

421 Montgomery Street, John H. Mulroy Civic Center -  
5th Floor, Syracuse, NY 13202

### **Vera House**

[www.verahouse.org](http://www.verahouse.org)

24-Hour Crisis & Support Line 315- 468-3260

TTY (Hearing Impaired) Crisis Line 315- 484-7263

### **Hiscock Legal Aid Society**

<https://www.hiscocklegalaid.org>

Phone: 315- 422-8191

Fax: 315- 472-2819

351 South Warren St. Syracuse, NY 13202

Mon: 9:30 – 11:00 am & Tues, Wed & Thurs: 1:30 – 3:00 pm

**Domestic Violence Project** - The purpose of the Domestic Violence Project is to provide complete legal representation in civil cases for qualified domestic violence victims in Onondaga County, obtaining permanent solutions to end violence in the home.

### **The CONTACT Hotline**

315- 251-0600 Counseling, Crisis and Suicide Hotline

Crisis Chat: [Contactsyracuse.org](http://Contactsyracuse.org)

## Neighborhood Advisors

### Neighborhood Advisor Program - Onondaga County Office for Aging 315- 435-2362

**Neighborhood Advisors** are trained Senior Services Professionals. They assist older adults in obtaining the services they need in order to remain independent in their home setting. They:

- Promote awareness of community services
- Make referrals and connect older adults with services
- Follow-up to ensure that the services have been received

These services are *free and confidential*. Appointments are available in the senior's home or at a senior or community center.

A Neighborhood Advisor can help you:

Complete medical applications and other forms. Locate needed services, such as:

- Health Care
- Legal Advice
- Transportation
- Housing
- Nutrition and Exercise
- Socialization
- Caregiver Information

Provide information about income stretching programs such as:

- Social Security Income
- SNAP (Food Stamps)
- Employment
- EPIC and Home Energy Assistance
- Program (HEAP)
- IT-214 Form/• Property Tax Reduction

## Food and Nutrition

The **Senior Nutrition Program**, funded by the Administration of Community Living, New York State Office for Aging and Onondaga County Office for Aging, provides city and county residents age 60 and over, with nutritious meals that meet the standards of the Dietary Guidelines for Americans and provides a minimum of one-third of the Dietary Reference Intakes (DRIs) for each meal.

Registered Dietitians/Diet Technicians (RD/DTR) conduct unannounced visits at each of the preparation kitchens and dining sites in order to ensure that each facility is in compliance with the federal, state and county health code standards. They also provide food safety in-service training for the kitchen and site staff and are responsible for the oversight of customer satisfaction surveys.

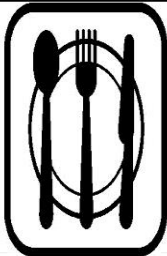
RD/DTRs also provide nutrition education, nutrition risk screening and nutrition counseling.

Well-balanced nutritious meals are served up to five days per week at **Senior Dining Sites** and through various **Home Delivered Meals** providers.

Seniors have the opportunity to give a suggested contribution towards the cost of the meal. No eligible participant is denied a meal due to inability or unwillingness to contribute towards the cost of the meal. Voluntary contributions provide additional funding to provide more meals for seniors, especially those in need. Each client's contribution is **voluntary and confidential**.

**Reservations are requested.** Please call the dining site you wish to attend for reservations.

## Senior Dining Sites



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## Senior Dining Site Information

Four local agencies prepare nutritious meals for Onondaga County residents age 60 and older. All agencies are ServSafe® certified in food safety through the National Restaurant Association Foundation. A suggested meal contribution of \$3.00 (Kosher - \$4.00/Lunch, \$5.00/Dinner) is returned to the program to help support meal costs and expand services. No one is turned away due to an unwillingness or inability to pay. **Please call the site for reservations.**

<b>P.E.A.C.E. Inc.</b>	<b>315-470-3331</b>	<b>Meal Times</b>
Bob Cecile Senior Center, 176 W Seneca Turnpike	315-473-2678	Monday - Friday Noon
Brighton Towers Apartments, 821 Brighton Ave.	315-424-1831	Tuesday & Thursday Noon
Camillus Senior Center, 27 First Street, Camillus	315-672-3163	Monday - Friday Noon
Canton Woods Senior Center, 76 Canton St, Baldwinsville	315-638-4536	Monday, Wednesday, Friday Noon
Cicero Senior Center, 5924 Lathrop Road, Cicero	315-452-3298	Monday, Tues., Thursday, Friday Noon
Dewitt Community Center, 148 Sanders Creek Parkway	315-446-9250 x127	Tuesday - Wednesday Noon
Dunbar Center, 1453 South State Street	315-760-3155	Monday, Wednesday, Friday Noon
Eastside Family Resource Center, 202 S Beech Street	315-470-3325	Wednesday & Friday Noon
Eastwood Senior Center, 401 S Midler Avenue	315-437-4011	Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday Noon
Fay Road Baptist Church, 750 Fay Road	315-468-2071	Tuesday Noon (Closed Summers)
Foster Grandparents, Eastwood Sr. Ctr., 401 S. Midler Ave.	315-437-4011	Monthly
Heman Street, 121 Heman Street, East Syracuse	315-952-0038	Monday & Wednesday Noon
Huntington Family Center, 405 Gifford St. Syracuse	315-476-3157	Monday - Friday Noon
Jordan Elbridge Comm.Ctr, 238 E. Main St. Rte 31, Jordan	315-689-3431	Fri. & Every 2nd, 3rd, 4th Tues., Noon
Limestone Community Center, 7626 Highbridge Rd, Manlius	315-637-5188	Monday & Wednesday Noon
Liverpool Methodist Church, 604 Oswego Street	315-457-5180	Monday Noon
Magnarelli Center @ McChesney Park, 2308 Grant Blvd	315-473-2673	Mon & Wed Noon
Marcellus U Methodist Church, 1 Slocombe Ave., Marcellus	315-673-2533	Thursday Noon
Meadows Apartments, 3490 Meadowbriar Lane, B'ville	315-635-6125	Tuesday & Thursday Noon
Norstar Apts Comm Room, 4784 Norstar Boulevard, Clay	315-457-4777	Thursday & Friday Noon
N. Syracuse Community Ctr, 700 South Bay Rd, N. Syr.	315-458-4763	First Thursday Noon
Onondaga Senior Center, 4834 Velasko Road	315-469-3464	Monday - Thursday Noon

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<b>P.E.A.C.E Inc.</b>	<b>315-470-3331</b>	<b>Meal Times</b>
Providence House Apartments, 1700 W Onondaga Street	315-424-1804	Monday - Friday Noon
Ross Towers, 710-712 Lodi Street	315-473-8506	Monday, Wednesday, Friday Noon
Salina Civic Center, 2826 Lemoyne Avenue	315-424-1810	Monday - Friday Noon
Skaneateles Comm. Center, 97 State St., Skaneateles	315-685-5607	Wednesday Noon
Solvay Masonic, 780 Woods Road, Solvay	315-487-0596	Monday Noon
Toomey Abbott Towers, 1207 Almond Street	315-428-0180	Tuesday & Thursday Noon
Town of Clay Senior Center, 4948 County Route 31	315-652-3800	Wednesday Noon (Closed Summers)
Tully United Comm. Church, 5872 Meetinghouse Rd, Tully	315-696-8066	Tuesday Noon
United Church of Christ, 215 Blackberry Road, Liverpool	315-652-6789	Friday Noon
Villa Scalabrini Apartments, 825 East Willow Street	315-472-3142	Tuesday & Thursday Noon
Vinette Towers, 907 Pond St.	315-473-8504	Tuesday, Thursday & Friday Noon
Westcott Community Center, 826 Euclid Avenue	315-478-8634	Monday - Friday Noon

<b>Native Elders</b>	<b>315-469-6462</b>	<b>Meal Times</b>
Valley Vista Apartments, 122 W. Seneca Turnpike	315-469-4100	Wednesday Noon

<b>Salvation Army</b>	<b>315-479-1309</b>	<b>Meal Times</b>
Senior Adult Center, 749 S Warren Street	No reservation required	Monday - Friday Breakfast & Lunch

<b>Jewish Community Senior Center</b>	<b>315-445-2360</b>	<b>Meal Times</b>
5655 Thompson Rd, Dewitt (Kosher meals)	Reservations required	Monday - Friday Noon Summers Monday @ 5 PM

Informational programs on a variety of topics such as health and wellness, housing, financial and legal matters are often offered along with the meal in a friendly social setting. Senior Dining is sponsored by the Onondaga County Department of Adult & Long Term Care Services, the New York State Office for the Aging and the US Administration on Aging.

Prepared by the Onondaga County Office for Aging  
315-435-2362 <http://www.ongov.net/aging/nutrition.html>



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## Home Delivered Meals

The Home Delivered Nutrition Services Program provides meals and related nutrition services to older individuals who are homebound. The Home Delivered Meals Program is a primary access point for other home and community-based services. This program serves frail, homebound or isolated individuals who are age 60 or over, and in some cases, their caregivers, spouses, and/or persons with disabilities. The program provides much more than food; it provides a wholesome meal plus a safety check.

Meals On Wheels (MOW) Programs: Meals on Wheels of Eastern Onondaga County, Inc., Kosher Meals on Wheels, Meals on Wheels of Syracuse, Inc., and North Area Meals on Wheels, contract with our office to provide meals to those who are at risk of poor nutrition. MOW also recruits the more than 1,000 volunteers needed to prepare and deliver the meals. Comprehensive in-home assessments are conducted in order to link clients with additional services, as needed.

Clients are asked to make a voluntary contribution to help defray the cost of meals. The suggested voluntary contribution is \$4.00 per day for the two meals or \$20.00 per week. The actual cost of food preparation and delivery is approximately \$7.50 a day. Any contribution is gratefully accepted; no client is turned away due to an inability or unwillingness to contribute.

**Onondaga County Office for Aging contracts with the following programs to deliver meals to the homebound:**

**Meals on Wheels of Eastern Onondaga County, Inc.**

Phone: 315- 637-5446 Fax: 315- 637-5446 (Call first before faxing) P.O. Box 72, Manlius, NY 13104. Serves: Bridgeport, DeWitt, East Syracuse/Minoa, Fayetteville, Jamesville, Kirkville, Manlius, Pompey, Tully/Lafayette Area  
Email:fmjdmealsonwheels@verizon.net <http://www.fm-jdmealsonwheels.com/>

**Kosher Meals on Wheels**

Phone: 315- 446-9111 ext. 230 Fax: 315- 446-1537 4101 East Genesee St, Syracuse, NY 13214. Serves those who require Kosher. Email: [hackz@sjfs.org](mailto:hackz@sjfs.org)

**Meals on Wheels of Syracuse, Inc.**

Phone: 315- 478-5948 Fax: 315- 478-6770

300 Burt St., Syracuse, NY 13202

Serves: City of Syracuse, Jordan/Elbridge, Onondaga Nation, Nedrow, Skaneateles

[www.meals.org](http://www.meals.org) , Email: mkaufman@meals.org

**North Area Meals on Wheels, Inc.**

Phone: 315- 452-1402 Fax 315- 452-1402 (Call first before faxing)

413 Church Street, North Syracuse, NY 13212

Serves: Cicero & North Syracuse school district, Brewerton, Town of Clay and

Town of Salina south of John Glenn Blvd. [www.namow.org](http://www.namow.org) Email:

northareamow@verizon.net

**Other meals on wheels programs in Onondaga County provide meals on a private pay basis:**

**Baldwinsville Meals on Wheels**

Phone: 315- 638-2171

76 Canton St., Baldwinsville, NY 13027

Serves: Towns of Lysander and Van Buren; Town of Salina north of John Glenn

Bldv. Email: ladydm13@yahoo.com

**East Syracuse Meals on Wheels**

Phone: 315- 463-5972

First United Church of East Syracuse, Franklin Park Drive, East Syracuse, NY 13057

Mail to: 111 Fremont Rd., East Syracuse, NY 13057

Serves: East Syracuse and Minoa

**ECHO Meals on Wheels West**

Phone: 315- 487-2878

4600 W. Genesee St., Syracuse, NY 13219

Serves: Camillus, Geddes, Marcellus, Onondaga and Solvay

## Free Meal Sites

You may go to a meal site without a reservation. All ages are welcome.

### **Assumption Daily Sandwich Program/Soup Kitchen**

810 N. Salina St., Syracuse, NY 13208

Lunch Monday-Sunday 11:00 am to 1:00 pm

Dinner Monday-Friday 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

### **Hopps Memorial Church Soup Kitchen** 1110 South State St., Syr., NY 13202

Lunch Wednesday-Friday 11:30 am

### **New Salem Missionary Baptist** 516 South Ave., Syracuse, NY 13204

Lunch Tuesday & Thursday 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm

### **Payton Temple Soup Kitchen** 1816 Midland Ave., Syracuse, NY 13205

Lunch Saturday 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm

### **Rescue Mission Soup Kitchen** 120 Gifford Street, Syracuse NY 13202

Breakfast Monday-Friday 7:30 am to 8:30 am

Lunch Friday-Sunday 1:30 pm to 2:30 pm

Dinner Monday-Thursday 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm Except Holidays

### **Samaritan Center** 215 North State St., Syracuse, NY 13203

Breakfast Monday-Friday 7:30 am to 8:30 am

Afternoon Meal Monday-Thursday 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm

Friday/Weekends/Holidays 1:30 pm to 2:30 pm

### **Southside Church of Christ Soup Kitchen** 1327 W. Colvin St., Syr., NY 13207

Lunch Saturday 11:30 am to 2:00 pm

### **St. Lucy's** 432 Gifford Street, Syracuse, NY 13204

Lunch Wednesday 11:00 am to 1:00 pm

## **Food Pantries**

Food Pantries provide a limited amount of groceries to be prepared at home. Although pantries serve eligible clients without discrimination, they may limit the number of times a household may receive assistance. There is no guarantee that pantry assistance will be available at any given time. If you need a referral to a nearby food pantry, please contact the **Interreligious Food Consortium** weekdays at 315-474-8855 between the hours of 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Their website is: [www.ifccny.org](http://www.ifccny.org).

### **Food Bank of Central New York 315- 437-1899**

7066 Interstate Island Rd, Syracuse, NY 13209 <http://www.foodbankcny.org>  
The core of their work is achieved by partnering with local partner agencies that distribute food to families in need. The key partners that make up their emergency food network are food pantries, soup kitchens and emergency shelters. Other not-for-profit agencies such as day care centers, rehabilitation centers, senior centers and group homes are able to utilize membership as a way to supplement their agency food needs.

Food Bank is committed to providing a wide variety of nutritious food. They are able to complement donated food with food they purchase for their inventory. Due to their vendor agreements, they are able to purchase large amounts of high-demand foods and offer these foods to their agencies at cost. Food Bank maintains an inventory of 100 core food items available to programs at all times.

They rely on food donations from food manufacturers, grocers, wholesalers, businesses and individuals to supplement their food inventory and these donations help to stretch their member programs' food budgets and enhance their inventories. Additionally, The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) provides commodity foods, meats, vegetables and fruits to the Food Bank for the emergency food programs.

### **Fresh Food Distributions**

Fresh Food Distributions are open to the public. All food is given away in a fair and non-discriminatory way. No one is charged for food or required to work. Contact the Food Bank of Central New York by phone at 315-437-1899 or Toll-free at 1-800-444-1562 for information on locations.

## **Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Formerly Food Stamps**

The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) issues monthly electronic benefits that can be used like cash to purchase food at authorized retail food stores. Eligibility and benefit levels are based on household size, income and other factors.

### **SNAP Benefits**

SNAP can help you put healthy food on the table. SNAP monthly benefits can be used to purchase food at authorized retail food stores. SNAP benefits help low-income working people, seniors, the disabled and others feed their families.

### **SNAP Eligibility**

Eligibility is based on income. If your income is less than or equal to the amounts in the charts supplied (based on your family size), you may be eligible for SNAP benefits.

### **How to apply for SNAP**

Applying for SNAP benefits starts with an application. If you live in Onondaga County, you can apply at: **Social Services-Economic Security**, John H. Mulroy Civic Center, 2nd Floor, 421 Montgomery Street, Syracuse, NY 13202. **Hours: 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM (Monday-Friday) Phone: 315- 435-2700.**

**Online:** You can file an application online at [www.mybenefits.ny.gov](http://www.mybenefits.ny.gov). The completed online Supplemental Nutrition Assistance application will be sent to the agency and you will be screened for expedited Supplemental Nutrition Assistance within five days and have a scheduled phone interview to determine eligibility.

**By Telephone:** You can request an application by calling 315- 435-2700. We will mail you an application and you can either return it by mail or drop it off in-person. You will need to be interviewed and the interview can be done by telephone or in-person whichever you prefer.

**In-person:** You can apply at 2nd floor Civic Center, TA/SNAP Intake, 421 Montgomery Street, and they will give you an application. You can submit it that day as long as you have filled in your name, address, telephone number (if you

have one) and signed the application. They will give you an appointment for a future interview which can be done by telephone or in-person.

You are responsible to complete your application completely and truthfully. At application, periodic report and recertification you must report ALL employment income and any unearned income such as Disability Benefits, Child Support, Unemployment Benefits and Lottery Winnings. If your household currently has no income and you receive a change in income, you must report the changes within 10 days after the end of the month in which the change happened.

The information and proof that you provide when applying for or while receiving SNAP must be correct, complete and accurate. If you intentionally provide false, incomplete or inaccurate information or proof, you could be disqualified from the program and possibly subject to criminal prosecution. If you are eligible for and receive SNAP benefits, you can only use them to purchase food for your household. You cannot exchange them for cash, drugs, alcohol, tobacco products or firearms or you could be disqualified from the program.

### **What to Expect**

If you do qualify, you will receive your Supplemental Nutrition Assistance benefits no later than 30 days from the date the office got your application. Your Supplemental Nutrition Assistance benefits will be issued electronically at a participating grocery store.

### **It's Easier to Use SNAP Benefits**

SNAP Benefits are provided through an electronic benefit card, similar to a bank debit card or credit card. This process is called Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT). If you are eligible, you will be issued an EBT card, an account will automatically be set up for you, and every month your benefits will automatically be deposited into your account. Your EBT card and Personal Identification Number (PIN) are used to pay for your food at authorized retail food stores and participating Farmers' Markets.

## **Nutrition Outreach & Education Program (NOEP)**

**315- 437-1899 Extension 224**

NOEP provides free and confidential prescreening for the SNAP Program. This is a free federal program operated in Onondaga County by the Food Bank of Central New York, 7066 Interstate Island Road, Syracuse, NY 13209  
[www.foodbankcny.org](http://www.foodbankcny.org).

NOEP's primary focus is increasing participation in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). SNAP is our nation's first line of defense against hunger, stretching the monthly food budgets of all who meet program guidelines. Participants use an electronic benefits transfer (EBT) card to buy food from local stores and farmers' markets. NOEP works to increase participation in the School Breakfast Program and the Summer Food Service Program, which provide nutritious meals to school-aged children.

### **NOEP Coordinators:**

- Promote SNAP
- Help applicants gather and copy the necessary documents for application
- Offer translation services, home visits, and in-person or over-the-phone assistance for applicants who need individualized help
- Work closely with local government offices to ensure that each application is processed correctly
- Identify and remedy barriers to SNAP participation
- Refer households to other nutrition assistance programs and community resources
- Collaborate with an array of local service providers



## Food \$en\$ - Food Bank of Central New York

[www.foodbankcny.org](http://www.foodbankcny.org) 7066 Interstate Island Road, Syracuse, NY 13209  
315- 437-1899

What is it?

Food \$en\$ offers the opportunity to stretch your food budget by purchasing quality food at a discount. No donated food is used in this program.

Who is eligible?

Anyone who needs to stretch their food dollars can participate. It's a buying club- you are not required to show proof of income.

How does it work?

It's simple. Call or visit the nearest site in your county, order and pay in advance. Cost is \$15.50 per unit. Cash or EBT cards are accepted (No checks). Packages are picked up near the end of the month at your local site.

What is in a unit?

10-12 food items including fresh fruits & vegetables, meats and grocery staples.

Syracuse	Huntington Family Center 405 Gifford St.	315- 410-0308
Syracuse	St. Mark's Church 1612 West Genesee St.	315- 488-8511
Baldwinsville	Canton Woods Senior Center 76 Canton St.	315- 638-4536
Mattydale	Salina Civic Center 2826 Lemoyne Ave	315- 424-1810 x11
Dewitt	People in Action 5400 Butternut Dr.	315- 446-9250 x127
Tully	St. Leo's Church 10 Onondaga St.	315- 696-5092

## **Shopping Services**

Check with local grocery stores in your area about shopping options.

### **Break of Day Concierge & Errand Service 315-380-2557**

Errands such as shopping. Light housework. Meal preparation. Computer help. Pet Taxi/Pet Sitting. Home safety checks.

### **Dominick's Market, 139 Gertrude Street, Syracuse, NY 13203 315-474-0012**

Will deliver groceries in Onondaga County. Monday through Friday. There is a \$7.00 minimum delivery fee and at least \$25.00 in groceries must be purchased. You must call before 11:00 a.m. to put your name on list. You will receive a call back; same day grocery delivery.

### **Kinney Drug Stores**

Offer delivery, within five miles of the store you call, of anything they sell in their store for a \$2.00 delivery fee. The stores carry many grocery staples and cleaning products, etc. They also offer FREE delivery of prescriptions. You must live within 5 miles of the store you call.

### **Nichols Supermarket 327 1st St, Liverpool, NY 13088 315-487-4321 Dan Turo**

Will deliver to Syracuse, North Syracuse and Liverpool. Email or call orders into Dan Turo and he will deliver to your home. \$18 minimum delivery.

### **Senior Companion 315-708-9239**

Shopping Services. Light housekeeping. Meal Preparation. Errands. Companions.

**Shop-4-U Grocery Shopping Service**  
**8894 Hills Road Manlius, NY 13104**  
**315- 655-4378**

This is a grocery shopping service that takes phone orders for next day delivery. Call for a fee schedule, which is based on the grocery total. Payment is made upon delivery of groceries. The customer is charged for the groceries and delivery fee. They accept cash, personal check, and in certain instances will make billing arrangements. All seniors over age 60 receive a 10% discount on the delivery fee.

**Syracuse Jewish Family Service at Menorah Park**  
Hodes Way, 4101 East Genesee Street, Syracuse,  
NY 13214  
**315-446-9111 x231**

Serving Our Seniors (SOS) provides grocery shopping, basic errand services and transportation (with or without a patient advocate) to local medical appointments. Call for fee schedule and details.

**Serving Seniors Inc.**  
**315- 382-4300**

Serves Onondaga County residents. Will escort, ambulatory individuals shopping, or shop for them. Will run errands; will assist with light housekeeping, phone calls, paperwork etc. Charges \$22-\$25/hour.

**Tyme Savers Concierge Services**

This program is offered to seniors, age 60 or older, or the disabled who are homebound and unable to find assistance for grocery shopping. The service will also pick up prescriptions if they are at the same grocery store.

Eligibility: Onondaga County residents

Application Process: Call the Onondaga County Office for Aging at 315-435-2362.

Fees: No cost for qualifying individuals; call for information. This is not an income-based program.

# Housing

## Home Safety Checklist

This checklist contains suggestions to make a house or apartment safer. It is a useful tool to determine needs for home repairs or modifications.

### Bathroom

- Grab bars outside and inside the tub or shower
- Grab bars next to the toilet seat. Toilet seats can be elevated with extensions
- Non-skid rubber mats in tub/shower. Non-skid backing on bathroom rugs

### Kitchen

- Place food and appliances on shelves within reach
- Fix or discard pots and pans with loose handles
- Discard very heavy or unmanageable pots and pans
- Place pot handles inward to avoid bumping/spilling
- Clearly indicate hot and cold handles and off-position on oven and burners

### Throughout The House

- Secure scatter rugs to avoid slipping
- Secure loose electrical wires or cables to avoid tripping
- Arrange furniture for easy passage
- Remove all clutter
- Place light switches and fixtures at room entrances
- Install night lights to make it easier to get to the bathroom at night
- Install good lighting in halls and by staircases
- Replace steps with ramps. Make living space available on first floor
- Repair holes and tears in carpeting
- Repair loose steps. Avoid wearing long robes
- Make sure faucet fixtures operate easily
- Have portable or extension phones
- Install peep holes. Make sure windows and doors can be closed securely
- Install smoke detectors. Replace frayed or broken cords and plugs
- Keep space heaters away from drapes, bedding and clothes
- Avoid using electric blankets - older adults may not feel burning

## Breaking a Lease in Special Circumstances

Section 227-a of the Real Property Law of the State of New York allows for the termination of a residential lease by senior citizens age 62 years or older moving to a residence of a family member or entering a health care facility, adult care facility or senior citizen housing project. Tenant must give the landlord written notice of their intent to terminate the lease no less than 30 days prior to leaving. Tenant must pay their last month's rent. The written notice must include documentation of admission or pending admission to one of the above mentioned facilities or a written statement from your physician if you are moving to the residence of a family member.

## Senior Housing “Cooling Off” Period

Section 227-b of the Real Property Law of the State of New York allows senior citizens age 62 years or older a “cooling off” period when they enter into a contract or lease for senior housing. A person shall have until midnight of the third business day after such lease or contract was signed to cancel such lease or contract without penalty.

## Homeowner Assistance

### Tax Exemptions

**STAR stands for School Tax Relief.** There are two types of STAR exemptions: Basic STAR and Enhanced (senior) STAR. The Basic STAR exemption is available to all owner occupied residences and need only be applied for once. The Enhanced (senior) STAR exemption is available only to primary residences of persons at least 65 who have a combined gross income less than \$73,000 per year. This exemption must be reapplied for each year and proof of income submitted. Renewal applications are mailed out to all seniors in October.

Beginning with 2011-12 school tax bills, the savings resulting from the Basic or Enhanced STAR exemptions were limited to a 2% increase over the prior year.

## **Two types of STAR exemptions:**

STAR exemptions apply only to school district taxes. They don't apply to property taxes for other purposes, such as county, town or city (except in cities where city property taxes fund schools - Buffalo, New York City, Rochester, Syracuse and Yonkers).

### **Basic STAR**

- Available for owner-occupied, primary residences where the resident owners' and their spouse's income is less than \$500,000
- Exempts the first \$30,000 of the full value of a home from school taxes

### **Enhanced STAR**

- Provides an increased benefit for the primary residences of senior citizens (age 65 and older) with qualifying incomes
- Exempts the first \$65,300 of the full value of a home from school taxes as of 2015-16 school tax bills (up from \$64,200 in 2014-15)
- **Tax Form IT-214** is filed with a person's annual income tax forms. Tax credits or rebates are provided to older homeowners and renters who are paying a disproportionate amount on housing expenses in relation to their household income. They may qualify for a rebate even if paying no income tax.

### **Onondaga County Town & Village Assessments**

Contact Assessor or Clerk for each government unit. Seniors may be eligible for up to 50% reduction in property taxes, including school and county. One spouse must be 65 or older, own home for two years or more and be income eligible.

### **Onondaga County Veteran's Service Agency**

**315- 435-3217**

Civic Center, 10th Floor

421 Montgomery Street

Syracuse, New York 13202

Former members of the military may be eligible for partial exemptions from property taxes. Call for information.

## Home Repairs (City and County Programs)

**Home HeadQuarters** 538 Erie Blvd., Suite 100, Syracuse, NY 13204, Tel 315-474-1939, Fax 315- 474-0637 [www.homehq.org](http://www.homehq.org)

Home HeadQuarters can help homeowners make necessary home repairs and home improvements that help increase the value of their property and make it more livable, safe and energy efficient. Qualifying home improvements include, but are not limited to:

- Roof Repair or Replacement. Exterior Painting. Step Replacement. Porch Repair
- Window Replacement. Exterior Door Replacement. Sidewalk Replacement.
- Driveway Repair. Fence. Furnace or Hot Water Heater Replacement
- Electrical or Plumbing Repairs. Limited Code Violations. Health and Safety Issues.

### City of Syracuse

#### **Syracuse Homeowner Assistance Repair Program (SHARP)**

**Home HeadQuarters** 538 Erie Blvd., Suite 100, Syracuse, NY 13204, Tel 315-474-1939, Fax 315- 474-0637 [www.homehq.org](http://www.homehq.org)

SHARP assists low-income owner-occupants in the City of Syracuse with minor exterior home repairs and helps to cure minor code violations. *As the homeowner, you are responsible for a contribution of 10% of the total job cost.* Total job cost cannot exceed \$1,000. All work must be completed within 60 days of closing date.

#### **What are some examples of work that is eligible?**

- Exterior Painting to correct code violations
- Step Replacement (Permit Required)
- Porch Repairs (Permit Required)
- Window & Door Replacement (from the outside)
- Sidewalk Replacement
- Driveway repair
- Other minor exterior improvements
- Health and safety issues

## **Syracuse Homeowner Assistance Repair Program (SHARP)**

### **What kind of work is prohibited?**

#### **All INTERIOR work except for:**

- Repair of Leaking Faucets or other Plumbing Issues (licensed plumber required)
- Electrical (licensed electrician required)
- Heating (licensed HVAC required)
- Hot Water Heaters (Permit Required)
- Furnace/Preventive Maintenance

#### **Nonessential Items Such as:**

- Screening Porches
- Refinishing of Basements

### **Urgent Care (City of Syracuse)**

**Home HeadQuarters** 538 Erie Blvd., Suite 100, Syracuse, NY 13204, Tel 315-474-1939, Fax 315- 474-0637 [www.homehq.org](http://www.homehq.org)

Loans of up to \$20,000 for emergency home repair are available to homeowners in the City of Syracuse. Emergency repairs include leaking roofs, sewage backup, broken furnaces, code violations and other life/safety issues. Homeowners must meet income eligibility guidelines (80% or below HUD income limits). Portions of this loan may be permanently deferred on a sliding scale based on household income. This limited program is made possible through the City of Syracuse Community Development Block Grant program.



## Onondaga County

### **Project FIX**

#### **Catholic Charities: 424-1810**

An in-home repair service for senior citizens (age 60+) living in Onondaga County. Helps by assessing the problem and doing the work for you, or if the job is too big, by helping you find a reputable contractor. Some of these minor repairs include: plumbing, electrical, carpentry, and small masonry repairs.

#### **Costs to you:**

**Materials:** Clients are asked to pay for materials for each job. Project FIX will determine what is needed and pick the materials up for you.

**Labor:** Whenever possible, clients are asked to make a labor donation which is used within the general budget for this program. Call for suggested donation rates.

### **FlexFund Home Improvement**

**Home Headquarters** 538 Erie Blvd., Suite, 100, Syracuse, NY 13204, Tel 315-474-1939, Fax 315- 474-0637 [www.homehq.org](http://www.homehq.org)

Home improvement loans of up to \$15,000 for general home repairs and energy related home improvements for homeowners throughout Central New York who are unable to borrow from traditional lenders due to a lack of home equity. Home improvement loans are available at a 3.99% interest rate (4.74% APR) for a term of seven years.

### **SHAPE-UP Program**

SHAPE-UP (Safe Housing Assistance Program for the Elderly) is a home repair program funded and administered by Onondaga County Community Development Division. Eligible homeowners can apply for a grant to cover the costs of various home repairs.

### **WHO IS ELIGIBLE**

Homeowners that meet the following criteria:

- who are at least 62 years old or handicapped;
- who have owned and occupied the property at least one year

- whose property is within Onondaga County but outside the City of Syracuse;
  - whose property taxes are current at the time of the application;
  - whose property is covered by Homeowners Insurance; and
  - whose household size and annual gross income fall within these guidelines:
- Limits Effective March 6, 2015

<b>Family Size</b>	<b>Income Limit</b>
1	\$24,000
2	\$27,400
3	\$30,850
4	\$34,250
5	\$37,000
6	\$39,750
7	\$42,500
8	\$45,250

### **How Much Work Can Be Done On My Home If I Qualify?**

Community Development will arrange to pay for the actual cost of necessary home repairs, up to a maximum of \$10,000. This does not mean that each grant recipient is automatically entitled to the maximum grant.

**What Kind Of Work Can the Grant Pay For?** Repairs to mechanical systems, such as water supply, plumbing, heating, and electrical. Repairs to the structure, such as roofs, foundations, porches, and stairs. Installation of safety and energy related items, such as deadbolt locks, smoke detectors, grab bars, storm windows, and insulation. Lead Hazard reduction as required by HUD Lead-Based Paint Regulations. **\*\*If a child under six lives in the home or visits often and lead hazards are found, a grant of up to an additional \$10,000 may be available.\*\***

**Do I Have to Pay Community Development?**

No. SHAPE-UP is a grant program and does not require repayment unless the property is sold or transferred within Five (5) years of job completion.

**Will There Be a Lien Placed on My Property? YES**

Assistance is in the form of a 5-year deferred loan. You must agree to repay 100% of the loan if you do not own and occupy the property as your principle residence for Five (5) years following completion of the work. Please call with any questions.

**I Think I’m Eligible, How Do I Find Out More?**

For more information, contact:  
Onondaga County Community Development Division  
315- 435-3558

**The Ramp Program:** The Onondaga County Community Development Division RAMP Program offers grants to undertake improvements within homes occupied by persons with disability in order to improve their accessibility. Typical improvements include installation of exterior ramps, bathroom and kitchen modifications.

**Who is Eligible?** Grants are available on a first-come, first-served basis to disabled persons living with Onondaga County, outside the City of Syracuse, who have an annual household gross income less than the amounts shown below for each family size. Disabled tenants must obtain written consent of the property owner.

<b>Family Size</b>	<b>Income Limit</b>
1	\$38,400
2	\$43,850
3	\$49,350
4	\$54,800

5	\$59,200
6	\$63,600
7	\$68,000
8	\$72,350

Limits effective March 6, 2015

**ELIGIBLE WORK:** Modifications to the residence may include alterations to porches, steps, and doorways and the installation of a ramp, and may also include installation of bathroom and/or kitchen fixtures and other accessories to facilitate use by the disabled person. Bathroom relocation will also be considered if modifications to the present bathroom are not feasible.

**Ramp Program Limitations:** Assistance will be limited to the amount needed for accessibility modifications. Additionally, assistance will be provided for private residential structures only. Nursing homes and similar facilities are not eligible. Also, households will be assisted only once in a five year period, and will be limited to those unable to secure aid through other programs such as Medicaid.

**Program Procedures:**

- A. Interested individuals contact: Onondaga County Community Development.
- B. An application is completed, and eligibility is determined.
- C. Ramp and other work specifications are established.
- D. The work specifications are competitively bid upon by CD approved contractors.
- E. The contractor performs the work under CD supervision.
- F. Upon completion of the work, the contractor is paid by CD.

**Will There Be a Lien Placed on My Property? -- YES**

You must agree to repay the grant if you do not own and occupy the property as your principle residence for following completion of the work (Currently 5 years with the amount declining after time.). Terms are dependent on each funding source and will be discussed at the time of application.

**For Additional Information:**

Onondaga County Community Development Division  
315- 435-3558

Fair Housing Laws prohibit discrimination in the sale or rental of housing based upon race, color, religion, sex, age, marital status, handicapped or familial status, or national origin.

**Onondaga County Neighborhood Initiative**

**HomeHeadQuaters** 538 Erie Blvd. Suite 100, Syracuse, NY 13203, Tel 315- 474-1939, Fax 315- 474-0637 [www.homehq.org](http://www.homehq.org)

Onondaga County is collaborating with Home HeadQuaters, Inc. to offer a 1% home improvement loan for exterior home repairs in targeted neighborhoods throughout the County. Homeowners can borrow up to \$10,000 for 7 years.

**Qualifying Neighborhoods**

In partnership with Onondaga County, Home HeadQuaters has identified select neighborhoods throughout the County that will be eligible for this low-interest home improvement loan. These neighborhoods include Strathmore, Elmwood, North and South Valley in the City of Syracuse, Mattydale in the Town of Salina, Villages of North Syracuse and East Syracuse and a portion of Cicero.

**Qualifying Exterior Home Repairs**

Roof Repair or Replacement  
Exterior Painting  
Step Replacement  
Porch Repair  
Window Replacement  
Exterior Door Replacement  
Sidewalk Replacement  
Driveway Repair  
Fence

## **FlexFund Home Improvement**

**Home Headquarters** 538 Erie Blvd., Suite 100, Syracuse, NY 13203, Tel 315-474-1939, Fax 315- 474-0637 [www.homehq.org](http://www.homehq.org)

Home improvement loans of up to \$15,000 for general home repairs and energy related home improvements for homeowners throughout Central New York that are unable to borrow from traditional lenders due to a lack of home equity. Home improvement loans are available at a 3.99% interest rate (4.74% APR) for a term of seven years.

## **Financing Options**

There are options for homeowners who do not qualify for grant programs. You should contact a reputable lending institution for more information. Some of these lending vehicles are:

### **Home Equity Conversion Mortgage Program (HECM)**

[www.hud.gov](http://www.hud.gov)

The Federal Housing Administration (FHA) mortgage insurance allows borrowers, who are at least 62 years of age, to convert the equity in their homes into a monthly stream of income or a line of credit.

**Nature of Program: Reverse mortgages** can provide a valuable financing alternative for qualified homeowners. Any lender authorized to make HUD-insured loans may originate reverse mortgages.

Borrowers may choose from among five payment options: (1) tenure, by which the borrower receives monthly payments from the lender for as long as the borrower lives and continues to occupy the home as a principal residence; (2) term, by which the borrower receives monthly payments for a fixed period selected by the borrower; (3) line of credit, by which the borrower can make withdrawals up to a maximum amount, at times and in amounts of the borrower's choosing; (4) modified tenure, by which the tenure option is combined with a line of credit; and (5) modified term, by which the term option is combined with a line of credit.

The borrower retains ownership of the property and may sell the home and move at any time, keeping the sales proceeds in excess of the mortgage balance. The

borrower cannot be forced to sell the home to pay off the mortgage, even if the mortgage balance grows to exceed the value of the property. An FHA-insured reverse mortgage need not be repaid until the borrower moves, sells, or dies. When the loan is due and payable, if the loan exceeds the value of the property, the borrower (or the heirs) will owe no more than the value of the property.

**Applicant Eligibility:** All borrowers must be at least 62 years of age and occupy the property as a principal residence. Any existing lien on the property must be small enough to be paid off at settlement of the reverse mortgage.

**Fannie Mae**

1-800-7FANNIE or 1-800-732-6643

<http://www.fanniemae.com>

Fannie Mae provides financial products and services that increase the availability and affordability of housing for low-, moderate- and middle-income Americans.

**Reverse Mortgage Information**

<http://www.reverse.org>

## Heating & Cooling Assistance

### Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP)

Onondaga County Office Building, Energy Assistance Unit - 7th Floor  
600 S. State Street, Syracuse, NY 13202

**Hours: 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM (Monday-Friday) Phone: 315-435-8295**

**The Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP)**, also known as LIHEAP, is a federally funded energy assistance program to help low-income families meet their home energy costs. The HEAP program consists of three components – Regular HEAP, Emergency HEAP and Heating Equipment Repair and Replacement.

**Who Is Eligible?** Eligibility for the program is based on income (see income guidelines below) and housing situation. Individuals must either pay directly for heating costs or pay rent that includes heating costs. Individuals must be a U.S. citizen or a qualified alien to apply. HEAP money is limited. The HEAP year generally begins in November and closes when the program funding is exhausted, which can be as early as mid-March.

**Regular HEAP** There are no resource eligibility criteria for Regular HEAP. Regular benefit amounts range from \$20 to \$500. Amounts depend on income, age of household members, energy costs and shelter situation. Typically it is a **one-time only** benefit during the program year.

**Emergency HEAP** Emergency benefits are available for persons who are eligible for HEAP and have an energy-related emergency such as a power shutoff, less than ¼ tank oil, kerosene or propane or have less than 10 days' supply of wood, pellets or coal. Applicant households must meet a resource test. Benefit amounts vary. Typically it is a **one-time only** benefit during the program year.

**If you have already exhausted your regular HEAP benefit you may call 315-435-8295 to apply for Emergency HEAP by phone.**

### Heating Equipment Repair and Replacement (HERR):

HERR benefits are available to help low income homeowners repair or replace furnaces, boilers, and other direct heating components necessary to keep the



home's primary heating source functional. Homeowners must reside in the home. All applicants receive a standard resource exclusion of \$3000.

**How to Apply** Temporary Assistance and SNAP (formerly known as Food Stamps) households generally receive their Regular HEAP grant automatically through their case. Payments to households that pay for heat separate from their rent are sent to the heating vendor. Payments to households that have their heat included in their rent are paid directly to the household. To apply for Emergency HEAP, Temporary Assistance and SNAP recipients must contact the call center at 315-435-2700. See Emergency HEAP above.

**Where to Apply** **Individuals under 60** may apply in person between the hours of 8:00 - 4:30, Monday – Friday. Individuals that have received a benefit last season and **do not have an emergency** have mail-in rights and may call the office to have an application mailed. Individuals who **do not have an emergency and do not have mail-in rights may be interviewed by phone**. Please call 315-435-8295 for more information.

If an individual cannot apply in person due to a handicap or because of his or her work schedule, a friend or relative may apply for them. The authorized representative must bring all necessary documents as well as a note from the individual they are applying for.

**What to Expect** If you qualify your HEAP payment will be sent to your fuel/utility provider. It generally takes up to 3 months for the credit to appear on your bill.

**After Hour Emergency - For after hour heating emergencies, please call the 2-1-1** (formerly Helpline)

**Individuals 60 or over, disabled or in receipt of Code A SSI that do not have an emergency** may contact the [Office of Aging](#) at 315- 435-2362 to apply by mail. All emergencies must apply in person. You must bring in your utility bill, proof of emergency, verification of tenant of record, proof of gross income for everyone in the household, ID for all household members and current resource documentation.

**Apply for HEAP online at [www.mybenefits.ny.gov](http://www.mybenefits.ny.gov)**

To download and print a HEAP application, click on this link: [HEAP application](#). To request a phone interview, click on this link: [PHONE INTERVIEW CALL-IN REQUEST](#) [www.HeatSmartNY.org](http://www.HeatSmartNY.org).

**Care & Share:** Care & Share was founded by National Grid in 1981 to help low-income families and individuals with elevated bills meet their monthly payments. This year, HeartShare Human Services of New York was asked to administer the fund. Together, HeartShare and National Grid assist hundreds of families each heating season, which starts in January.

For more information about the Care & Share Energy Fund, please call (855) 852-2736.

**Help Your Neighbors** They ask for your help to provide assistance to your neighbors in need by contributing a donation to the Care & Share Energy Fund Program. The program helps HEAP eligible customers pay their National Grid bills when no other assistance is available. Every dollar contributed goes directly to help a family in need and will make a difference for those who desperately need help to stay warm.

If you would like to help someone in need this winter, make a tax-deductible donation to Care and Share, mail a check, made payable to **Care and Share Energy Fund**, to: Care and Share, HeartShare Human Services of NY, PO Box 535450, Pittsburgh, PA 15253-5450

### **NYSEG Project SHARE Heating Fund**

Has combined the strength of NYSEG's and RG&E's heating funds and developed a new program, the Project SHARE Heating Fund. The Project SHARE Heating Fund is designed to help income-eligible customers with energy emergencies in both the NYSEG and RG&E service areas.

To receive a Project SHARE Heating Fund grant, the customer must have an active account with NYSEG, have an active disconnect notice, meet the current HEAP income guideline and have exhausted all other assistance. Active duty military personnel and well-discharged veterans with an active disconnect notice may qualify regardless of income. Customer Service: 1.800.572.1111

**P.E.A.C.E., Inc., Energy & Housing**

811 East Washington Street, Syracuse, NY 13210

Phone: 315- 470-3315, Fax: 315- 472-2663

[energy@peace-caa.org](mailto:energy@peace-caa.org), Hours: Monday – Friday 7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Our mission: To help reduce utility bills for families by making households more energy efficient. At our Department of Energy and Housing Services, we have been successfully operating New York State’s Weatherization Assistance Program in Onondaga County for more than 25 years. This program offers a grant to provide energy conservation measures for income eligible homeowners and renters. Our New York State Energy \$mart Programs, include: **The Weatherization Assistance Program, EmPower New York** (*Currently not accepting new applications*) and the **The Multi-Family Performance Program**. These three programs offer the community expertise in energy reduction programs and a commitment to a healthy environment. For more information click on the links below.

<http://aea.us.org/efficiency-programs/weatherization-assistance-program.html>

<http://aea.us.org/efficiency-programs/nyserdas-empower-program.html>

<http://aea.us.org/efficiency-programs/multifamily-performance-program.html>

<http://www.peace-caa.org/programs-services/individuals-families-services/energy-and-housing/#sthash.JEvkrAAP.dpuf>

## Senior Housing

### Referral Services

#### **Eldercare Locator 1-800-677-1116,**

**<http://www.eldercare.gov/Eldercare.NET/Public/Index.aspx>**

This national service locates housing and other community services available in a specific area. Callers should have the name, address and zip code of the person requesting services available.

**Temporary Assistance** is the term used in New York State for public assistance (welfare) programs. Temporary Assistance (TA) offers temporary help for needy men, women and children while they work towards self-sufficiency. If you are unable to work, can't find a job, or your job does not pay enough to meet your basic living needs, TA may be able to help you with basic need expenses such as heat, rent, etc.

**Onondaga County Temporary Assistance Office is located in the John H. Mulroy Civic Center, 2nd floor, 421 Montgomery Street, Syracuse, NY 13202  
Hours: 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM (Monday-Friday) Phone: 315- 435-2700**

Please note: If you have applied for Temporary Assistance, you will be notified of the outcome by 30 days of the receipt of the application, please do not contact the office regarding the application status.

## Rent Supplement Programs

The following companies or agencies offer *direct subsidies* for eligible senior citizens, handicapped adults or families. This subsidy can be used for any housing that meets program guidelines. These agencies also utilize the Housing Assistance Payments Program (a Section 8 program) in the City or the County. A Section 8 Program provides rent vouchers that assist very low income elderly in rental housing so that they need not pay more than 30% of their income on rent. For more information, please contact the Syracuse Housing Authority Office at 315-475-6181.

1. **Housing Assistance Payments Program (City Section 8)**     315- 470-4400  
Syracuse Housing Authority, 300 Burt St., Syracuse 13202
  
2. **Christopher Community (County Section 8)**                                     315- 424-1822  
1654 W. Onondaga St., Syracuse 13204
  
3. **North Syracuse Housing Authority**     315- 458-7077
  
4. **Longley Jones, 5000 Campuswood Drive Suite 100,**                     315- 424-0200  
East Syracuse 13057

# Guide to Senior Housing in Syracuse & Onondaga County

## Resident Rights Protections in Adult Care Facilities

The Social Services Law gives you certain rights as a resident in an adult facility.

You have the right:

- To receive courteous, fair and respectful care and treatment, and not be physically, mentally or emotionally abused or neglected in any manner.
- To exercise your civil rights and religious liberties, and to make personal decisions, including your choice of physician, and to have the assistance and encouragement of the operator in exercising these rights and liberties.
- To have private written and verbal communications or visits with anyone of your choice, or to deny or end such communications or visits.
- To send and receive mail or any correspondence unopened and without interception or interference.
- To present grievances or recommendations on your own behalf or the behalf of other residents to the administrator or facility staff, the Department of Social Services, other government officials, or any other parties without fear of reprisal or punishment.
- To join other residents or individuals inside or outside the facility to work for improvement in resident care.
- To confidential treatment of personal, social, financial and health records.
- To have privacy in treatment and in caring for personal needs.
- To receive a written statement (admission agreement) of the services regularly provided by the facility operator, those additional services which will be provided if you need or ask for them and the charges (if any) of these additional services.

- To manage your own financial affairs.
- To not be coerced or required to perform work; and if you work, to receive fair compensation from the operator of the facility.
- To have security for any personal possessions if stored by the operator.
- To have recorded on the facility's accident or incident report your version of the events leading to the accident or incident.
- To object if the operator terminates your admission agreement against your will.

**In addition, Social Services Law and Regulations provide other protections. These important protections include requirements that the Operator, Administrator, Staff or other Agents of the Operator:**

Provide to you, before or at the time of the admission interview, a copy of the Admission Agreement, a copy and explanation of resident rights and protections, the listing of Legal Services and advocacy agencies made available by the Department, and a copy of any facility rules relating to resident activities, and tell you of your obligation to comply with these rules.

**The Social Services Law gives you certain rights as a resident in an adult facility.**

- Provide to you at least 30 days advance notice of any change in the facility's rate or charges for supplemental services.
- Provide to you, your next of kin or representative of your choice at least 30 days advance notice of the facility's intention to terminate your admission agreement. The notice must indicate: the reason for termination; the date of termination; that you have a right to object to the termination of the agreement and discharge; that if you object, you may remain in the facility and the operator, in order to terminate, must begin a court proceeding; that you will not be discharged against your will unless the court rules in favor of the operator. At the time of notice, the operator must give you a list of agencies providing free legal and advocacy services within the area of the facility.
- Allow you to end your admission agreement, subject to the conditions for

notice established in your admission agreement.

- Guarantee that you keep, from any Supplemental Security Income (SSI) or Home Relief (HR) payment you receive, a personal needs allowance to buy any items the operator is not required to provide to you.
- Offer each SSI or HR recipient the opportunity to keep personal allowance funds in an account maintained by the facility.
- Maintain complete records on your personal allowance account and upon request, or at least quarterly, show or give you a statement which has all deposits, withdrawals, and the current balance in the account.
- Allow you to review upon request Department-issued inspection reports, excluding any confidential attachments, for the most recent two-year period.
- Encourage and assist residents in organizing and maintaining committees, councils or such other self-governing body as the residents may choose.
- Maintain a system for accepting and responding to grievances and recommendations for changes or improvement in facility operations.
- Allow you privacy in your room, subject to reasonable access by facility staff.
- Allow you privacy in caring for personal needs.
- Neither physically restrain or lock you in a room at any time.
- Allow you to leave and return to the facility at reasonable hours
- Neither requires from you nor accepts from you any gratuity (i.e. tip or gift) in any form.

**To file a complaint regarding an Adult Care Facility**

**Call toll-free 1-866-893-6772**



## Independent Living

The following list may assist in finding a subsidized apartment.

You should file applications with any buildings or programs that interest you. Although some waiting lists are extremely long, it is important to apply if you have an interest in particular buildings. “Long lists” can become “short” ones quickly. Most of these buildings have income and eligibility requirements, but some also have unsubsidized units or take Housing Assistance Payments Program (Section 8) as well.

Depending on your income and the availability of subsidies; in each building, you could pay:

1. 30% of your income
2. The “Basic Rent” (partial subsidy)
3. The “Fair Market Rent” if you are over the income limits
4. For more information call the building manager or Syracuse Housing

### Apartment Key

\$	Subsidized
#	Subsidized and Non-Subsidized
@	Pets
+	Mixed age groups
&	Requires a Section 8 Application

## City of Syracuse

### Downtown

\$	Almus Olver Towers, 300 Burt St., Syracuse 13202	475-6181
##+	Clinton Plaza, 550 S. Clinton St., Syracuse 13202	475-2141
\$	YMCA Senior Apts., 330 Montgomery St., Syracuse 13202	474-6851

### University

\$@	McCarthy Manor, 501 S. Crouse Ave., Syracuse 13210	475-6390
##+	Mount St. James, 338 Jamesville Ave., Syracuse 13210	478-0731
\$+	Parkside Commons, 1901 E. Fayette St., Syracuse 13210	475-5027
\$	Toomey Abbott Towers, 1207 Almond St., Syracuse 13210	475-6181

### West Side

\$	James Geddes Apts. 312-338 Gifford Street., 427 Tully St. & 418 Fabius Street, Syracuse 13204	475-6181
\$@	Onondaga Blvd. Sr. Apts., 4624 Onondaga Blvd., Syracuse 13219	422-0347
\$@	Providence House, 1700 W. Onondaga St., Syracuse 13204	471-8427

### Eastwood

&	Eastwood Heights, 1025 Sunnycrest Rd., Syracuse 13206	475-6181
\$@	Nichols Brick School Terrace, 311 North Ave, Syracuse 13206	463-5881
\$@	St. Joseph's Manor, 900 Tyson Place, Syracuse 13206	437-7441

### North Side

\$@	Bishop Harrison, 300 Pond St., Syracuse 13208	476-8630
\$+	Courtyard at James, 708 James St., Syracuse 13203	479-8612
\$	Fahey Court, 100 Pastime Drive, Syracuse 13208	475-6181
#	Hearth on James, 830 James Street, Syracuse 13203	422-2173
\$@	Ludovico Apartments, 340 Winton Street, Syracuse 13203	422-0475
\$+	Moses Dewitt House, 212 N. Townsend St., Syracuse 13203	479-8612
\$@	Pompei North, 143 Mary Street, Syracuse 13208	472-2614
\$	Ross Towers, 710-712 Lodi Street, Syracuse 13203	475-6181
#	Salina School Apts., 512 LeMoyne Ave., Syracuse 13208	472-8234
\$@	Villa Scalabrini, 825 E. Willow Street, Syracuse 13203	472-3142
\$	Vinnette Towers, 947 Pond Street, Syracuse 13208	475-6181

### East Side

\$@	Brick School Terrace, 818 Salt Springs Rd. Syracuse 13224	463-5881
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### South Side

##\$@	Bernardine Apts., 417 Churchill Ave., Syracuse 13205	469-7786
##@	Brighton Towers, 821 & 833 E. Brighton Ave., Syracuse 13205	469-6919
##@	Valley Vista, 122 W. Seneca Turnpike, Syracuse 13205	469-4100

## Onondaga County

### County South

#+	Festival Garden Apartments, 6162 Rte. 20, Lafayette 13084	315- 677-3836
#+	Lord's Hill Apartments, Route 80, Lafayette 13084	760-6041
\$	The Meadows, 1 Village View Drive, Tully 13159	696-6883

### County Northeast

#+	Baldwin Bay Shore LLC. Apts., 9457 Chalkstone Course, Brewerton 13029	668-9696
\$@	Bessie Riordan Sch. Apts., 211 E. Molloy Rd., Mattydale 13211	455-1457
\$	Byrne Manor, 4122 Pine Hollow Drive, Liverpool 13090	622-0410
@	Buckley Square Senior Apts., 6715 Buckley Rd., N. Syr. 13212	457-2042
#@	Centerville Court, 400 Sandra Lane, N. Syracuse 13212	458-7867
#+	Cobblestone Square, 6112 Cobblestone Drive, Cicero 13039	699-5204
	Greenpoint, 150 Old Liverpool Rd., Liverpool 13088	453-7911
	The House at 807 Oswego Street, Liverpool 13088	457-1334
\$@	Long Manor Apts., 5500 Miller Rd., Brewerton 13029	668-9871
\$@	Lucille Manor, 5569 Legionnaire Drive, Cicero 13039	698-0507
\$@	Malta House, 212 N. Main Street, N. Syracuse 13212	452-1028
\$@	Malta Manor, 107 Trolley Barn Lane, N. Syr., NY 13212	362-3502
@	Morgan Square Senior Apts., 8547 Morgan Rd., Clay 13041	409-4319
\$@	Pitcher Hill Apartments, 114 Elbow Rd., N. Syracuse 13212	454-0697
\$@	Rogers Senior Apts., 5490 Miller Rd., Brewerton 13029	676-4174
\$@	Sacred Heart Apartments, 8365 Factory Street, Cicero 13039	699-1509
@	Toll Road Senior Apts. 108 Singleton Ave., N. Syracuse 13212	214-0284

### County Northwest

	The Apartments at Legacy Drive, 7 Legacy Dr., B'ville 13027	635-6290
#+	Baldwin Park Apts., 400 Land Rush Way, Baldwinsville 13027	635-2338
\$@	Conifer Village, 700 Conifer Drive, Baldwinsville 13027	635-7515
\$ #	County Club Apts., 101 Village Blvd., S. Baldwinsville 13027	638-2313
+	Greenway Apts., 8664 Oberon Drive, Baldwinsville 13027	638-4575
\$@	St. Mary Apts., 100 La Madre Way, Baldwinsville 13027	638-2003
\$@	The Meadows, 3490 Meadowbriar Lane, Baldwinsville 13027	635-6125

### County West

\$@	AHEPA, 37 Apts., 100 Ahepa Circle, Syracuse 13215	475-3818
#@	Applewood Manor, 5554 W. Genesee Street, Camillus 13031	468-4556
\$@	Bishop Ludden, 817 Fay Road, Syracuse 13219	468-6043
	Brookdale Summerfield, 100 Summerfield Village Ln. Syr., 13215	492-4041
+@	Connelly Acres Apartments, 143 Maple Drive, Camillus 13031	437-2178

### County West (Continued)

\$@	Fairmount Gardens, 4913 W. Genesee Street, Camillus 13031	488-1932
\$	Gateway Apartments, 79 Fennel Street, Skaneateles 13152	685-3088
\$	Nine Mile Landing, 3 Austindale Ave., Marcellus 13108	673-9326
\$@	O'Brien Road Apts., 7170 O'Brien Road, Syracuse 13209	635-3339
\$@	O'Brien Road II., 7174 O'Brien Road, Syracuse 13209	635-5434
\$	Old Erie Place Senior Bldg., 20 Beaver Street, Jordan 13080	689-6275
	Snowbird's Landing, 758 State Fair Blvd., Syracuse 13209	488-0730
\$@	Solvay Senior Apartments, 200 Russet Lane, Syracuse, 13209	468-6590
	The Presbyterian Manor, 49 W. Genesee St., Skaneateles 13152	685-5017
#	Union Free School Conversion, 23 First Street, Camillus 13031	635-6595
\$	Upper Crown Landing, 33 Maple Street, Marcellus 13108	673-9422
\$	Village Landing Apartments, 55 Jordan Ave., Skaneateles 13152	685-5632

### County East

\$	Ahavath Achim Apartments, 4101 E. Genesee St., Syracuse 13214	446-9111
#@	Barrett Dewitt Manor, 1400 Kinne Street, E. Syracuse 13057	434-1854
\$@	Bennett Manor, 100 Bennett Manor Drive, E. Syracuse 13057	437-4864
\$	Colonial Village Apartments, 5890 Bowman Rd., E. Syr. 13057	656-2930
\$	East View Gardens, 112 East Avenue, Minoa 13116	656-3385
@	Heman Street Apartments, 121 E. Heman St., E. Syr. 13057	432-5150
#@	Limestone Gardens, 7626 Highbridge Road, Manlius 13104	682-7001
+	Minoa Estates, 501 Edgerton Street, Minoa 13116	656-7121
	The Nottingham, 1301 Nottingham Road, Jamesville 13078	445-9242
	The Oaks at Menorah Park, 18 Arbor Lane, Dewitt 13214	449-3309
\$@	Redfield Village, 380 Salt Springs Road, Fayetteville 13066	637-8280
\$@	RJ Barrett Manor, 4615 Southwood Heights Dr., Jamesville 13078	469-1533
\$@	St. David's Court, 99 Deerfield Road, E. Syracuse 13057	434-9406
#+	Springfield Gardens, 76 Caton Drive, Dewitt 13214	446-6140
\$@	Tecumseh Road Senior Apartments, 219 Tecumseh Rd, Syr. 13224	299-5677
\$	Wedgewood Apartments, 7851 Rte. 298, Kirkville 13082	633-2735
	Wynwood Manlius, 100 Flume Road, Manlius 13104	682-9261



## **Retirement Communities** in Onondaga County

### **Brookdale Summerfield – Retirement Community**

100 Summerfield Village Lane  
Syracuse, NY 13215  
(315) 492-4041

**Accommodations:** 68 one bedroom apartments; 16 two bedroom apartments. Apartments have a combined living and dining room with kitchenette; community dining as well with a beauty shop, transportation, housekeeping. Pets are allowed. Continuum of care offered, if needed, through third party agencies.

**Sources of Payment:** Private pay or long term care insurance. No Medicaid.

### **The Hearth at Greenpoint – Enriched Assisted Living and Retirement Community**

150 Old Liverpool Road  
Liverpool, NY 13088  
(315) 849-9056

**Accommodations: 186 apartments;** studios, 1 and 2 bedroom units and private baths, restaurant-style dining, country store, Beauty Salon, activities, fitness and wellness rooms and transportation.

**Sources of Payment:** Private pay, Enriched Assisted Living eligible for long term care insurance. No Medicaid.

### **The Hearth on James – Enriched Assisted Living and Retirement Community**

830 James Street  
Syracuse, NY 13203  
(315) 422-2173

**Accommodations:** 71 units - studios, small 1 bedroom apartments and large 1 bedroom apartments, restaurant-style dining, country store, Beauty Salon, activities and transportation.

**Sources of Payment:** Private Pay, Enriched Assisted Living eligible for long term care insurance. No Medicaid.

**Loretto - The Nottingham – Retirement Community, Enriched Living Program and Skilled Nursing**

1303 Nottingham Road  
Jamesville, NY 13078  
(315) 445-9242

**Accommodations:** 170 apartments with kitchen and combined living/dining room; 8 cottages; 48 enriched living apartments; 40 bed skilled nursing.

**Sources of Payment:** Private pay.

**Maple Downs – Retirement Community**

7220 East Genesee Street  
Fayetteville, NY 13066  
(315) 637-0297

**Accommodations:** Studios, one and two bedroom apartments, kitchenette with appliances, living/dining room, restaurant style dining room with three daily chef prepared meals, exercise room, beauty salon/barber shop, game room, billiard room, large screen TV lounge, library, chapel, activities and transportation.

**Sources of Payment:** Private pay.

**McHarrie Towne - Retirement Community**

7740 Meigs Road  
Baldwinsville, NY 13027  
(315) 638-1172

**Accommodations:** 111 Single-level patio homes, 1-4 Bedrooms, 1200-1300 square feet, attached 1 & 2 car garages with automatic door openers, large 1-2 bathrooms, walk-in closets, etc.

**Sources of Payment:** Private pay. There is an entrance fee, monthly maintenance fee and 5-15 year waiting list.

**Menorah Park – The Oaks – Retirement Community**

18 Arbor Lane  
Dewitt, NY 13214  
(315) 449-3309

**Accommodations:** 50 apartments: 1 bedroom, 1 bedroom with den, 2 bedroom with 2 baths, and 2 bedroom deluxe with baths. All apartments: kitchen (with

appliances), living/dining room, beauty salon, exercise center, library, activities, transportation.

**Sources of Payment:** Private pay.

**Parkrose Estates - Retirement Community**

7251 Janus Park Drive

Liverpool, NY 13088

(315) 452-9500

**Accommodations:** Spacious studio and one bedroom apartments rented on a month-to-month basis; full size, fully equipped kitchen, living/dining room.

**Sources of Payment:** Private pay.



## **Adult Homes** in Onondaga County

An adult home is established and operated for the purpose of providing long-term residential care, room, board, housekeeping, personal care and supervision to five or more adults unrelated to the operator. Adult homes may be operated by an individual, a partnership, a not-for-profit corporation, a public corporation, a non-publicly traded business corporation or a limited liability company.

### **Kalet Adult Home – Adult Home**

504 Delaware Street  
Syracuse, NY 13204  
(315) 479-7514

**Accommodations:** 45 beds, private & semi-private; private and shared baths; provisions for couples to live together.

**Sources of Payment:** Private pay, **Medicaid**

### **Sunnyside Home – Adult Home Program**

7000 Collamer Road  
East Syracuse, NY 13057  
(315) 656-8606

**Accommodations:** 20 rooms; 7 double rooms, 6 private.

**Sources of Payment:** Private pay and **Medicaid.**





## **Assisted Living** in Onondaga County

### **Assisted Living Program**

An assisted living program, which is available in some adult homes and enriched housing programs, combines residential and home care services. It is designed as an alternative to nursing home placement for individuals who historically have been admitted to nursing facilities for reasons that are primarily social, rather than medical in nature. The operator of the assisted living program is responsible for providing or arranging for resident services that must include room, board, housekeeping, supervision, personal care, case management and home health services.

### **Enhanced Assisted Living**

Provides everything an Assisted Living Program does but is also allowed to do the following should a senior require assistance: Oxygen Therapy, Blood Pressure Checks, Indwelling Catheter Care, Nebulizer Treatment, Falls Management, One and Two Person Transfers, Blood Glucose Monitoring, Insulin Administration, Enema Administration, Foley Catheter Care, Suprapubic Catheter Care, Transdermal Patch Application, Internal Feeding via Peg Tube.

### **Memory Care**

Memory Care communities, which include Alzheimer's care and Dementia care facilities, consist of specially designed living spaces and supporting environments for those who are living with cognitive challenges brought on by Alzheimer's and dementia. These may include carefully considered flooring to reduce problematic patterns for those with Alzheimer's or dementia and wall colors that help them to find the way. The dementia care environment helps cue its residents in their daily lives. Areas of the community are set up for safe engagement in activities such as gardening, kitchen work, and other life skills that provide purposeful and meaningful successful moments.

### **Enriched Housing Program**

An enriched housing program is established and operated for the purpose of providing long-term residential care to five or more adults, primarily persons sixty-five years of age or older, in community-integrated settings resembling independent housing units. The program provides or arranges for the provision of room, board, housekeeping, personal care and supervision. Enriched housing programs may be operated by an individual, a partnership, a not-for-profit corporation, a public corporation, a non-publicly traded business corporation or a limited liability company.

### **The Athenaeum of Skaneateles – Assisted Living**

150 Genesee Street  
Skaneateles, NY 13152  
(315) 685-1400

**Accommodations:** 16 Beds. Private Baths. Accommodations for couples.

**Sources of Payment:** Private pay and long term care insurance.

### **Brookdale Bellevue – Assisted Living and Memory Care**

4330 Onondaga Blvd.  
Syracuse, NY 13219  
(315) 468-5108

**Accommodations:** 70 private rooms with private baths. No kitchen facilities; there are suites for couples to live together. Pets allowed. There is a 20 room secure Special Care Unit for Memory/Alzheimer's residents.

**Sources of Payment:** Private pay and long term care insurance. No Medicaid.

### **Brookdale Eastside – Assisted Living**

7164 East Genesee Street  
Fayetteville, NY 13066  
(315) 637-5127

**Accommodations:** 84 total rooms. All are private with private baths including 4 deluxe rooms with private baths and 6 two-room suites, all with private baths. Pets allowed. Two suites have kitchens and no stoves. Suites and deluxe rooms are available for couples.

**Sources of Payment:** Private pay or long term care insurance. No Medicaid.

**Brookdale Fayetteville – Memory Care**

5125 Highbridge Street  
Fayetteville, NY 13066  
(315) 637-2000

**Accommodations:** 46 private and semi-private, 52 total residents. Pets allowed. For people with Alzheimer's and other memory impairments, private/semi-private accommodations, individualized assistance with personal care needs, housekeeping services, staffed 24 hours, laundry, mealtime assistance, ongoing monitoring and management of health care needs, nutritious meals and snacks, purposefully designed environment, education programs, specially designed programs by Lifetime Enrichment Coordinator. Completely secure with alarm system throughout residence.

**Sources of Payment:** Private pay or long term care insurance. No Medicaid.

**Brookdale Liverpool – Assisted Living**

4055 Longbranch Road  
Liverpool, NY  
(315) 451-3221

**Accommodations:** 79 apartments, all on one level; studio, deluxe, suites. Pets allowed. Full service dining room, exterior doors alarmed for resident safety.

**Sources of Payment:** Private pay or long term care insurance. No Medicaid.

**Brookdale Manlius – Enhanced Assisted Living**

100 Flume Road  
Manlius, NY 13104  
(315) 682-9261

**Accommodations:** 77 apartments; five different styles: deluxe, two-bedroom, one-bedroom, alcove or studio. Each apartment is private with a handicap-accessible bathroom and a kitchenette (including refrigerator and stove). Individual parking spaces are available for residents, pets allowed.

**Sources of Payment:** Private pay or long term care insurance. No Medicaid

**Camillus Ridge Terrace – Assisted Living and Memory Care**

2453 West Genesee Street  
Camillus, NY 13031  
(315) 672-3790

**Accommodations:** 56 total beds; private rooms with private baths with two semi-

privates and a secure Memory Care Unit. Couples are accommodated. Rooms have a small refrigerator & sink, no stove, dining room where meals are served, beauty parlor, activities, and transportation. Pets are negotiable but not on the Memory Care Unit.

**Sources of Payment:** Private Pay or long term care insurance. No Medicaid.

**The Hearth at Greenpoint – Enriched Assisted Living and Retirement Community**

150 Old Liverpool Road  
Liverpool, NY 13088  
(315) 849-9056

**Accommodations:** 186 apartments; studios, 1 and 2 bedroom units and private baths, restaurant-style dining, country store, Beauty Salon, activities, fitness and wellness rooms and transportation.

**Sources of Payment:** Private pay, Enriched Assisted Living eligible for long term care insurance. No Medicaid.

**The Hearth on James – Enriched Assisted Living and Retirement Community**

830 James Street  
Syracuse, NY 13203  
(315) 422-2173

**Accommodations:** 71 units - Studios, small 1 bedroom apartments and large 1 bedroom apartments, restaurant-style dining, country store, Beauty Salon, activities and transportation.

**Sources of Payment:** Private Pay, Enriched Assisted Living eligible for Long term care insurance. No Medicaid.

**Keepsake Village at Greenpoint – Memory Care**

138 Old Liverpool Road  
Liverpool, NY 13088  
(315) 451-4567

**Accommodations:** 48 rooms; all have showers. Secure Memory Care facility, staffed 24-7, only for residents with Alzheimer's and other cognitive impairments.

**Sources of payment:** Private Pay, eligible for Long Term Care Insurance. No Medicaid.

**Loretto – The Bernardine - Enriched Housing & Assisted Living Programs**

417 Churchill Avenue  
Syracuse, New York 13205  
(315) 413-3564

**Accommodations:** 230 apartments with kitchens, alcove, 1 bed & 2 bedrooms. 20 Assisted living apartments.

**Sources of Payment:** Private pay for subsidized apartments and Assisted Living Program – private pay and **Medicaid**.

**Loretto - Buckley Landing - Enriched & Assisted Living Programs**

7430 Buckley Road  
North Syracuse, NY 13212  
(315) 413-3564

**Accommodations:** Studio apartments with kitchenette. Enriched and Assisted apartments; dining room where meals are served. No provisions for couples to live together unless they share a single room.

**Sources of Payment:** Private pay and Assisted Living Program – private pay and **Medicaid**.

**Loretto – The Heritage - Enriched and Assisted Living Programs/Memory Care**

750 East Brighton Ave  
Syracuse, New York 13205  
(315) 413-3039

**Accommodations:** For early to mid-stage Alzheimer's; 79 apartments with private showers and bath; 6 dining rooms. Secure facility with large recreational area.

**Sources of Payment:** Private pay; Assisted Living Program – private pay and **Medicaid**.

**Loretto - Sedgwick Heights - Adult Home, Enriched & Assisted Living Programs**

1100 James Street  
Syracuse, NY 13203  
(315) 413-3238; Fax: 413-3032

**Accommodations:** 145 beds; private rooms with private baths and semi-private rooms with shared baths.

**Sources of Payment:** Adult home is private pay; Assisted Living Program is private pay and **Medicaid**.

**Manlius Adult Home – Adult Home & Assisted Living Program**

215 East Pleasant Street

Manlius, NY 13104

(315) 682-6725; Fax: 682-3320

**Accommodations:** 20 rooms: private and semi-private some with full bath or half bath.

**Sources of Payment:** Private pay and **Medicaid**

**McHarrie Pointe – Assisted Living & Memory Care**

7740 Meigs Road

Baldwinsville, New York 13027

Phone: (315) 638-2525

**Accommodations:** 26 private rooms in the Memory Care Unit. 19 assisted living private apartments – 1 and 2 bedrooms. Restaurant Style Dining.

**Sources of Payment:** Long term care insurance and private pay.

**Menorah Park - The Inn – Assisted Living**

4101 East Genesee Street

Syracuse, New York 13214

(315) 446-9111

**Accommodations:** Assistive Living Facility with 18 one bedroom apartments for people with physical frailties; 25 studios for people with memory care needs, dining room and three kosher meals daily, café, beauty salon, offer Jewish, Catholic & Protestant religious services, activities, home care and transportation.

**Sources of Payment:** Long term care insurance and private pay.

**Park Terrace at Radisson – Adult Home & Assisted Living Program**

2981 Town Center Road

Baldwinsville, NY 13027

(315) 638-9207

**Accommodations:** Private rooms for Adult home with private baths; semi-private rooms with shared baths for 17 bed Assisted Living Program. Also has a secure dementia floor.

**Sources of Payment:** Long term care insurance, private pay, Assisted Living – private pay and **Medicaid**.

**Toomey Abbott Towers - ERIE (Enriched Resources for Independent Elderly)**  
1207 Almond Street, Terrace Level, Syracuse, NY 13210, (315) 428-8562

**Residential care for functionally-impaired elderly (non-institutional setting.)**

**Accommodations:** Up to 86, one bedroom apartments with a kitchen and combined living/dining room; typically 55 years or older, but flexible depending on disability. Community dining for breakfast and lunch (included), dinner is provided and taken to private rooms. Have to be able to live independently; Housekeeping, Finance, Medication assistance, Activity Room.

**Sources of Payment:** Private Pay and **Medicaid.**

## **Questions to Ask When Selecting a Nursing Home (Skilled Nursing Facility)**

### **Admission**

The nursing home administrator, admissions director or director of social services will be able to explain arrangements for your admission to the facility. If you are receiving care in a hospital, your doctor and the hospital social worker/discharge planner will assist in making arrangements for your placement, hopefully in the nursing home of your choice.

If you have questions about a nursing home contact your attorney, the nursing home administrator or admissions director to explain anything that you do not understand. The New York State Bar Association Referral Service as well as many local bar associations will provide you with a list of elder law attorneys. Call 800-342-3661 for information.

### **Paying For Nursing Home Care**

If you have the means and plan to pay with your own funds, you will have a much better chance of getting admitted to the nursing home of your choice. Meet with an elder law attorney to get advice on estate planning, Medicaid, Medicare and long term care insurance before you apply to a nursing home.

Nursing homes charge a basic daily rate for the services they provide and these vary from home to home. Some homes have all-inclusive rates; others have a rate for room and board and add additional charges for physician's services, laboratory tests, physical therapy, prescription drugs, etc. Discuss with the home's admissions director, administrator or social worker what services are standard and what additional services might be required and what they cost.

Most homes require full financial disclosure from residents who will be paying privately. Since many nursing home residents who enter as private pay residents eventually use up their funds and go on Medicaid, the homes want to know how long the resident will be able to pay privately and when to apply for Medicaid. Once you are eligible for Medicaid, you have the right to have Medicaid pay for your care (if the home accepts Medicaid). When this happens, the nursing home should assist in completing the necessary forms.

In New York State, you may not be moved out of a nursing home because you have



exhausted your personal resources. Also, your spouse need not spend all his/her personal resources on your care if you are institutionalized.

The federal government is now permitting New York State to authorize Medicaid without someone exhausting his/her assets if that person first purchases a long-term care insurance policy authorized by the state. These policies vary in the coverage they provide and should be carefully examined before purchasing. In New York State, only a few policies are valid. The State Insurance Department publishes materials comparing long term care policies offered by different companies. Call 800-342-3736 for more information.

Medicare is a federal health insurance program for disabled people and people over age 65. Skilled nursing services must be needed on a daily basis to be eligible for Medicare. Medicare will pay a maximum of 100 days of care in an approved nursing facility for patients in need of skilled care following a hospitalization of at least three full days. To qualify, the patient must be admitted to the nursing home within 30 days of discharge from the hospital.

Many people leave a hospital and enter a nursing home expecting Medicare to continue to pay for health services. This is generally not the case. Medicare will not pay for a nursing home stay if it is determined that only custodial care is required, or if skilled nursing home care and/or rehabilitative services are needed only on a periodic basis. Under Medicare rules, the need for skilled nursing care must be daily. The program has a number of specifics about what services are included and requires that you be responsible for a co-payment.

For further information, contact your local Social Security office or call 800-772-1213 for a copy of the Medicare Handbook.

### **Facilities: Inside & Outside**

- Are the grounds and building attractive and well-maintained?
- Are there wheelchair ramps?
- Are there unpleasant odors in the building?
- Are there outdoor areas where residents can sit or walk?
- Is there an activity or exercise room?
- Are the rooms well-ventilated and kept at a comfortable temperature?  
Are there individual thermostats in the rooms?
- Is the facility air-conditioned?
- Is smoking permitted?

- Can residents bring their own furniture? Is there ample storage? Can residents have a private phone? A pet?
- Do rooms have windows?
- Are there adjoining bathrooms? Are they private?
- Is a married couple allowed to share a room?
- If the room isn't private, is there a screen or curtain for privacy?

### **Safety Measures**

- Are fire exits clearly posted? Are there smoke alarms and extinguishers?
- Are there grab bars in the bathroom and handrails in hallways and stairs?
- Are there emergency call buttons and intercoms in the rooms? Is there an emergency evacuation plan posted?
- Is there a written statement of patient rights? Is the number to file complaints available?

### **Staff, Services and Administrative Issues**

- What kind of medical supervision is provided? Physical or speech therapy?
- Beauty or other personal services?
- How do staff and residents interact? Are there language barriers?
- Are there social activities? Are residents mostly in their rooms or interacting?
- Is the food appetizing and well-presented? Is assistance with eating available?
- Are you able to get a copy of the owner/developer's financial statement?  
What is the history of price increases for this facility?
- Is down payment refundable if the resident moves or dies?
- What role, if any, do family members have in paying unmet obligations?



## **Nursing Homes** -Skilled Nursing Facilities - SNFs in Onondaga County

Nursing Homes, now commonly called Skilled Nursing Facilities or SNFs, provide skilled nursing services and chronic custodial care. They are licensed, and regulated, by the New York State Department of Health.

### **The Centers at St. Camillus**

813 Fay Road Syracuse, NY 13219 315- 488-2951

Fax: 315- 488-3255

Accommodations: Private and semi-private rooms - 284 total beds; 224 long term care beds; 20 beds in the brain injury unit; 40 beds in the rehabilitation unit and there are provisions for couples to live together. They also have an Adult Day Program.

Sources of Payment: Private pay, Medicaid, Medicare and private insurance.

### **Central Park Rehabilitation and Nursing Center**

116 Martin Luther King E., Syracuse, NY 13205 315- 475-1641

Fax: 315- 475-4990

Accommodations: Private and semi-private rooms - 160 total beds; 125 long term care beds; 35 rehabilitation beds; private and shared baths; each floor has a dining room; they accept tracheotomy care, bariatric patients, handle wound care and IV therapy and they offer provisions for couples to live together. They also have an Adult Day Program.

Sources of Payment: Private pay, Medicaid, Medicare and private insurance.

### **The Cottages at Garden Grove**

5460 Meltzer Court, Cicero, NY 13039 315- 413-3066, Fax: 315- 699-7463

Accommodations: 153 total beds; 117 long term care and 36 rehabilitation beds;

all rooms are private set up in cottage style homes. 13 beds in a long term care house and 12 in the rehabilitation houses; private baths with showers in each room. Sources of Payment: Private pay, Medicaid, Medicare and private insurance.

**The Crossings Nursing and Rehabilitation Center**

217 East Avenue, Minoa, NY 13116 315- 656-7277 Fax: 315- 656-2517  
Accommodations: 82 total beds; 60 long term care and 22 rehabilitation beds of which 8 are private rooms; 29 semi-private rooms; and four 4 person rooms; small kitchenette on each unit; common dining room on each unit; provisions for couples to live together.

Sources of Payment: Private pay, Medicaid, Medicare and private insurance.

**Elderwood at Liverpool**

4800 Bear Road Liverpool, NY 13088 315- 457-9946  
Fax: 315- 457-8290

Accommodations: 160 total beds - 120 long term care beds with private and semi-private rooms; 40 rehabilitation beds; dining room on each floor; provisions for couples to live together.

Sources of Payment: Private pay, Medicaid, Medicare and private insurance.

**Iroquois Nursing Home, Inc.**

4600 Southwood Heights Drive  
Jamesville, NY 13078 315- 469-1300  
Fax: 315- 469-5545

Accommodations: 160 total beds - 32 private rooms; 64 semi-private rooms; 40 beds for patients who need respiratory care; 40 beds for residents with dementia; 80 beds for patients with general skilled nursing needs; shared baths; common dining room on each unit; provisions for couples to live together.

Sources of Payment: Private pay, Medicaid, Medicare and private insurance.

**James Square Health and Rehabilitation Centre**

918 James Street Syracuse, NY 13203 315- 474-1561

Fax: 315- 476-6435

Accommodations: Facility provides short term and long term care and has a pulmonary/respiratory unit. 440 beds; private and semi-private rooms; 370 long term care (of which 70 are on a specified Dementia Unit); 70 rehabilitation beds; provisions for couples to live together.

Sources of Payment: Private pay, Medicaid, Medicare and private insurance.

**Loretto Health and Rehabilitation Center**

Cunningham – Primarily Long Term Care

Fahey – Primarily Rehabilitation

700 E. Brighton Avenue Syracuse, NY 13205 315- 413-3400

Fax: 315- 492-0765

Accommodations: 583 beds of which 93 are rehabilitation beds, 34 are in the dementia unit, 30 on the palliative care floor. Couples are accommodated; private and semi-private rooms.

Sources of Payment: Private pay, Medicaid, Medicare, and private insurance.

**Menorah Park**

4101 E. Genesee Street Syracuse, NY 13214 315- 446-9111

Fax: 315- 449-0497

Accommodations: 132 total beds; all are long term care; facility offers rehabilitation, 44 beds on the Dementia Unit; private and semi-private rooms; provision for couples to live together.

Sources of Payment: Private pay, Medicaid, Medicare and private insurance.

**Sunnyside Care Center**

7000 Collamer Road, E. Syracuse, NY 13057 315- 656-7218

Fax: 315- 656-7394

Accommodations: Private and semi-private rooms; total number of beds 80, offers long term care and rehabilitation; accommodates IV therapy, wound care, tracheostomy care and G-Tube/Peg Tube Feeding.

Sources of Payment: Private pay, Medicaid, Medicare, and private insurance.

**Syracuse Home at McHarrie Place Health and Rehabilitation**

7740 Meigs Road Baldwinsville, NY 13027 315- 638-2521

Fax: 315- 638-2552

Accommodations: 120 total beds – 88 long term care, 30 rehabilitation and 2 respite; private rooms and semi-private rooms; shared baths, 2 dining facilities; provisions for couples to live together.

Sources of Payment: Private pay, Medicaid, Medicare and private insurance.

**Van Duyn Center for Rehabilitation and Nursing**

5075 West Seneca Turnpike Syracuse, NY 13215 315- 449-6000

Fax: 315- 449-6440

Accommodations: 513 total beds – Long term care and rehabilitation. The 7<sup>th</sup> floor is a state of the art short-term rehabilitation floor; private and semi-private rooms, dining on each floor; provisions for couples to live together.

Sources of Payment: Private pay, Medicaid, Medicare and private insurance.

## **Nursing Home (Skilled Nursing Facility) Inspection Reports & Advocacy**

### **New York State Department of Health**

The NYS Department of Health provides information about nursing home inspection reports including expanded quality of care information specific to complaint investigations and enforcement actions. The information provided on this website can help families as they make decisions regarding the care of their loved ones. **For more information:** [www.health.ny.gov](http://www.health.ny.gov)

### **Ombudsman Program**

The New York State Office of the Long Term Care Ombudsman Program (LTCOP) provides advocacy resources for persons who reside in long-term care facilities such as nursing homes, assisted living, and board and care homes. Those seeking LTCOP assistance or wishing to volunteer for the program should call 1-855-582-6769.

Ombudsmen help residents and their families understand and exercise their rights to good care in an environment that promotes and protects their dignity and quality of life. The program advocates for residents at both the individual and systems levels by receiving, investigating, and resolving complaints made by or on behalf of residents; promotes the development of resident and family councils; and informs governmental agencies, providers, and the general public about issues and concerns impacting residents of long-term care facilities. In New York State, LTCOP is administratively housed within the state Office for the Aging (NYSOFA), and provides advocacy services through a network of 15 regional programs.

Volunteers are the backbone of LTCOP. Each regional ombudsman program has a designated ombudsman coordinator who recruits, trains, and supervises a corps of trained volunteers. These volunteers provide a regular presence in nursing homes and board and care facilities throughout the state. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the New York State Office of the Long Term Care Ombudsman at 1-855-582-6769 or visit the LTCOP website [www.ltcombudsman.ny.gov](http://www.ltcombudsman.ny.gov). In Onondaga County contact Jeff Parker at 315-671-5108 [jparker@ariseinc.org](mailto:jparker@ariseinc.org).

## **Nursing Home Transition & Diversion Medicaid Waiver**

The Nursing Home Transition & Diversion (NHTD) Medicaid Waiver offers New Yorkers with disabilities and senior citizens a way to live in the community. The NHTD program offers a wide range of special services that help people in their daily lives including: re-teaching basic skills, building ramps to allow access to homes, and safety monitoring.

ARISE serves as the NHTD Regional Resource Development Center (RRDC) for the Syracuse Region (Herkimer, Jefferson, Lewis, Madison, Oneida, Onondaga, Oswego, and St. Lawrence counties). As the RRDC, Arise can help you get started and assist you in selecting a Service Coordination agency. The Service Coordination agency will then work with you to apply for the NHTD program and develop a service plan.

To be eligible for the program, you must be: 18 years of age or older, eligible for nursing home level of care or eligible for Medicaid coverage for community-based long term care. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Arise to learn more. What if I don't qualify for NHTD? Arise can still help! Their Health Care Advocacy Program can help you access the health care and home services that you need in order to move out of, or avoid entering, a nursing home. Contact: Syracuse Area Resource Development Center (RRDC) Bridget O'Hara, Lead Regional Resource Development Specialist at 315-671-2979 [bohara@ariseinc.org](mailto:bohara@ariseinc.org).

## **Pathways to Independence**

The Salvation Army was recently selected by New York State as one of two state sites to pilot a new Department of Health initiative, the Nursing Home to Independent Living Project or "Pathways to Independence." Through this initiative, the Salvation Army is providing community based solutions to seniors, and to individuals with disabilities, who have been placed in nursing homes, but can live safely at home with a coordination of housing assistance, health services and family involvement. An Advisory Council comprised of local hospitals, long term care facilities, home care agencies, and nursing homes provide major support to the program by identifying potential candidates. Contact the Salvation Army Pathways to Independence program at: 315-479-1325.



# Transportation

## Driving Courses

The following is a list of short term defensive driving courses that can take 10% off your insurance rates and under some circumstances, take points off your license. There is a wide variation in rates for driving courses so call for prices.

### **AARP**

American Association for Retired Persons (AARP)

315- 458-0050 (Local office)

or 1-888-OUR-AARP (1-888-687-2277)

AARP offers defensive driving courses for older persons with an emphasis on compensating for reduced reflexes and reaction time, vision and hearing issues, etc. Call for course fees.

### **OCC's EXCELL Defensive Driving Course**

**24 Hotline: 315-498-6009**

Various Locations

Course designed to help drivers reduce accidents, save money on auto insurance and reduce points on your license. Call for course fees.

## Older Driver Education

### **Onondaga County Traffic Safety Program**

**315-435-8235**

The Onondaga County Traffic Safety Program provides educational programs for the mature driver, pedestrian, and bicyclist at various locations, including senior centers, recreation programs, residential facilities, etc.

### **AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety**

**1730 M Street, N.W. Suite 401**

**Washington, D.C. 20036**

Brochure, "*A Flexibility Fitness Training Package for Improving Older Driver Performance.*"

## Onondaga County Senior Transportation Services by Area

Area – Clay, Cicero, North Syracuse, Salina						
Agency/Program	Address	Phone	Day & Hrs.	Fee	Area	Notes
*ANTS (Area North Transportation Service)	Salina Civic Center 2826 LeMoyne Ave Mattydale, NY 13211	424-1810	Mon. – Fri. 9:00 – 2:00 pm	Donations appreciated	Clay, Cicero, North Syracuse, Salina	To St. Joseph's Hospital, Dr. appointments, groceries, Rx, bank, lunch at Salina Senior Center
Area – Baldwinsville, Lysander, VanBuren						
Agency/Program	Address	Phone	Day & Hrs.	Fee	Area	Notes
*Baldwinsville Express	Canton Woods 76 Canton Street Baldwinsville, NY 13027	638-4536	Mon. – Fri. 8:00 – 4:30 pm	FREE (Volunteers own cars)	Baldwinsville, Lysander, VanBuren	No wheelchairs Provide rides for seniors one trip per week, medical bank, Rx, Post Office, Senior Center
Area – Town of Camillus						
Agency/Program	Address	Phone	Day & Hrs.	Fee	Area	Notes
Cat FISH Camillus Area Transportation	25 ½ First Street Camillus, NY 13031	701-5949	Tues., Wed., Thurs. 8:00 – 4:00 pm Call for appointments on Mon. & Thurs. 9:00 – 4:00 pm	Free-will donations appreciated	Town of Camillus	No wheelchairs Must be ambulatory. Transport to medical and dental appointments only
Area – Town of DeWitt						
Agency/Program	Address	Phone	Day & Hrs.	Fee	Area	Notes
cod/FISH	P.O. Box 105 DeWitt, NY 13214	463-5158	Call for cod/FISH Mon. – Fri. 9:00 am – 4:00 pm Transportation available: Tues. and Thurs. 8:00 – 5:00 pm	FREE	Town of DeWitt	Clients must be ambulatory. Volunteer drivers transport clients to medical and dental appointments
Area – Fayetteville, Minoa, Manlius to East Syracuse						
Agency/Program	Address	Phone	Day & Hrs.	Fee	Area	Notes
F-M FISH	P.O. Box 413 Fayetteville, NY 13066	637-8158	Mon. – Thurs. 9:00 am – 4:00 pm Fri. 8:00 – 5:00 pm	FREE Donations appreciated	Fayetteville, Minoa, Manlius to East Syracuse	Medical and dental appointments

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## Onondaga County Senior Transportation Services by Area

Area – Minoa, Bridgeport and Kirkville						
Agency/Program	Address	Phone	Day & Hrs.	Fee	Area	Notes
*Senior Adult Transportation Service (SAT)	246 East Avenue Minoa, NY 13116	454-2740	Mon. – Fri. 9:00 am – 3:00 pm Tues. and Thurs.: free trip to Senior Adult Ministry/ Pick-ups 9:00 am	Free-will donations appreciated	Minoa, Bridgeport, and Kirkville	Medical appointments, shopping. 1 <sup>st</sup> Mon. of month. Those in manual wheelchairs need escort. Senior exercise program & lunch Tues. & Thurs., senior centers. Personal activities. Call one week in advance for reservation
Area – Skaneateles						
Agency/Program	Address	Phone	Day & Hrs.	Fee	Area	Notes
*Laker Limo	Skaneateles, NY 13152	685-3030 Recording Leave a message	Mon. – Fri. 9:00 am – 5:00 pm	Free-will donations appreciated	Skaneateles to Auburn and Syracuse	Residents of Town/School District of Skaneateles. <u>Call 2 days in advance</u>
Agency/Program	Address	Phone	Day & Hrs.	Fee	Area	Notes
Skaneateles FISH	24 Jordan St. Skaneateles, NY 13152	685-6679	Mon. – Fri. 8:00 am – 8:30 pm	Free-will donations appreciated	Skaneateles to Auburn (none from Auburn to Skaneateles)	Medical, groceries, hair salons
Area – Jordan, Elbridge						
Agency/Program	Address	Phone	Day & Hrs.	Fee	Area	Notes
*Jordan Elbridge Transportation (JET)	5 Route 31 P.O. Box 568 Jordan, NY 13080	689-3431	Mon. – Fri. 8:00 am – 5:00 pm	Free-will donations appreciated	Jordan, Elbridge, Onondaga County and Auburn	Medical and dental appointments, shopping. Wheelchairs, walkers, escort service. Senior luncheon the 1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tues. of the month & every Fri.

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## Onondaga County Senior Transportation Services by Area

Area – City and County						
Agency/Program	Address	Phone	Day & Hrs.	Fee	Area	Notes
America's Medical Transportation	130 Reed Avenue Syracuse, NY 13217	299-4471	Mon. – Sat. 5:00 am – 7:00 pm	City/one-way: \$28.00; Outside City: \$2.50 a mile; Taxi Service: one-way - \$15.00	City and County	Private Pay, Medicaid, Credit Cards. Transport to medical and dental appointments. Ambulatory
Agency/Program	Address	Phone	Day & Hrs.	Fee	Area	Notes
Empire Transportation Services	222 Teall Avenue Suite106 Syracuse, NY 13210	477-1487 Leave message after 2:00 pm; will call back next day	Mon.- Fri. 9:00 am – 2:00 pm	Call for fees	City and County	Private Pay (discount) & Medicaid. Medical, dental appointments, errands service. Wheelchairs, ambulatory
Agency/Program	Address	Phone	Day & Hrs.	Fee	Area	Notes
*Outbound Transportation Services (ABLE Medical Transportation)	421 Montgomery St 5 <sup>th</sup> Floor Civic Center Syracuse, NY 13202	435-2815 Fax#: 435-2801	7 days Mon. – Thurs.: 7 am – 6 pm. Fri.: 7am – 10 pm Sat.: 9 am – 11 pm. Sun: 9:00 am – 7:00 pm	Call for fees (\$24 round trip/4 rides a month – application required)	City and County	Private Pay (discount) & Medicaid. Medical, dental appointments. Wheelchairs, ambulatory
Area – City – East and West						
Agency/Program	Address	Phone	Day & Hrs.	Fee	Area	Notes
*The Salvation Army	677 S. Salina Street Syracuse, NY 13202	479-1311	Monday – Friday 7:30 am – 10:00 am 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Free-will donations appreciated	City East and West	Congregate Centers to S.A. Day Care Centers (Long Term only)
Agency/Program	Address	Phone	Day & Hrs.	Fee	Area	Notes
*Westcott Community Center	826 Euclid Ave., Syracuse, NY 13210	315-478-8634	Mon-Thursday 9-4	Free-will donations appreciated	City East and University Area	To from the Center for activities & exercise. Grocery Shopping & Dr.'s Appointments

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## Onondaga County Senior Transportation Services by Area

Area – City - North						
Agency/Program	Address	Phone	Day & Hrs.	Fee	Area	Notes
*Northeast Community Center	716 Hawley Ave. Syracuse, NY 13203	472-6343 ext. 206	Mon., Wed., and Fri. 9 am – 2 pm Tues. & Thurs. Senior Center 9 am – 2 pm	Free-will donations appreciated	City North	To McChesney, Northeast & Eastwood Senior Centers, Medical appts. Call: Mon., Wed. and Fri.
Area – City - Southwest						
Agency/Program	Address	Phone	Day & Hrs.	Fee	Area	Notes
*Southwest Community Center	401 South Avenue Syracuse, NY 13204	474-6823	Mon. – Fri. 9:00 am – 9:00 pm. Sat. 9:00-Noon	Free-will donations appreciated	City Southwest	
Area – City and Suburbs						
Agency/Program	Address	Phone	Day & Hrs.	Fee	Area	Notes
Best Comfort Care Transportation	25 ½ First St. Camillus, NY 13031	448-9455	Mon. – Sun. 7:00 am – 5:00 pm	Call for fees	City, Cortland, and suburbs	Wheelchair, stretcher
Agency/Program	Address	Phone	Day & Hrs.	Fee	Area	Notes
Centro Call-A-Bus	P.O. Box 820 Syracuse, NY 13205	Information 442-3434 Daily: 8:00 am – 5:00 pm	Reservations Daily: 8:00 am – 5:00 pm Call 442-3420 For Cancellations Daily: 24 hrs/7days Call 442-3434	5.99 miles or less - \$2.50 6 miles or more - \$3.00	City and Suburbs (Call for information on area of service.)	Curb-to-Curb service. Assists with bus entry-exit & with mobility devices. One personal aide rides free with advance notice at reservation
Agency/Program	Address	Phone	Day & Hrs.	Fee	Area	Notes
City Taxi	1371 S. Salina Street Syracuse, NY 13214	471-3131	7 days a week 24 hrs a day	Seniors get 10% off cab fare	City and Suburbs	Curb-to-curb. No wheelchairs
Area – County						
Agency/Program	Address	Phone	Day & Hrs.	Fee	Area	Notes
*ABLE Medical Transportation	1543 S. Salina Street Syracuse, NY 13205	472-3393	7 days 24 hrs/day	Call for fees	County	Medicaid, wheelchair, escort services, stretcher, ambulatory

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## Onondaga County Senior Transportation Services by Area

Agency/Program	Address	Phone	Day & Hrs.	Fee	Area	Notes
St. Camillus Transportation	813 Fay Road Syracuse, NY 13204	488-2951 Ext. 242	Mon. – Fri. 7:00 am – 5:00 pm	Call for fees	County	Wheelchair, ambulatory, door-to-door transportation. 24-hour notice preferred
Agency/Program	Address	Phone	Day & Hrs.	Fee	Area	Notes
*Highland Patient Transport	20 East Elizabeth St., Skaneateles, NY 13152	254-6287	7 days 5:00 am – 9:00 pm	Call for fees	County & Central New York	Private pay. Door to door assistance w/entry/exit. Wheelchairs, stretchers
Agency/Program	Address	Phone	Day & Hrs.	Fee	Area	Notes
Speedy Medical Transportation	219 S. Center Street E. Syracuse, NY 13057	463-5148	7 days 7:00 am – 5:00 pm	Call for fees	County	Door to door assistance w/entry/exit. Wheelchairs
Agency/Program	Address	Phone	Day & Hrs.	Fee	Area	Notes
Suburban Transportation	6327 East Molloy Rd. E. Syracuse, NY 13057	437-0058	Mon. – Fri. 7:00 am – 6:00 pm Sat. and Sun. on request	Call for fees	County	24 hr. notice for weekends. Medicaid, wheelchairs, stretchers
Agency/Program	Address	Phone	Day & Hrs.	Fee	Area	Notes
TLC Medical Transportation	638 Burnet Avenue Syracuse, NY 13203	422-0211	7 days 24 hours a day	Call for fees	County	Medicaid, wheelchairs, escort service. Stretchers. Ambulance emergency&non
Agency/Program	Address	Phone	Day & Hrs.	Fee	Area	Notes
*OSCAR (Onondaga Senior Call A Ride)(CENTRO)	200 Cortland Ave. PO Box 820 Syracuse, NY 13205	For Application:442- 3434 M-F; 8-5 For Reservation 442-3420 2 working days in advance M-F; 8-5	Mon. – Fri. 7:00 am – 7:00 pm Not available on weekends or holidays	Free-will \$6.00 round-trip donation is appreciated	County	Onondaga County to/from areas not served by Centro's public transport. Eligible seniors may receive: 2 round trips per month or 4 one- way trips per month. Subject to change

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## Onondaga County Senior Transportation Services by Area

Agency/Program	Address	Phone	Day & Hrs.	Fee	Area	Notes
<b>*Native American Transportation Program</b>		Darlene Papineau 412-3110	Mon. – Fri. For Native Americans 60+, on or near the Onondaga Nation	Free-will donations appreciated	County	Wheelchair accessible. Rides to clinic, doctor, food pantry, bank, store
Agency/Program	Address	Phone	Day & Hrs.	Fee	Area	Notes
<b>Wil-Care Transportation Service</b>	2610 S. Salina St. Syracuse	315-491-8533	Call for Hrs. Of Service	Call for Fees	Greater Syracuse Area	Wheelchairs, Veterans, Disabled, Seniors

# Caregiver & Home Care Assistance

## Caregiver Services

### Home Care Options

Home care services are intended to allow people to remain in their own homes and in the community for as long as possible. Services such as home health or personal care are brought into the home through a certified or licensed home health care agency. Other services, such as companion care or friendly visitors which offer supervision and socialization are also available as in-home services.

But some programs that are designed to keep older adults in the community actually take them out of the home. These ‘out-of-home care services’ can be medical (such as the Medical Model Adult Day Program or Loretto’s Independent Living Services) and/or social (as in Social Model Adult Day Cares which offer socialization and supervision).

### Basic Home Care Services

**Nursing:** A registered nurse coordinates the delivery of all services provided by the home care agency. Based on physician’s orders, the nurse develops and administers a patient care plan and supervises and/or provides direct care and education. A private duty nurse, who can work in the home or accompany a patient through a hospital stay, can be hired through the Medical Registry of Central New York at 315- 468-3239.

**Home Health Aide:** Provides basic health care tasks, personal hygiene services, housekeeping tasks, and other related supportive services.

**Personal Care:** Provides assistance with personal hygiene, dressing, feeding, and household tasks essential to the patient’s health.

**Homemaker:** Provides assistance with routine household tasks such as house cleaning, laundering, and grocery shopping. Homemakers do not provide any personal care assistance.



**Companion:** Provides companionship and guidance to the client. The companion may assist with homemaking and other support chores in the household, depending on which companion program is used.

## Caregiver Information and Support

**Onondaga County Office for Aging, Caregiver Resources** 315- 435-2362

Information and support for people caring for older adults, including caregiver family discussions, caregiver training and individual support.

- Advice to families in crisis
- In-home respite
- Social Adult Day Programming
- *I CARE* Institute – Free Classes throughout the year for caregivers or those who will become caregivers.
- Caregiver Discussion Groups
- Family Caregiver Planning

**Eldercare Locator** 1-800-677-1116

This national service helps locate community services available in your area. When you call, have the person's name (who requires services), address and zip code available.

**Gateway (Loretto System)** 315- 469-1991

Provides information about services available through the Loretto system.

**Senior Social Group** 315- 478-1462

A program of Exceptional Family Resources which assists older person caregivers of developmentally disabled adult children to access information necessary to plan for the future of their sons and daughters. Plus, provides a social and support experience.

Meets quarterly

**Grandparents Group** 315- 478-1462

A program of Exceptional Family Resources that provides information and offers support to older persons caring for a special needs child in their charge. Meets quarterly

## Discussion, Support and Parkinson's Dance Groups

Discussion and support groups provide emotional support and information for people who are ill or someone who is caring for someone who is ill or elderly. Many groups are formed based on specific medical problems such as stroke or heart disease or a general topic such as caregiving.

**Alzheimer's Association of Central New York**, 441 West Kirkpatrick Street,  
Syracuse 13204 315- 472-4201

The Alzheimer's Association of Central NY makes a difference in the lives of individuals with Alzheimer's disease, and the care partners who support them. Our vision, a world without Alzheimer's disease, is fueled by our organizational mission: To eliminate Alzheimer's disease through the advancement of research; to provide and enhance care and support for all affected; and to reduce the risk of dementia through the promotion of brain health. Our programs and services include:

**Information and Referral:** Dementia experts are available around the clock through our 24-hour Helpline at 800-272-3900. Our professionally staffed Helpline specialists are available to answer questions about dementia, Alzheimer's disease, Chapter services, support groups and community resources and provide tips and assistance during times of crisis. Translation services available for more than 120 languages.

**Care Consultations:** Care Consultations assist individuals with dementia and their families to solve immediate problems and plan for the future. These meetings with our dementia experts include the preparation of needs assessments and action plans.

**Support Groups:** Support groups meet regularly to provide educational information and social support to individuals with the disease and persons who care for someone with Alzheimer's disease or a related dementia.

**Safety Services:** The Alzheimer's Association has partnered with MedicAlert® to bring you MedicAlert® + Safe Return®, a national location management systems for people with Alzheimer's or other memory impairment.

**Education and Training Programs:** Family caregivers can take part in free education programs with topics including disease progression, communication and behaviors, daily activities and medical and legal planning. Professional organizations can also contract the Chapter to provide customized training to their staff on any number of topics.

**Online Services:** The Alzheimer's Association offers a wide variety of services online at our local chapter website: [alz.org/cny](http://alz.org/cny). Find local events; Read the latest news or connect with us on social media; Link up with other caregivers and individuals with the disease on our ALZConnected® community; Chart your course with the disease on the Alzheimer's Navigator™; Attend an education program from the comfort of your desktop or laptop computer at the Marty Manning Online Education Center; Join TrialMatch™, our cutting edge clinical trial database of Alzheimer's research trials.



## Caregiver Discussion Groups

Family caregivers, of older or disabled persons, assume responsibilities and experience many changes in their lifestyles. They say they are frustrated in knowing how to solve the multitude of challenges facing them and don't know where to turn for help. They need support. You need support!

Through the Onondaga County Department of Adult and Long Term Care, Office for Aging, **Caregiver Services** provides on-going support through **Caregiver Discussion Groups**. There are four groups to choose from, all meet regularly with an aging specialist facilitator. Family caregivers gather to share their situations, define the problems they face, explore solutions, learn about community resources and make a commitment to change.

Group Participants learn from, and support, each other as they reach out and try different strategies for providing care for their family members as well as themselves. The groups are trusting places where caregivers can express emotions and concerns and find validation and encouragement.

## Group Locations & Information

**Brookdale Manlius**, 100 Flume Road, Manlius, NY

Meets the first Wednesday of each month at 3 p.m. (2nd Floor Dining Room)

**Park Terrace at Radisson**, 2981 Town Center Road, Baldwinsville, NY

Meets the third Wednesday of each month at 2:30 p.m.

**The Hearth on James**, 830 James Street, Syracuse, NY

Meets every other Thursday at 3 p.m.

**Brookdale Summerfield**, 100 Summerfield Village Lane, Syracuse, NY

Meets every other Thursday. Two groups: one at 4:30 pm & the other at 6 p.m.

Contact: **Johanna Hannah** at (315) 435-2362, Ext.4994



Onondaga County Department of Adult and Long Term Care Services, Office for Aging  
John H. Mulroy Civic Center, 10th Floor 421 Montgomery Street, Syracuse NY 13202

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<b>Caregivers Support Group</b> (Any Caregiver is welcome, Chronic Degenerative or Terminal Illness)	4th Thursday of every month at 6:30 PM	HOPE for Bereaved, Inc. 4500 Onondaga Blvd. Syracuse, NY 13219 315-475-9675 <a href="http://hopeforbereaved.com">hopeforbereaved.com</a>
<b>Syracuse Cancer Support Group</b>	Every Tuesdays 4-5:30 p.m.	Facilitated by social worker and oncology nurses; for patients and families 1000 E. Genesee St., Suite 400. Sponsored by Hematology-Oncology Associates of CNY.
<b>Syracuse Caregivers Support Group</b>	2nd Thursdays at noon	Plymouth Congregational Church, 232 E. Onondaga St., Syr., NY 315-474-4836
<b>Alzheimer's/Dementia</b>	3rd Tuesdays at 2:30 p.m.	Brookdale Bellevue 4330 Onondaga Blvd. Syracuse, NY 13019 315-277-8019
<b>General Therapeutic Caregivers Group</b> (Any caregiver can attend)	Every Tuesday 2:30-4:00 PM	Syracuse Jewish Family Service 1 Hodes Way, 4101 E. Genesee St. Syracuse, NY 13214 315- 446-9111

**R.A.P.P.**  
**Relatives Acting as**  
**Parents Program**



**Goal**

To serve grandparents, and other relatives, age 55 or older who live in Onondaga County and are raising a minor relative by providing help and support to the families & children.

**Group Support**

**Dinner & Conversation** the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month 5:00 to 6:30 p.m.

**Coffee & Conversation** the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month 10:00 to 11:30 a.m.

**Other Activities**

Picnics, Amusement Parks, NYS Fair, Rosamond Gifford Zoo & More

All Events and Activities are **FREE**

Contact: Cathy Goldthwait at 315-470-4375 or [CGoldthwait@syrhousing.org](mailto:CGoldthwait@syrhousing.org)

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**For Online Caregiver Support Groups go to [www.caregiver.org](http://www.caregiver.org)**

Onondaga County Office for Aging  
**Finding Your Way With Parkinson's Disease**



Approximately 60,000 people are diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease every year. As with any diagnosis, understanding your disease is key to successfully maintaining the meaningful activities of your daily life.

Join other patients and families, dealing with Parkinson's Disease, for informational presentations at one of two locations:

**Where:** The Hearth at Greenpoint

150 Old Liverpool Road, Liverpool

**When:** First Monday of each month, 12:30 - 2:00 pm

~ Or ~

**Where:** Brookdale Summerfield

100 Summerfield Village Lane, Onondaga Hill, off Velasko Rd.

**When:** Second Tuesday of each month, 4:00 - 5:30 pm



For information or to sign-up, call Cynthia at:  
(315) 435-2362 ext.4993, or email at [cstevenson@ongov.net](mailto:cstevenson@ongov.net)

# Parkinson's Dance

MOVING THROUGH POSSIBILITIES

## FREE Dance Class



**For those with Parkinson's &  
their Caregivers, Friends & Family**

**EVERY Thursday from 1:45 to 3:00 p.m.  
at the Dance Theater of Syracuse  
117 Harvard Place Syracuse, NY (Near Westcott St.)  
Contact: Tumay Tunur (504) 570-0752  
[ParkinsonsDance@yahoo.com](mailto:ParkinsonsDance@yahoo.com)**



## Care Management Services

Certified Geriatric Care Managers are committed to working towards higher quality of care for the elderly and their families through education, advocacy and high standards of private practice. The Care Management Services in Onondaga County are:

### Aging Well Consulting

Barbara Daley

315-569-1360

[Theagewellconsulting@gmail.com](mailto:Theagewellconsulting@gmail.com)

### CNY Elderplanning

Kate McGahan, Certified Care Manager, Lisa Mitchell, Executive Director

315-673-9876 or 877-243-4436

[www.cnyelderplanning.com](http://www.cnyelderplanning.com)

### Inspire Care of Central New York

Becky Auyer, Certified Care Manager

315-447-3164

[bauyerPT@gamil.com](mailto:bauyerPT@gamil.com)

[www.InspireCareCNY.com](http://www.InspireCareCNY.com)

### Senior Advocate Care Management

Gail Rosenholm

315-380-6195

[grosenholmRN@gmail.com](mailto:grosenholmRN@gmail.com)

[www.SeniorAdvocateCareManagement.com](http://www.SeniorAdvocateCareManagement.com)

### Syracuse Jewish Family Services – Solutions Care Management

315-446-9111 x 231

[www.sjfs.org](http://www.sjfs.org)

## **ACR Health**

627 W Genesee St, Syracuse, NY 13204

315 475-2430

[www.acrhealth.org](http://www.acrhealth.org)

ACR Health's dedicated care management team is highly knowledgeable in all areas of access to care. Care managers work one-to-one with members to identify needs and link them with services: Primary Medical Care, Substance Abuse Treatment, Mental Health Treatment, Financial Benefits, Housing, Legal Assistance, Nutrition, Treatment Adherence and Medical Transportation.

ACR Health services are offered to anyone without discrimination based on age, race, creed, color, gender, sexual orientation, economic status, political affiliation, marital status or handicapped status. You will be treated with dignity and respect. Your information is confidential and services are provided in strict accordance with state and federal laws. You will receive services in a reasonable and timely manner.

Care Management - Through frequent, planned contact, the family-centered care manager helps the family achieve goals and objectives set out in the care plan. This includes helping families access a range of supports and services and creating opportunities for them to learn and practice new skills. Family-centered care management includes communication and planning with multiple service systems to ensure provision of appropriate services and assess service effectiveness and client progress. Families are encouraged to use their skills to access resources, fully participate in services, and evaluate their progress toward desired goals and outcomes.

### **Care Management Services include:**

- Comprehensive care management
- Care coordination
- Health promotion
- Comprehensive transitional care/follow-up
- Patient & family support
- Referral to community & social support services

People who have multiple chronic health conditions can now receive help from ACR Health's care management program. ACR Health will integrate and coordinate all primary, acute, behavioral health, and long-term services and supports to treat the whole person.

#### Eligibility Requirements:

- Medicaid, Medicaid/Medicare, Uninsured, Self-Pay, Private Insurance
- Have HIV/AIDS
- Have serious and persistent mental health condition
- Have 2 or more chronic conditions:  
Chronic conditions include mental illness, substance abuse, asthma, diabetes, heart disease, HIV/AIDS, a BMI over 25.

To learn more or to find out if you are eligible, call (800)475-2430 or email [CareManagement@ACRHealth.org](mailto:CareManagement@ACRHealth.org).

## Expanded In-Home Services for the Elderly Program (EISEP)

Onondaga County Office for Aging  
315- 435-2362

EISEP is a state-wide program which offers seniors non-medical assistance in their own homes to help them maintain their independence and remain in the community. They serve people age 60 years of age, and older, with functional impairments and unmet needs who are not eligible for Medicaid.

Services include:

- **Case Management** – Involves in-home evaluation, - coordination of services, on-going monitoring, and a reevaluation every six months.
- **Personal Care/Housekeeper** – Hands-on care to assist with bathing, dressing, light housekeeping, laundry, linen change, shopping, and meal preparation.
- **Respite Care** – Social Day Program Service to participants who have a full-time informal caregiver. This allows “time off” for shopping, household tasks, appointments, and rest.
- **Ancillary Services** – EISEP will loan: Personal Emergency Response Systems (Lifeline), Stair Slides and Lift Chairs.

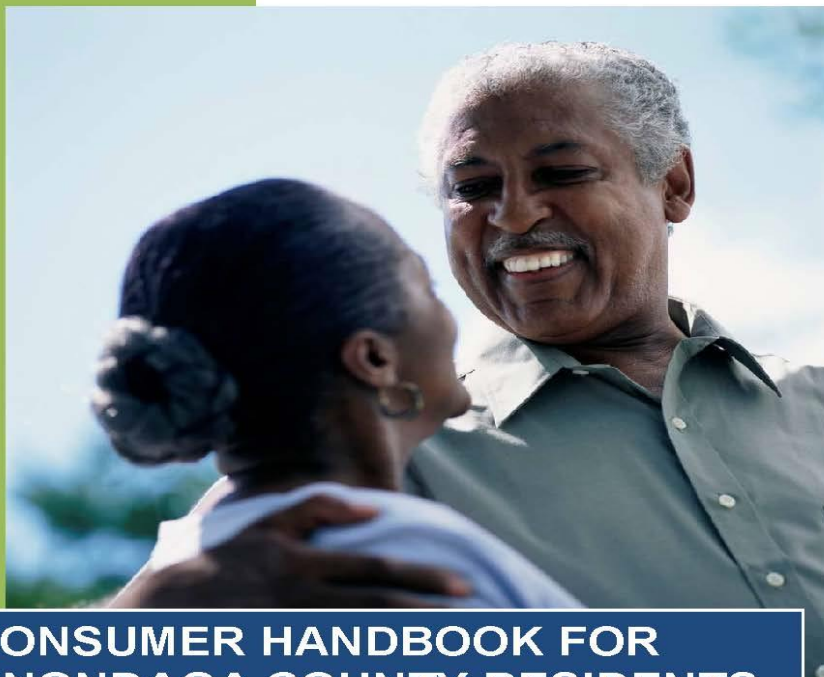
The State pays 75% with a local match of 25%. There is a cost share for aide service and the social day program that is paid by the client. It can be from 0 to 100%, depending on income.

Anyone can make a referral by calling EISEP at 315- 435-2362.

**Consumer Directed EISEP**

See the full brochure at: <http://www.ongov.net/aging/eisep.html>

**Consumer  
Directed  
EISEP**  
Expanded In-Home  
Services for the  
Elderly Program



**CONSUMER HANDBOOK FOR  
ONONDAGA COUNTY RESIDENTS**

**Consumer  
Directed  
Care**

## Long Term Care Resource Center

Onondaga County Department of Adult & Long Term Care Services  
315- 435-1400 M-F, 8:00 am to 4:30 pm.

Offers comprehensive assessment and information to anyone in Onondaga County considering home care or other long term care services to achieve appropriate level of care. The completion of a PRI (Patient Review Instrument) can be done if nursing home placement is considered. The Long Term Care Resource Center also provides nursing assessment and case management for Medicaid funded home care programs such as the Consumer Directed Program and the Personal Care Program.

- Provides on-going medically-based care management for children and adults receiving personal care services
- Works collectively with Protective Services for Adults to provide nursing assessments
- Works collectively with Medicaid Waiver programs to provide personal care
- Consumer-Directed and Licensed Agency

**Consumer Directed Program** allows a self-directing client to arrange and direct their own aide service. The Resource Center assesses the client's appropriateness for the program as well as the amount of service to be authorized for Medicaid payment. Enable provides training for new clients and acts as fiscal intermediary for the aides.

**Personal Care Program.** Home Care Services arranged and directed by an agency.

## PRI – Patient Review Instrument

PRIs are completed for the purpose of determining the level of care needed. They are completed by Registered Nurses who have had special training and are certified to conduct them. Patients are assessed for the type of assistance they need (medical or custodial) and psychosocial status. They receive a score which indicates the level of care they need.

To obtain a PRI, contact any Certified Home Care agency or the Onondaga County Long Term Care Resource Center at 315- 435-1400. *Fee for services depends on the provider.*

## **University Geriatricians**

900 Presidential Plaza Syracuse

315- 464-6100

Geriatric evaluations designed to classify existing problems and to help plan for the immediate and long term future of the patient. For the frail elderly or those with suspected Alzheimer's and dementia's or cognitive disorders. Appointments may be made by individual, family member, physician or social service agency.

## **NY Connects**



- Provides comprehensive and unbiased information and linkages to people of any age seeking Long-Term Care Services
- Provides in-home nursing and social assessments to assist families in choosing appropriate levels of care
- Provides outreach to community groups promoting access to services
- Serves as the “No Wrong Door” in Onondaga County.



## **Adult Day Programs** in Onondaga County

Adult programs provide a variety of services including recreational and social activities, meals, personal care, physical and occupational therapy and counseling. Some adult day care programs specialize in caring for frail, older adults in need of supervision.

Adult day care may be appropriate for a person whose needs are ordinarily met by his or her own family members. Family members may have to work outside the home but are generally home in the evenings and on weekends. Many caregivers simply need a break during the week.

There are two types of adult day care programs:

**Social Adult Day Care**

**Medical Adult Day Care**



## **Social Adult Day Care**

Social adult day care provides social interactions, activities and meals in a supervised setting. Although social programs do not have medical care, staff in Social Day Programs maintain close contacts with the participant's caregiver in order to report observed changes in physical, mental or emotional condition.

### **The Centers at St. Camillus**

813 Fay Road  
Syracuse, N.Y. 13219  
315- 488-2951

The Social Day Program is offered Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. and serves adults 18 and older with cognitive and neurological impairments. The program provides: full and half day care, meals, oversight and supervision of health, personal care activities, and safety throughout the day, modified activities for individual cognitive and psycho-social impairments, maintenance and enhancement of activities of daily living to increase independence, caregiver respite, coordination of social, intellectual, cultural, educational, and physical activities – both group and individual, the opportunity to promote the highest level of physical, mental, and psycho-social functioning, and assistance with arranging transportation, if needed. Admissions/Referrals: A simple phone call is all it takes to get started. A case manager will review your individual situation and needs. If the program seems right for you, a more comprehensive evaluation by a registered nurse and case manager will be conducted. They accept payment from Medicaid, private insurance and self-pay clients. For more information on Adult Day Health at St. Camillus, please contact: Director of Day Programs, 315-703-0740.

### **Keepsake Village at Greenpoint - Social Day Program**

138 Old Liverpool Road  
Liverpool, NY 13088  
315- 451-4567

Open 8:30 to 5:00 Monday through Friday. A Social day care program specially designed to offer the assistance needed to improve daily stimulation of participants

with Alzheimer's disease or memory loss. Caregivers receive peace of mind knowing their loved one is receiving quality care in calm and stress free environment. Open Monday-Friday, weekend days available upon request and availability. Call for fee schedule, self-pay \$90/day.

**North Area Adult Respite Center** (Located in Andrews Memorial United Methodist Church)

106 Church Street – Steckel Hall

N. Syracuse, NY 13212

Contact: Pat Paver - 315-695-2234 or 315-457-9443

Hours: Mondays 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

Serve adults in a social model setting including stroke patients who can help themselves somewhat, early stage Alzheimer's patients who do not wander and those who would otherwise be isolated at home. They provide loving care for the elderly while the caregiver is worry-free to do their personal and family needs. A full-course nutritional meal is served to each participant at noon. Arts and crafts, entertainment, games, and puzzles fill the time. For more information, feel free to call Pat Paver at 695-2234. A contribution of \$10.00 dollars is requested, but no one is denied. The program is staffed by trained volunteers.

**Salvation Army Social Day Program**

749 S. Warren Street

Syracuse, NY 13202

315- 479-1309

The Salvation Army's Social Day Program provides opportunities for socialization and wellness that support independence for our community's seniors. The Senior Center provides a warm and welcoming atmosphere that fosters a sense of community. Nutritionally balanced breakfasts and hot lunches are available for all participants. Seniors have the choice to participate in many programs, including computer instruction, yoga, exercise and strength training, falls prevention, diabetic support, health monitoring and education, ceramics and crafts, music, spiritual programs and personal enrichment. Support is provided for full participation by frail elderly who are at risk for institutionalization and/or nursing home care. Available services include transportation, referral to case management services and other community resources, assistance on outings and trips and

caregiver support/assistance. A full time Nurse/LPN is on the Senior Center staff. Contribution-based and fee based upon need.

### **Self-Direct Social Adult Day**

16 Oswego Street

Baldwinsville, NY 13207

315- 635-5374

<http://www.selfdirectsocialday.com>. Monday-Friday 9 am to 3 pm.

The Self-Direct, Inc. Social Day Program “Without Walls” provides individually designed services, that take place in the community to improve and maintain the skills and abilities of participants to live as independently as possible in the community. The program will provide assistance, training, and supervision to individuals with varying abilities related to: Self-Care, Task Completion, Communication Skills, Interpersonal Skills, Problem-Solving Skills, Socialization, Sensory/Motor Skills, Mobility, Community Transportation Skills, Challenging Behaviors, and Financial Management. Provides Social Transportation to Community Outings. Nutritious meals planned daily by a licensed nutritionist. Accepts most insurance and private pay.

### **Silver Fox Senior Social Club**

22 East Genesee Street

Baldwinsville NY 13027

315-635-5335

The staff of the Silver Fox Senior Social Club are experienced and dedicated healthcare professionals with decades of experience. Several aides are New York State Certified Home Health Aides and bring with them a caring and personable attitude to assisting seniors with whatever support they may need in their daily routine at Silver Fox. Some very important member benefits include assistance with personal care, medication reminders and assistance, as well as care with safety issues such as mobility. Lunch is provided and outings and activities.

Hours: Open Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Contact:

[barb@SilverFoxSeniors.org](mailto:barb@SilverFoxSeniors.org)

### **VNA Homecare - Eldercare Social Day Program**

1050 West Genesee Street, Syracuse, NY 13204

315- 424-1003

Social Adult Day Program for the frail isolated elderly. Open 7 am until 5 pm, Monday – Friday. A program of health, social and related support services provided on an individual basis. Program provides an alternative to long term care. It assists the elderly adult to extend their independent living or ability to live with relatives. Age 60+. Call for interview appointment. Wheelchair accessible, interpreter provided when needed. There is a sliding scale, Medicaid, self-pay or Veteran’s Benefits, LTHCP and VNA. The program is designed to create a social setting for participants and respite for their at-home caregivers. In order to create an environment that’s both safe and fulfilling for all participants, there is a list of criteria that must be met in order to be admitted to the program: Must be able to benefit from the program.

- Must be able to remain safe while attending the program
- Must be able to be redirected
- Must be able to stand with the assistance of one to transfer to a chair or toilet
- Must have manageable incontinence
- Must attend a minimum of one day each week
- Must be present for lunch each day they attend the program

Medications are supervised by trained staff and kept in a locked medicine cabinet. Special diets may be available and dietary needs should be discussed with the administrator or nurse manager. Program aides provide assistance with toileting, walking and eating if necessary, and the entire program site is handicap accessible. Tours available on request and a trial day can be arranged. Tour and trial days are at no-cost.

### **Winds of Agape**

1414 Grant Boulevard , Syracuse, N.Y. 13208  
315-425-0547

Winds of Agape Social Adult Day Program (SDP) provides services for individuals with Traumatic Brain Injuries (TBI), stroke, mild dementia, and respite care. Their day program offers activities: arts & crafts, cognitive exercises, games, guest musical artists, choral & dance performances, computer skills, exercise program, outings, volunteering and more.

## Medical Adult Day Care

Medical Adult Day Care programs are staffed with at least one registered nurse to administer medicine and perform routine medical tasks, a social worker, therapists and other professional staff, as well as physician back up when needed. Medical model programs must have an affiliation with a licensed nursing home.

### **The Centers at St. Camillus**

813 Fay Road  
Syracuse, N.Y. 13219  
315- 488-2951

The Medical Day Health Program is offered Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. and serves adults 16 years or older who: Are returning home from a hospitalization and/or short/long term rehabilitation, Require additional medical, rehabilitation, and support services to maximize health status, Can increase independence so they can remain safely in their home, Have a progressive or chronic illness that has resulted in a gradual decline in health, Require ongoing medical services and coordination of multiple services to maximize health and the ability to remain at home. The Medical Day Health Program offers: Rehabilitation Services, Restorative therapies, Nursing rehabilitation activities, Medical Support – Skilled nursing service, which includes the following: Health assessment and monitoring, Medical case management, Individual treatments, Medication administration and management, Pre-fill med boxes and insulin syringes, Wound care and lab draws, Case Management, Assistance in securing/coordinating medical care and appointments, Arranging transportation to/from medical appointments, Assisting with health insurance issues, Assisting in accessing community resources; i.e. Medicaid, food stamps, and HEAP, Personal Care, Personal care services which include showers, based on the need of the individual. Pay Sources: Medicaid and some long term care policies cover the cost of the program and transportation; Medicare does not. They develop a comprehensive individualized plan that coordinates our medical day program services with any additional community services needed to remain living at home. Contact: Medical Day Program Case Manager, 315-703-0670.

## **Central Park Rehabilitation and Nursing Center – Adult Day Program**

116 Martin Luther King East, Syracuse, N.Y. 13205

315- 475-1641

Open Days, 7:00 am – 5:00 pm. Breakfast, lunch and snack, bathing, podiatry, therapy, beauty shop and other facilities are available. It is located in a skilled nursing facility. Adult Day Care Program - Central Park recognizes that family members are the major care givers for disabled adults, elderly parents, or chronically ill adults. Providing 24-hour care is a difficult task while attending to the needs of loved ones while trying to retain a job outside of the home and the usual daily activities. Adult Day Care gives the caregiver the opportunity to reduce the feeling of stress, from trying to do everything and reduces the feelings of guilt, knowing your loved one is cared for while you work, or when having the time to get caught up on the daily errands. While at Central Park Day Away Program your loved one will enjoy a safe and secure environment while you work, or while you have time to shop, keep your appointments and perform daily errands.

**The Bridge Program** - The Bridge Program is designed for the participants who have recently been admitted to the rehabilitation/transitional care unit and who have reached a certain level of independence, but require additional monitoring and supervision of care. **The Day Away Program** - This program allows for additional time at the participant's pace; all while living at home and receiving the additional support such as medication administration, wound care or personal care services.

Central Park provides enjoyable, supervised recreational activities such as entertainment, music, daily exercise, cognitive stimulation activities, and creative art programs allowing for a chance to socialize with other adults. Nursing services are available with a Registered Professional Nurse who, along with a Licensed Practical Nurse and Certified Nursing Assistants, provides medication administration, wound care and personal care such as bathing, toileting assistance and incontinence care.

## **Loretto - Daybreak Adult Medical Program**

161 Intrepid Lane

Syracuse, NY 13205, 315- 498-4405

Open 6 days per week 8:00 am – 4:00 pm and all Holidays except for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Services: nursing, medication assistance, skill

training and education, rehabilitative therapies, nutritional counseling and hot lunch, personal care, recreational activities including weekly community outings, entertainers, Tai Chi and wellness programs, hair dresser, case management and psychological services. Fees: Medicaid, sliding scale fee, private insurance and self-pay. RNs, LPNs, and Certified Nurse's aides, Registered Dieticians, Therapists, Case Managers, Recreation staff. It is a community-based day program in a comfortable, safe environment, which brings the individual's primary care doctor, specialists, case managers, and other representatives together to create a comprehensive health service plan. It focuses on prevention to minimize hospitalizations including: Medication management, insulin shots, etc. through their nursing services, Nutritional services (i.e., daily lunch), Physical, occupational, and speech therapy, Personal care such as assistance with toileting, Pharmacy review of medications, Coordination of transportation. Requirements: Adult 21+ years old with a medical condition in need of assistance. Phone interview to determine type of service needed. There is an assessment day for RN to determine services and eligibility. Program obtains orders from a primary care physician in order to complete enrollment. Continue eligibility by attending a minimum of 1 day/week for 5 hours. Contact: Christine Tanchak, Executive Director, at 315- 413-3708 or [ctanchak@lorettosystem.org](mailto:ctanchak@lorettosystem.org)

### **Menorah Park Campus - Rothschild Adult Day Health Services**

4101 E. Genesee Street

Syracuse, NY 13214

315- 446-9111 ext. 137 or 128

Adult Day services (medical model) – Provides individuals with the opportunity to participate in a comprehensive health program. It offers structured, supervised health, nursing, recreational, social, nutritional, rehabilitation and social work services. Program runs Monday – Friday- 9:00 am – 3:00 pm. Evenings and Sundays available. Physician's referral and physical need eligibility. In-home assessment. Wheelchair accessible, Interpreters provided as available. Set fee, sliding scale, Medicaid, private insurance or self-pay.

## Loretto - PACE CNY

Sally Coyne Center  
100 Malta Lane  
N. Syracuse, N.Y. 13212  
315-452-5800

McAuliffe Health Center  
115 Creek Circle  
East Syracuse, N.Y. 13057  
315-452-5800

PACE CNY provides an alternative to nursing home placement for people 55+ who have health problems that would qualify them for nursing home placement. An interdisciplinary health care team completes an in-depth health care evaluation and develops a comprehensive individualized care plan, based on medical and supportive needs. Services may be provided at a day center, the participant's home, the hospital, or a long term care facility as needed. Full range of services from case management through health care and medical specialties to transportation. On-call health coverage by M.D. and R.N. available 24 hours, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. Older adults who are frail, yet prefer to remain in their homes can be provided medical, social, rehabilitative and supportive services by the multidisciplinary health care team. The program is a Long-Term Care Managed-Care Program.

### Admission Criteria:

- 55 years of age or older
- Resident of Onondaga County
- Able to live safely in community
- In need of long-term care service greater than 120 days
- Assessed to be eligible for nursing facility level of care

### Cost/Payment:

Fees are completely covered for individuals eligible for both Medicare and Medicaid benefits. Those eligible for Medicare only are responsible for a monthly fee that may be paid through private payment or private insurance (with prior approval.)



Day Center attendance is based on an individual's needs and can range from once a month to once a week, to several days a week, as needed. The Day Center is a social daycare center with on-site medical care, nursing care, and rehabilitation therapy. The Day Center's large activity area is a place for participants to socialize, participate in activities and special program, enjoy entertainment, and share meals. Whirlpool bath and aqua therapy is available if determined medically necessary by the PACE CNY team. There is also a personal care shower area. The services of a beautician are available on-site on a fee for service basis. PACE CNY provides transportation to the Day Center, at no cost. Transportation is not only provided between the home and Day Center, but also to appointments with specialists and other outside activities when family is not able to transport.



## Home Health Care

### How to Choose a Home Care Provider

#### Types of Home Care Agencies (Courtesy of Clear Pathways)

##### Home Health Agency

Probably the oldest and most familiar provider of home care services is known as the home health agency. The **home health agency is licensed and usually Medicare certified and accepts other 3rd party billing of health insurances.** Medicare certification means that the agency has met specific federal guidelines and criteria regarding patient care.

The main and distinctive purpose of this type of agency is to provide skilled care for treatment or rehabilitation services to homebound patients. Home care professionals must strictly adhere to a physician approved plan of care that is deemed medically necessary and updated every 60 days in order for Medicare benefits to continue.

Home health agency services include skilled nursing, physical and occupational therapy, social work, and home health aide while under professional supervision. Home health care agencies focus more on the skilled medical aspects of care and the home health care aide serves only as a supplement to this care. Regardless of reimbursement eligibility, Medicare will only pay for skilled care in the home for a limited period of time to treat an illness or injury. The HHAs can provide a pre-authorized amount of personal care while under professional supervision however must discontinue care when skilled care needs are no longer justified.

Individuals often may still have ongoing personal care needs even though skilled services are no longer required. As a result of this common need, some home health agencies offer a private pay, non-certified component within their agency for nursing assistants to continue providing personal and custodial care. Hiring a non-medical home care agency directly or privately hiring a caregiver is another option when continued care through a home health agency is not feasible.

### **Home Care Agency or Non-Medical Home Care Agency**

A non-medical home care agency is generally an agency that **provides home care services which are not considered to be skilled care**. These agencies provide what is termed non-skilled supportive custodial care that is supplied by home health aides, certified nursing assistants (CNAs) and also **non-certified nurse aides, homemakers, and companions**.

These greatly needed services range from housekeeping and companion care to assistance with personal care such as bathing, dressing, toileting, and eating. Unskilled care is not reimbursable under Medicare and therefore is paid for privately, or in some cases by private long-term care insurance. A physician's order is not required as the need for care is not deemed medically necessary and patient homebound status not required. A professionally authorized and monitored care plan is unnecessary.

These private pay agencies are usually still licensed under authority of each state but licensure requirements and regulations vary widely from state to state unlike federally regulated Medicare certified home health agencies. Most agencies employ their workers, do background checks and manage payroll and taxes. Most of these agencies professionally supervise and monitor their staff with regards to patient care. Non-medical home care agencies play an undeniably big role filling gaps in home care services not covered under skilled care. Un-skilled home care services such as personal care assistance or other cooking and cleaning help is often what may be needed most and by many in order to remain in their homes.

Finding the home care provider best suited for your needs requires research, but it is time well spent. Important factors include the quality of care, availability of

needed services, personnel training and expertise, and coverage provided by the payer. Before starting a search, it is important to determine which types of services you need. You may wish to consult with your physician, a hospital discharge planner or a social service organization for assistance in evaluating your needs. Once you've completed this assessment, you will be able to identify the type of home care provider that can best assist you.

Once you acquire the names of several providers, you'll want to learn more about their services and reputations. Following is a checklist of questions to ask providers and other individuals who may know about the provider's track record. Their insight will help you determine which provider is best for you or your loved one.

## Questions to Ask

1. Is the agency licensed or certified? How long has the agency been serving the community?
2. What services does it provide?
3. What is the charge for services? Are services covered by Medicare/Medicaid or other insurances?
4. How is staff selected and trained? What are their qualifications? Are references available?
5. What precautions does the agency take to ensure its employees are honest? How is staff supervised?
6. Are services available on emergency basis, on weekends, holidays, and nights?
7. Do they guarantee their service?
8. Is there a waiting list? If so, for how long?
9. What kind of communication is there between the agency and family? Is it in the form of reports or informal updates?
10. Does the agency provide literature explaining its services, eligibility requirements, fees, and funding sources?
11. Are nurses or therapists required to evaluate the patient's home care needs? If so, what does this entail? Do they consult the patient's family and physicians?
12. Does the agency furnish written documentation of specific tasks and treatment provided? Do they provide written statements explaining the costs and payment plan options associated with home care?
13. When hiring a home health aide not represented by an agency, request a picture of the aide's identification card, driver's license or alien registration card. Obtain worker's name, birth date, and address and Social Security number. Do a police check to determine if there is a criminal record. Contact references. Set up a job description/contract and indicate job requirements, payment agreement, IRS requirements, and employee's Social Security number. To learn more about your responsibilities as an employer, call the Internal Revenue Service at 1-800-829-1040. Request publication No. 937 "Employment Taxes and Information Returns."

## Certified Home Health Care Agencies

A certified home health care agency, or CHHA, is a licensed home health care agency that is certified by both Medicare and Medicaid.

The services offered by a certified agency are medical and include nursing care, home health aides, physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy, nutrition assistance, social work and respiratory therapy.

Those who are eligible for home care under Medicare *must utilize* a certified agency.

Medicare has guidelines limiting home care payments. It may help pay for home health visits only if four specific conditions are met:

1. The home health agency providing services is participating in Medicare and certified in New York State.
2. The care needed includes intermittent skilled nursing care, physical therapy, speech therapy or occupational therapy.
3. Patient/consumer is confined to home.
4. A doctor's referral is necessary. A doctor determines home health care as medically necessary and sets up a treatment plan.

A nurse will conduct an assessment of the patient's physical condition, and the agency will then be able to advise which benefits and services are available under Medicare.

There may be a fee for the nursing assessment - ask in advance. **Many of these Agencies also offer Companion and Respite Care as well. Call for more information.**

## **Certified Home Health Care Agencies in Onondaga County**

### **The Centers at St. Camillus Home Care Agency**

813 Fay Rd., Syracuse, NY 13219

315- 488-2831

### **HCR Home Care**

Serving Onondaga County (800) 270-4904

### **Kindred at Home**

200 Elwood Davis Road, Liverpool, NY 13088

315- 461-0209

### **St. Joseph's Home Health Care**

7246 Janus Park Drive, Liverpool, NY13088

315- 458-2800

### **Visiting Nurses Association (VNA) of CNY, Inc. Home Care**

1050 West Genesee St., Syracuse, NY13204

315- 477-4663

## **Licensed Home Health Care Agencies in Onondaga County**

A licensed home care service agency provides nursing and home health aides for long term care. Although services may be similar to those offered by a Certified Home Health Agency, Licensed Home Care services are not reimbursed by either Medicare or Medicaid. Services are available to clients who have private insurance and those who pay privately. In some cases licensed agencies contract with local social services departments, or certified home health agencies, to provide services to persons with Medicaid coverage. Private long term care insurance policies usually limit the length of time care is allowed. Note that home care agencies generally require several days' notice to complete a home care plan and to make the necessary arrangements for in-home services. **Many of these Agencies also offer Companion and Respite Care as well. Call for more information.**

### **All Metro Health Care**

526 Old Liverpool Road, Suite 1, Liverpool, NY 13088  
1 315- 453-5537

### **CareGivers**

4205 Long Branch Road, Liverpool, 13090  
315- 451-6886

### **Comfort Keepers**

6834 E. Genesee Street, Fayetteville, NY 13066  
315-474-0444

### **Dignity Plus, Inc.**

675 South Main Street, Central Square, 13036  
315- 668-9381

### **Franciscan HealthSupport**

7246 Janus Park Drive, Liverpool, 13088  
315-458-5600

### **Home Aides of CNY, Inc. (A Division of VNA Home Care)**

723 James Street, Syracuse, 13203  
315- 476-4295



**Integrity Home Care Service (A Division of the Centers at St. Camillus)**

813 Fay Road, Syracuse, 13219  
315- 468-1484

**Interim Healthcare**

3300 James Street, Suite 201, Syracuse 13206  
315- 437-4500

**Loretto – PACE CNY**

Sally Coyne Center 100 Malta Lane, N. Syracuse, NY 13212  
315- 452-5800

**Maxim Healthcare Services**

224 Harrison Street Suite 680, Syracuse, NY 13202  
315- 476-0600

**Nursecore of Syracuse**

2301 Teall Avenue, Syracuse, NY 13206  
315- 433-9100

**Self-Direct, Inc.**

12 Oswego Street, Baldwinsville, NY 13027  
315- 635-5374

**StafKings**

417 Electronics Pkwy, Liverpool, NY 13088  
(315) 432-5636

**Visiting Nurses Association of CNY, Inc.**

1050 West Genesee Street, Syracuse 13204  
315- 476-3101 Intake - 477-9339

**VA Hospital Based Home Care Program (Veterans Only)**

**Must be in Veterans Hospital System**

800 Irving Avenue, Syracuse 13210, 315- 425-4669

**Winds of Agape**

1414 Grant Boulevard, Syracuse, N.Y. 13208, 315-425-0547

## Respite Care

Respite care provides relief to family members from their caregiving responsibilities. It may involve a person coming into the home on a regular basis for a few hours or an arrangement to allow the caregiver a break for a weekend or vacation. Some of the home health care agencies listing above offer respite.

**Some hospitals, assisted living facilities and skilled nursing facilities (nursing homes) have beds available for respite purposes on a limited basis as well. Call for more information.**

### **Caregiver Respite Program**

Onondaga County Office for Aging  
Civic Center, 421 Montgomery St., 10<sup>th</sup> Floor, Syracuse, NY 13202  
315-435-2362

For full-time caregivers of seniors, age 60 or older. In-Home Respite and Social Adult Day Services.

### **Exceptional Family Resources (Serves the Disabled Community)**

1065 James Street, Suite 220, Syracuse 13203  
315- 478-1462 (Ext. 334 or 329)

### **Home Aides of CNY, Inc. (A Division of VNA Home Care)**

1050 West Genesee Street, Syracuse, NY 13204  
315- 476-4295

### **Veteran's Administration Respite Program (Veterans Only)**

#### **Must be in Veterans Hospital System**

800 Irving Avenue, Syracuse 13210  
425-4669

Planned limited stay in the VA Hospital in Syracuse.

## **Companion Care (Non-Medical)**

Companion care offers social interaction and companionship. Services are non-medical. Aides are there for safety and supportive care. They do not give baths (just reminder), do not give medications (point out what to take), use monitors for overnight stays. Some assist with shopping and transportation also.

### **Alzheimer's Solutions**

PO Box 412, Jamesville, NY 13078  
315-247-6741

### **At Home Independent Living**

4464 Milton Avenue, Camillus, NY 13031  
315- 579-4663

### **Griswold Home Care**

110 Buchman Cl. Circle, Fayetteville, NY 13066  
315- 636-5191

### **Home Instead Senior Care**

6443 Ridings Road, Suite 123, Syracuse NY 13206  
315- 438-3169

### **Senior Companion**

315-708-9239

### **Seniors Helping Seniors**

315-720-4441 or 315-280-0739

### **Syracuse Home Care**

126 South Terry Road, Syracuse, NY 13219  
315- 430-7481

### **Senior Home Care Solutions**

PO Box 412, Jamesville, NY 13078  
315-247-6741

## Friendly Visitor and Telephone Reassurance

### **Jewish Family Service**

**4101 East Genesee Street, Syracuse, 13214**

**315- 445-0820**

M,Tu,Th 9am-5pm; W 9am-9pm; F 9am-4pm

**Project Chaver** - Volunteer outreach program which offers friendly, visiting or telephone reassurance and shopping services. Interpreters are available if needed. Program for homebound seniors with little family contact, who are assessed by Jewish Family Services to be in need of the program.

### **Senior Companion Program**

#### **InterFaith Works**

**315- 449-3552**

Volunteer outreach program of friendly visitors/companions offering socialization and advocacy for isolated older adults.

**Are you  
homebound or  
living alone?**

Ask about a  
daily call from  
**TeleCare**

Our free service provides:

- Medication reminders
- Reassurance and emotional support
- Regular connection

For information about **TeleCare** call  
**Contact Community Services**  
315-251-1400 ext. 110

**CONTACT**  
*Community Services*  
Advocate, Counsel, Teach. [www.contactsyracuse.org](http://www.contactsyracuse.org)



## Home Care Resources

### Personal Emergency Response Systems

Personal emergency response systems provide emergency assistance with just a touch of a button. This small electronic device offers 24 hour security and peace of mind to individuals who live alone or who may be at risk during the day or night. These devices are worn by an older adult who can activate it in case of an emergency. When triggered, a message is sent to a response station which immediately phones the older adult. If there is no answer, individuals listed will be called to check on the adult and if there is still no response, emergency assistance is immediately sent. Help is always available even for those unable to dial the phone. Units accommodate 140 foreign languages and those who are deaf. **Many home health agencies can assist with these devices or you can contact:**

LifeFone Medical Alert	1-800-882-2280
Onondaga County Office for Aging, EISEP	315- 435-2362
Philips Lifeline	1-800-543-3546
Response4HELP	315- 857-8939
Service Alert Systems	315- 487-6858
Time Warner Security Medical Alert	315- 432-0373
Vital Link	1-800-338-4825

**“Safe Return Program” Alzheimer’s Association 315- 472-4201.**

### File of Life

Emergency information on an older adult’s health, emergency contacts, physicians and medications is listed and stored in a red vinyl magnetic pocket which is placed on the front of the refrigerator to alert emergency responders that vital information is inside. For a free File of Life, contact the Onondaga County Office for Aging at 315- 435-2362 (while supplies last.)

## **Assistive Devices & Accessibility Resources**

Assistive devices are any item or piece of equipment used to maintain or improve a person's functional capabilities. There are many advancements in computers and communication devices which can be difficult to find. **AccessCNY (315-455-7591)** is the local representative of TRAIID (Technology Related Assistance for Individuals with Disabilities) and a good source of information regarding Assistive Devices.

Funding for assistive technology can come from a number of sources including Medicaid, Medicare, private insurance etc.

### **AccessCNY**

315- 455-7591

Assistive Technology, as well as augmentative and alternative communication diagnostic services. Accessibility for disabled.

### **Aurora**

**315- 422-7263, TTY/TDD 315- 422-9746,**

**Video P hone 315- 679-4168**

Assistive visual and hearing equipment.

### **Arise**

**315- 472-3171, TTY 315- 479-6363**

Adaptive Equipment Program with financial aid in purchasing equipment for those who meet eligibility requirements.

### **Verizon Center for Customers with Disabilities**

**1-888-262-1999**

Products for people with certified visual, hearing, speech or motion disabilities. Products for lease or purchase are: Amplified telephones, weak speech handset (increases volume of your voice), Electronic Artificial Larynx (reproduces sound of your voice when held to your throat), teletypewriter (TTY), loud tone ringer device, amplified volume handset (amplifies incoming voices). There are also certain exemptions and discounts which apply for those who qualify. Braille and large print bills are available also.

## Home Modifications

### **AccessCNY**

315- 455-7591

Environmental Modifications program can assist in home and workplace alterations that improve accessibility and the ease of daily activities.

An adaptive technician can evaluate, design, and build adaptations for the home or workplace. Services include consultation, project design plans, cost estimates and project oversight. Projects include:

- Ramp construction and repairs
- Installation of custom-made grab bars
- Construction of custom stairs
- Bathroom/kitchen modifications
- Installation of window and door alarms

For large projects, the adaptive technician will create designs and gather bids from local contractor and will oversee the work of the contractors from start to finish, ensuring all specifications of the design are met. **Contact:** Home Service Director 315- 410-3335

**Eligibility/Funding-** Referrals are accepted from service coordinators, physicians, agencies, work programs, families and others. Each environmental modification has a specific funding stream, depending on the participant and the project.

Sources include the Central New York Developmental Services Office, the New York State Office for People with Developmental Disabilities, the Home Service program, Medicaid, private insurance, private pay, and the Access to Home grant in conjunction with Home Headquarters.

Costs for materials may be the responsibility of individuals or families. An hourly rate is charged to businesses or other organizations requesting consulting services.

Access CNY also provides **Family Support/Home Services** which visits homes, schools and work sites and offers service access assistance.

**Arise – Home Access Program**

**315- 472-3171**

A program to assist mobility-impaired people in their homes and apartments. Coordinates the installation of handrails, landings and ramps. On-site evaluations and recommendations addressing accessibility issues in residential, community and business facilities.

**Catholic Charities**

**315- 424-1810**

Call for a registry of contractors who handle carpentry, electrical and plumbing jobs.



## End of Life Issues

### Palliative Care and Hospice

Palliative care is for patients and their families who are facing a potentially life threatening illness, but are at a stage where hospice care is not appropriate or desired. Active treatment options are still part of the care and the patient's life expectancy is often undetermined. Even during an active treatment program when the prognosis is hopeful and optimistic, patients and caregivers are still faced, often for the first time, with the possibility of having a terminal illness.

Hospice programs provide support and care for terminally ill persons and their families. They assist a person who is dying to do so with dignity. Hospice care may be provided at home or in a hospice facility. Services include pain relief, symptom management, home health care, respite care, counseling and homemaker services. Medicare provides some hospice benefits.

#### **Visiting Nurses Association (VNA) of CNY, Inc. Palliative Care**

1050 West Genesee St., Syracuse, NY 13204

315- 477-4663

Palliative Care is a holistic approach to care through its support of symptom management by addressing psychological, social, and spiritual issues.

#### **Francis House**

315- 475-5422

This is a private home where custodial care is provided the last six months of life for those with no primary caregiver or whose caregivers cannot provide care. Referrals can come from family members, Hospice or any social service department of a care facility.

## **Hospice Of Central New York**

990 Seventh North St., Liverpool, NY 13088

315-634-1100

Serves individuals living in Onondaga, Oswego and Madison counties with a terminal illness, as well as their families and caregivers, through an interdisciplinary healthcare team that provides a holistic (physical, emotional, social and spiritual) approach to care through terminal diagnosis to bereavement. Our compassionate staff treats individuals at home or skilled nursing facilities, we support those who are grieving, help caregivers and educate medical professionals and the community on life-limiting illnesses.

## **Hope For Bereaved**

4500 Onondaga Boulevard, Syracuse 13219

315- 475-4673

Support groups, telephone hotline, etc. for those coping with the loss of a loved one. The organization was founded on the understanding that sharing the journey from grief to hope with others who are going through or have experienced the same suffering is essential to the healing process. These monthly meetings are hosted at Hope for Bereaved at 4500 Onondaga Blvd. in Syracuse.

### **HOPE for Bereaved (General)**

Death of a child, sibling, parent, spouse, partner, relative, friend or co-worker

*Second Tuesday 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm*

### **HOPE for Widows and Widowers**

General – *First Wednesday 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm*

Young – *Third Tuesday 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm*

Senior – *Third Wednesday 10 a.m. to noon*

### **HOPE for Children and Teens (6 and up)**

Death of a sibling or friend, *Third Wednesday 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm*

Death of a parent, grandparent or caregiver

*Third Tuesday 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm*

HOPE For Bereaved Parents

HOPE for Parents Death of an infant or child by accident or illness

*Third Wednesday 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm*

Death of infant by miscarriage, stillbirth or newborn death.

*Third Wednesday 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm*

**Please call HOPE in advance if you plan to attend this group.**

HOPE for Survivors

Death by suicide of a child, sibling, parent, spouse, partner, relative, friend or co-worker

*Second and fourth Wednesdays 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm*

HOPE for Bereaved (Substance Abuse)

Death of a child, sibling, parent, spouse, partner, relative, friend or co-worker due to substance abuse

*Third Wednesday 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm*

HOPE for Caregivers

Discussion group for those caring for family members or friends with chronic or degenerative disease.

*Fourth Thursday 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm*

## Health Care Proxy

(New York State Department of Health)

# Health Care Proxy

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## *Appointing Your Health Care Agent in New York State*

*The New York Health Care Proxy Law allows you to appoint someone you trust — for example, a family member or close friend — to make health care decisions for you if you lose the ability to make decisions yourself. By appointing a health care agent, you can make sure that health care providers follow your wishes. Your agent can also decide how your wishes apply as your medical condition changes. Hospitals, doctors and other health care providers must follow your agent's decisions as if they were your own. You may give the person you select as your health care agent as little or as much authority as you want. You may allow your agent to make all health care decisions or only certain ones. You may also give your agent instructions that he or she has to follow. This form can also be used to document your wishes or instructions with regard to organ and/or tissue donation.*

## About the Health Care Proxy Form

This is an important legal document. Before signing, you should understand the following facts:

1. This form gives the person you choose as your agent the authority to make all health care decisions for you, including the decision to remove or provide life-sustaining treatment, unless you say otherwise in this form. "Health care" means any treatment, service or procedure to diagnose or treat your physical or mental condition.
2. Unless your agent reasonably knows your wishes about artificial nutrition and hydration (nourishment and water provided by a feeding tube or intravenous line), he or she will not be allowed to refuse or consent to those measures for you.
3. Your agent will start making decisions for you when your doctor determines that you are not able to make health care decisions for yourself.
4. You may write on this form examples of the types of treatments that you would not desire and/or those treatments that you want to make sure you receive. The instructions may be used to limit the decision-making power of the agent. Your agent must follow your instructions when making decisions for you.
5. You do not need a lawyer to fill out this form.
6. You may choose any adult (18 years of age or older), including a family member or close friend, to be your agent. If you select a doctor as your agent, he or she will have to choose between acting as your agent or as your attending doctor because a doctor cannot do both at the same time. Also, if you are a patient or resident of a hospital, nursing home or mental hygiene facility, there are special restrictions about naming someone who works for that facility as your agent. Ask staff at the facility to explain those restrictions.
7. Before appointing someone as your health care agent, discuss it with him or her to make sure that he or she is willing to act as your agent. Tell the person you choose that he or she will be your health care agent. Discuss your health care wishes and this form with your agent. Be sure to give him or her a signed copy. Your agent cannot be sued for health care decisions made in good faith.
8. If you have named your spouse as your health care agent and you later become divorced or legally separated, your former spouse can no longer be your agent by law, unless you state otherwise. If you would like your former spouse to remain your agent, you may note this on your current form and date it or complete a new form naming your former spouse.
9. Even though you have signed this form, you have the right to make health care decisions for yourself as long as you are able to do so, and treatment cannot be given to you or stopped if you object, nor will your agent have any power to object.
10. You may cancel the authority given to your agent by telling him or her or your health care provider orally or in writing.
11. Appointing a health care agent is voluntary. No one can require you to appoint one.
12. You may express your wishes or instructions regarding organ and/or tissue donation on this form.

## Frequently Asked Questions

### **Why should I choose a health care agent?**

If you become unable, even temporarily, to make health care decisions, someone else must decide for you. Health care providers often look to family members for guidance. Family members may express what they think your wishes are related to a particular treatment. Appointing an agent lets you control your medical treatment by:

- allowing your agent to make health care decisions on your behalf as you would want them decided;
- choosing one person to make health care decisions because you think that person would make the best decisions;
- choosing one person to avoid conflict or confusion among family members and/or significant others.

You may also appoint an alternate agent to take over if your first choice cannot make decisions for you.

### **Who can be a health care agent?**

Anyone 18 years of age or older can be a health care agent. The person you are appointing as your agent or your alternate agent cannot sign as a witness on your Health Care Proxy form.

### **How do I appoint a health care agent?**

All competent adults, 18 years of age or older, can appoint a health care agent by signing a form called a Health Care Proxy. You don't need a lawyer or a notary, just two adult witnesses. Your agent cannot sign as a witness. You can use the form printed here, but you don't have to use this form.

### **When would my health care agent begin to make health care decisions for me?**

Your health care agent would begin to make health care decisions after your doctor decides that you are not able to make your own health care decisions. As long as you are able to make health care decisions for yourself, you will have the right to do so.

### **What decisions can my health care agent make?**

Unless you limit your health care agent's authority, your agent will be able to make any health care decision that you could have made if you were able to decide for yourself. Your agent can agree that you should receive treatment, choose among different treatments and decide that treatments should not be provided, in accordance with your wishes and interests. However, your agent can only make decisions about artificial nutrition and hydration (nourishment and water provided by feeding tube or intravenous line) if he or she knows your wishes from what you have said or what you have written. The Health Care Proxy form does not give your agent the power to make non-health care decisions for you, such as financial decisions.

### **Why do I need to appoint a health care agent if I'm young and healthy?**

Appointing a health care agent is a good idea even though you are not elderly or terminally ill. A health care agent can act on your behalf if you become even temporarily unable to make your own health care decisions (such as might occur if you are under general anesthesia or have become comatose because of an accident). When you again become able to make your own health care decisions, your health care agent will no longer be authorized to act.

### **How will my health care agent make decisions?**

Your agent must follow your wishes, as well as your moral and religious beliefs. You may write instructions on your Health Care Proxy form or simply discuss them with your agent.

### **How will my health care agent know my wishes?**

Having an open and frank discussion about your wishes with your health care agent will put him or her in a better position to serve your interests. If your agent does not know your wishes or beliefs, your agent is legally required to act in your best interest. Because this is a major responsibility for the person you appoint as your health care

## Frequently Asked Questions, *continued*

agent, you should have a discussion with the person about what types of treatments you would or would not want under different types of circumstances, such as:

- whether you would want life support initiated/continued/removed if you are in a permanent coma;
- whether you would want treatments initiated/continued/removed if you have a terminal illness;
- whether you would want artificial nutrition and hydration initiated/withheld or continued or withdrawn and under what types of circumstances.

### **Can my health care agent overrule my wishes or prior treatment instructions?**

No. Your agent is obligated to make decisions based on your wishes. If you clearly expressed particular wishes, or gave particular treatment instructions, your agent has a duty to follow those wishes or instructions unless he or she has a good faith basis for believing that your wishes changed or do not apply to the circumstances.

### **Who will pay attention to my agent?**

All hospitals, nursing homes, doctors and other health care providers are legally required to provide your health care agent with the same information that would be provided to you and to honor the decisions by your agent as if they were made by you. If a hospital or nursing home objects to some treatment options (such as removing certain treatment) they must tell you or your agent BEFORE or upon admission, if reasonably possible.

### **What if my health care agent is not available when decisions must be made?**

You may appoint an alternate agent to decide for you if your health care agent is unavailable, unable or unwilling to act when decisions must be made. Otherwise, health care providers will make health care decisions for you that follow instructions you gave while you were still able to do so. Any instructions that you write on your Health Care Proxy form will guide health care providers under these circumstances.

### **What if I change my mind?**

It is easy to cancel your Health Care Proxy, to change the person you have chosen as your health care agent or to change any instructions or limitations you have included on the form. Simply fill out a new form. In addition, you may indicate that your Health Care Proxy expires on a specified date or if certain events occur. Otherwise, the Health Care Proxy will be valid indefinitely. If you choose your spouse as your health care agent or as your alternate, and you get divorced or legally separated, the appointment is automatically cancelled. However, if you would like your former spouse to remain your agent, you may note this on your current form and date it or complete a new form naming your former spouse.

### **Can my health care agent be legally liable for decisions made on my behalf?**

No. Your health care agent will not be liable for health care decisions made in good faith on your behalf. Also, he or she cannot be held liable for costs of your care, just because he or she is your agent.

### **Is a Health Care Proxy the same as a living will?**

No. A living will is a document that provides specific instructions about health care decisions. You may put such instructions on your Health Care Proxy form. The Health Care Proxy allows you to choose someone you trust to make health care decisions on your behalf. Unlike a living will, a Health Care Proxy does not require that you know in advance all the decisions that may arise. Instead, your health care agent can interpret your wishes as medical circumstances change and can make decisions you could not have known would have to be made.

### **Where should I keep my Health Care Proxy form after it is signed?**

Give a copy to your agent, your doctor, your attorney and any other family members or close friends you want. Keep a copy in your wallet or purse or with other important papers, but not in a location where no one can access it, like a safe

## Frequently Asked Questions, *continued*

deposit box. Bring a copy if you are admitted to the hospital, even for minor surgery, or if you undergo outpatient surgery.

### **May I use the Health Care Proxy form to express my wishes about organ and/or tissue donation?**

Yes. Use the optional organ and tissue donation section on the Health Care Proxy form and be sure to have the section witnessed by two people. You may specify that your organs and/or tissues be used for transplantation, research or educational purposes. Any limitation(s) associated with your wishes should be noted in this section of the proxy. **Failure to include your wishes and instructions on your Health Care Proxy form will not be taken to mean that you do not want to be an organ and/or tissue donor.**

### **Can my health care agent make decisions for me about organ and/or tissue donation?**

Yes. As of August 26, 2009, your health care agent is authorized to make decisions after your death, but only those regarding organ and/or tissue donation. Your health care agent must make such decisions as noted on your Health Care Proxy form.

### **Who can consent to a donation if I choose not to state my wishes at this time?**

It is important to note your wishes about organ and/or tissue donation to your health care agent, the person designated as your decedent's agent, if one has been appointed, and your family members. New York Law provides a list of individuals who are authorized to consent to organ and/or tissue donation on your behalf. They are listed in order of priority: your health care agent; your decedent's agent; your spouse, if you are not legally separated, or your domestic partner; a son or daughter 18 years of age or older; either of your parents; a brother or sister 18 years of age or older; or a guardian appointed by a court prior to the donor's death.



# Health Care Proxy Form Instructions

## Item (1)

Write the name, home address and telephone number of the person you are selecting as your agent.

## Item (2)

If you want to appoint an alternate agent, write the name, home address and telephone number of the person you are selecting as your alternate agent.

## Item (3)

Your Health Care Proxy will remain valid indefinitely unless you set an expiration date or condition for its expiration. This section is optional and should be filled in only if you want your Health Care Proxy to expire.

## Item (4)

If you have special instructions for your agent, write them here. Also, if you wish to limit your agent's authority in any way, you may say so here or discuss them with your health care agent. If you do not state any limitations, your agent will be allowed to make all health care decisions that you could have made, including the decision to consent to or refuse life-sustaining treatment.

If you want to give your agent broad authority, you may do so right on the form. Simply write: *I have discussed my wishes with my health care agent and alternate and they know my wishes including those about artificial nutrition and hydration.*

If you wish to make more specific instructions, you could say:

*If I become terminally ill, I do/don't want to receive the following types of treatments....*

*If I am in a coma or have little conscious understanding, with no hope of recovery, then I do/don't want the following types of treatments:....*

*If I have brain damage or a brain disease that makes me unable to recognize people or speak and there is no hope that my condition will improve, I do/don't want the following types of treatments:....*

*I have discussed with my agent my wishes about \_\_\_\_\_ and I want my agent to make all decisions about these measures.*

Examples of medical treatments about which you may wish to give your agent special instructions are listed below. This is not a complete list:

- artificial respiration
- artificial nutrition and hydration (nourishment and water provided by feeding tube)
- cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR)
- antipsychotic medication
- electric shock therapy
- antibiotics
- surgical procedures
- dialysis
- transplantation
- blood transfusions
- abortion
- sterilization

## Item (5)

You must date and sign this Health Care Proxy form. If you are unable to sign yourself, you may direct someone else to sign in your presence. Be sure to include your address.

## Item (6)

You may state wishes or instructions about organ and /or tissue donation on this form. New York law does provide for certain individuals in order of priority to consent to an organ and/or tissue donation on your behalf: your health care agent, your decedent's agent, your spouse, if you are not legally separated, or your domestic partner, a son or daughter 18 years of age or older, either of your parents, a brother or sister 18 years of age or older, a guardian appointed by a court prior to the donor's death.

## Item (7)

Two witnesses 18 years of age or older must sign this Health Care Proxy form. The person who is appointed your agent or alternate agent cannot sign as a witness.

# Health Care Proxy

(1) I, \_\_\_\_\_  
hereby appoint \_\_\_\_\_  
*(name, home address and telephone number)*

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

as my health care agent to make any and all health care decisions for me, except to the extent that I state otherwise. This proxy shall take effect only when and if I become unable to make my own health care decisions.

(2) **Optional: Alternate Agent**  
If the person I appoint is unable, unwilling or unavailable to act as my health care agent, I hereby appoint \_\_\_\_\_  
*(name, home address and telephone number)*

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

as my health care agent to make any and all health care decisions for me, except to the extent that I state otherwise.

(3) Unless I revoke it or state an expiration date or circumstances under which it will expire, this proxy shall remain in effect indefinitely. *(Optional: If you want this proxy to expire, state the date or conditions here.)* This proxy shall expire *(specify date or conditions)*: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

(4) **Optional:** I direct my health care agent to make health care decisions according to my wishes and limitations, as he or she knows or as stated below. *(If you want to limit your agent's authority to make health care decisions for you or to give specific instructions, you may state your wishes or limitations here.)* I direct my health care agent to make health care decisions in accordance with the following limitations and/or instructions *(attach additional pages as necessary)*: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

In order for your agent to make health care decisions for you about artificial nutrition and hydration *(nourishment and water provided by feeding tube and intravenous line)*, your agent must reasonably know your wishes. You can either tell your agent what your wishes are or include them in this section. See instructions for sample language that you could use if you choose to include your wishes on this form, including your wishes about artificial nutrition and hydration.

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**(5) Your Identification** *(please print)*

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

Your Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Your Address \_\_\_\_\_

**(6) Optional: Organ and/or Tissue Donation**

I hereby make an anatomical gift, to be effective upon my death, of:  
(check any that apply)

Any needed organs and/or tissues

The following organs and/or tissues \_\_\_\_\_

Limitations \_\_\_\_\_

If you do not state your wishes or instructions about organ and/or tissue donation on this form, it will not be taken to mean that you do not wish to make a donation or prevent a person, who is otherwise authorized by law, to consent to a donation on your behalf.

Your Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**(7) Statement by Witnesses** *(Witnesses must be 18 years of age or older and cannot be the health care agent or alternate.)*

I declare that the person who signed this document is personally known to me and appears to be of sound mind and acting of his or her own free will. He or she signed (or asked another to sign for him or her) this document in my presence.

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Witness 1 *(print)* \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Witness 2 *(print)* \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

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## Medical Ethics Committees

Hospital ethics committees are composed of physicians, administrators, clergy and community representatives with experience and training in medical ethics. The committees meet periodically to consider matters of medical ethics involving patients, families and hospital staff. They attempt to assist all parties involved to better understand the legal, ethical and moral dimensions of medical questions and decisions. These may include:

- Withdrawal of life support equipment
- Nutrition/hydration (intravenous or tube feedings)
- Whether or not a Do Not Resuscitate (DNR) order should be written
- What to do if a patient or family is unable to make treatment decisions
- Who has the right to make medical decisions
- Advance directives and when they apply
- What to do when treatment recommendations of the medical staff don't seem right

Services are optional, and can be requested at your hospital of choice.

## Funerals

Some older adults choose to preplan their funeral in order to have peace of mind for themselves and make a difficult time easier for family survivors. Many older adults or families also wish to pre-pay the funeral director. The laws in most states permit funeral homes to set up "Prepaid Funeral Trusts," which are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. Laws in each state may vary and should be considered carefully.

Others choose to set up an interest-bearing savings account earmarked for funeral expenses, also known as a "Totten" trust. The beneficiary of this account can be a relative, friend, or a representative from a funeral home who is instructed to use the funds as indicated. Burial insurances are also an option.

If preplanning arrangements, get a price list of individual funeral items and services provided by different funeral homes to compare costs. Funeral homes are also required to list legal rights and requirements regarding funeral arrangements.

The Federal Trade Commission's Funeral Rule requires funeral directors to itemize prices and provide consumers with price lists.

Many airline, train and bus companies provide reduced fares for those attending funerals. Contact individual companies for further information.

### **Things that need to be done in the event of a death:**

The surviving spouse or other relatives need to contact the bank(s), insurance companies, lawyer, Social Security Administration, pension funds, credit card companies and creditors.

Contact the local probate court to determine if a will was filed. Apply for widowed persons' benefits and Medicare if eligible. In addition, determine if there are any death benefits.

Possible sources of death benefits are based on eligibility may be:

- Social Security Administration
- Veterans Administration Death Benefits
- Life or casualty insurance
- Employer's payment
- Credit or trade unions and fraternal organizations
- Federal Government Railroad - Retirement Board Insurance
- State crime victims compensation programs
- Federal, state or local government employees' benefit programs
- State or local welfare

### **Onondaga County Burial Assistance**

Department of Social Services/Economic Security

Resource Unit

315- 435-2397

Social Services Law of NYS provides for the care, removal and burial of the body of eligible public assistance recipients and indigent persons. The deceased must have no resources such as life insurance, bank accounts, cash, own a house, etc.

A fixed cost of approximately \$2,220.00 is the minimum for such burials. If the deceased owns a burial plot, the cost of opening and closing the grave will not be covered.

# Health

## Personal Prevention Checkups

It's important to maintain good health as we age. It allows us to remain independent for as long as possible and to lead happier, more fulfilling lives. Below is a suggested schedule for diagnostic exams and vaccinations. Consult your physician regarding your personal needs for these or additional exams or tests.

### Teeth and Gums

- Visit your dentist once or twice a year for checkups.
- Brush after meals with a toothbrush that has soft or medium bristles.
- Use toothpaste with fluoride.
- Use dental floss every day.
- Eat fewer sweets, especially between meals.
- Do not smoke or chew tobacco products.
- Keep track of when you need your next dentist appointment. Use your Personal Prevention Record

### Hearing

Hearing loss is one of the most common health problems. Because it doesn't cause pain and is not visible, many people refuse to admit that it exists. Hearing loss increases after the age of 50. How can you tell if you have a hearing problem? You may have to strain to hear a normal conversation. Or you may find yourself turning up the volume of the TV and radio so loud that others complain. Talk to your doctor or nurse about your hearing. They may suggest a hearing test. Hearing aids can often help you hear better.

### Vision

People ages 45 and older are most affected by vision problems. By age 65, you should see an eye doctor for regular eye exams. Eyeglasses or contact lenses can improve your vision. Doctors also have other methods to improve your vision and prevent you from losing your sight. Ask your doctor how often you need to have

your eyes checked? Keep track of when you need your next eye doctor appointment.

## **Glaucoma**

After age 45, glaucoma becomes more common than it is earlier in life. It is a disease that can lead to problems seeing and even to loss of vision. Early treatment—with medicine, surgery, or both—can prevent or delay the serious vision problems caused by glaucoma.

You are more likely to get glaucoma, and you should see an eye doctor for a glaucoma test if you:

- Have diabetes.
- Have a family history of glaucoma.
- Are over age 65.
- Are over age 40 and African American.

## **Tests to Catch Diseases or Conditions Early**

### **Blood Pressure**

High blood pressure can lead to heart disease, stroke, and kidney disease. It is most common in African Americans and people over age 45. Scientific evidence has shown that eating healthy foods and being active are two ways you can keep your blood pressure under control. Some people need to take medicine to keep their blood pressure at healthy levels. If you take medicine, be sure to talk to your doctor about how to take it. Do not skip any doses of medicine.

Ask your doctor:

- How often should I have my blood pressure checked?
- What should my blood pressure be?
- Keep track of your blood pressure.

### **Cholesterol**

Too much cholesterol, because it can clog your blood vessels, is a major cause of

heart disease in men and women. Cholesterol levels start to increase in middle-aged men, in women just before menopause, and in people who have gained weight. The risk of heart disease starts to increase in middle-aged men and women. Research shows that you can lower your cholesterol level and keep a healthy level by eating the right foods, losing extra weight, and being physically active. Your doctor or other health care provider may suggest you take medicine to lower your cholesterol. Most experts recommend checking your cholesterol every 5 years. Your health care provider may suggest you have it checked more often, especially if your cholesterol is too high.

Ask your health care provider:

- How often should I have my cholesterol checked?
- What is a healthy cholesterol level for me?

If you have high cholesterol, talk with your doctor about a plan for lowering it and keep track of your cholesterol level.

### **Diabetes (High Blood Sugar)**

Diabetes can lead to problems with vision, kidneys, and how well your blood circulates, especially to the lower legs and feet. Finding and treating diabetes early can cut your risk for these problems. Most people who have diabetes have Type II diabetes, the kind that tends to come in middle age. The chances of getting Type II diabetes increase once you reach age 45. Almost 1 in 5 people age 65-74 have diabetes.

You may need a blood test for diabetes if you:

- Have a family member with diabetes.
- Are overweight.
- Have had diabetes during pregnancy.

If you have Diabetes, ask your health care provider when you might need checkups, tests, and vaccines.



## **Tuberculosis (TB) Testing**

TB is a growing problem in the United States, especially among older people. It is an infection that affects the lungs and eventually other parts of the body. This infection can be passed from one person to the next. It is treated more easily if caught early.

You are at greater risk for TB and may need a TB test (called a PPD) if you have:

- Been in close contact with someone who has TB.
- Recently moved from Asia, Africa, Central or South America, or the Pacific Islands.
- Kidney failure, diabetes, HIV, or alcoholism.
- Injected or now inject illegal drugs.

## **Tests to Find Cancers**

### **Breast Cancer**

As women get older, their chances of getting breast cancer increase. In fact, most breast cancers occur in women over the age of 50. Research shows that the best way to find breast cancer is to get a mammogram. This is an x-ray test that can find a breast cancer when it is so small that it cannot be felt. Most breast cancers are treated more easily when found early. All women age 50 and older should have a mammogram every 1 to 2 years.

This recommendation is based on scientific evidence. Ask your doctor how often you need a mammogram. Make sure to tell your doctor if your mother or a sister has had breast cancer. If so, you may need to have mammograms more often than other women. Your doctor may also examine your breasts.

Ask your doctor:

- How often do I need a mammogram?

Keep track of your mammograms.

### **Cancer of the Cervix**

All sexually active women are at risk for cancer of the cervix. Most deaths from cancer of the cervix can be prevented if the cancer is found and treated early. A

Pap test can find cancer of the cervix early—while it’s easier to cure. This simple test saves lives. Based on scientific evidence, women need to have a Pap test every 3 years, some more often. Set a date with your doctor to get a Pap test.

Your doctor may suggest stopping Pap tests if:

- You are over age 65 and have had regular, normal Pap tests.
- You have had a hysterectomy.

Tell your doctor if you have had genital warts, a sexually transmitted disease (STD), multiple sex partners, or abnormal Pap tests. If so, you may need Pap tests more often than other women.

Ask your doctor:

- How often do I need a Pap test?

Keep track of your Pap tests.

## **Colon Cancer**

Colon cancer is the second leading cause of death from cancer. Older men and women are more likely to get colon cancer than those who are younger. But if caught early, colon cancer can be treated more easily. Effective tests are available to find colon cancer. However, many people do not take advantage of these tests. Starting at age 50, you should have tests to detect colon cancer. This advice is based on scientific research. The tests you may have are:

### **Fecal Occult Blood Test**

To test for small amounts of blood in your stool. This test should be done yearly.

### **Sigmoidoscopy**

To look inside the rectum and colon using a small, lighted tube. Your doctor will do this in the office or clinic. This test should be done once every 5 to 10 years. Tell your doctor if you have had polyps or if you have family member(s) with

cancer of the colon, intestine, breast, ovaries, or uterus. If so, you may need to be tested more often.

Ask your doctor:

- How often do I need these tests?

Keep track of your tests.

## **Oral Cancer**

Oral cancer includes cancers of the lip, tongue, pharynx, and mouth. Most oral cancers occur in people over age 40 who use tobacco or alcohol. People who are in the sun a lot also are at risk for cancer of the lip. If you chew or smoke tobacco and drink a lot of alcohol you may want your dentist to examine your mouth for signs of oral cancer during your regular dental checkup. You may also need to see your dentist more often. Scientific evidence shows that you can help prevent oral cancer by not smoking, and cutting back on the amount of alcohol you drink. If you are outdoors a lot, you should use a sunblock on your lips.

Ask your health care provider:

- How often should I get dental checkups?

Keep track of your dental visits.

## **Prostate Cancer**

Prostate cancer is most common in men over age 50, in African Americans, and in men with a family history of prostate cancer. Tests such as a rectal exam and PSA (prostate-specific antigen) blood test can help detect prostate cancer. Based on research, it is not yet clear whether these tests save lives.

Ask your doctor:

- What are the pros and cons of tests for prostate cancer?

## **Skin Cancer**

Skin cancer is the most common type of cancer in the United States. Most skin cancers can be cured, especially if they are found and treated early.

You may need to have your doctor examine your skin if:

- You have many moles (large freckles).
- You have been in the sun a lot.

Limit the amount of time you spend in the sun, especially between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. and wear clothing that protects you from the sun.

## **Shots To Prevent Diseases**

Adults need shots to prevent serious diseases. You should ask your doctor or other health care provider which shots are right for you.

### **Influenza (flu) shots:**

Everyone over age 65 needs this every year.

You may need flu shots before age 65 if you:

- Have lung, heart, or kidney disease.
- Have diabetes.
- Have AIDS or are infected with HIV.
- Have cancer.
- Are a health care worker.

### **Pneumococcal**

#### **(Pneumonia) shot**

Everyone needs this once at about age 65. If you have diseases of the lung, heart,

or kidney; diabetes; HIV, or cancer, you may need this shot before age 65.

### **Tetanus-diphtheria shot**

Everyone needs this every 10 years.

### **Hepatitis B**

Discuss with your doctor whether you need hepatitis B shots. Generally, you should receive hepatitis B shots if you:

- Or your partner have had other sexual partners within the last 6 months.
- Are a male and have had sex with another male.
- Have had a sexually transmitted disease (STD) within the last 6 months.
- Have injected illegal drugs.
- Are a health care worker who is often exposed to blood or blood products.
- Had blood transfusions between 1978 and 1985.
- If you are traveling outside the United States, discuss with your doctor whether you need hepatitis B shots.

## **Talking With Your Doctor**

1. Prepare a list of questions to take to next visit.
2. Bring medicines (both prescribed and over-the-counter) or a list of all medications and dosages.
3. Bring Personal Medication Record so the doctor can update it.
4. Ask questions when something is not clear.
5. Tell the doctor or pharmacist of any allergic or unusual reactions or side effects to any medicine.
6. Tell the doctor of any other medical problems, especially if other drugs are being prescribed.
7. Tell the doctor of drinking and smoking habits.
8. Write down the doctor's instructions for taking each medicine prescribed (or have someone else write them down.)

## **Medications Checklist**

Make sure medications are clearly marked and that the older adult fully

understands directions, possible side effects, and any cautions. Dispose all expired medications. Consult a physician to make sure dosage levels are correct.

People can experience adverse drug reactions due to the ways multiple drugs interact. Older adults may metabolize drugs differently. There are various ways to organize medications:

1. Medicine chart or calendar
2. Egg carton or container systems
3. Commercial medication caddies
4. Create a *Personal Medication Record* (PMR) which includes all prescription and over-the-counter drugs and:
  - The reason you're taking the medication
  - Names and dosages of all medications
  - Shapes and colors
  - Directions and precautions
  - Names, addresses, phone numbers of doctors/pharmacists
  - Any diseases, conditions, allergies or drug sensitivities
  - Personal information (name, address, phone number)
  - Person to contact in case of emergency

## Questions for Your Pharmacist

1. What is the name of the drug?
2. What is it being prescribed for?
3. How should it be taken?
4. When should it be taken (before or after meals, before bed time)?
5. How long should it be taken?
6. What foods, drinks, other medicines, or activities should be avoided while taking the drug?
7. Are there any side effects, and what should be done if they occur?
8. Is there any written information available about the drug?

## Medical Services & Information

### **Alzheimer's Association Central New York Chapter**

441 West Kirkpatrick Street, Syracuse 13204  
315-472-4201

Offers telephone information line and referrals to community resources. The association also provides literature, education and support groups.

### **ARC Of Onondaga County**

600 S Wilbur Avenue, Syracuse, New York 13204

Monday through Friday: 8:00 am – 4:30 pm (By appointment only)

315-476-7441 x1167 [horizonsintake@arcon.org](mailto:horizonsintake@arcon.org)

### **HealthLink – Upstate Medical University**

HealthLink Site, 6333 Rt 298, East Syracuse (off Carrier Circle, 1 Telergy Parkway, 315-464-8668

HealthLink is an initiative of Upstate Medical University bringing health information and education to individuals and their families at no cost.

<http://www.upstate.edu/hospital/healthlink/>

**Horizons Clinic** provides therapeutic, clinical services to individuals with developmental disabilities, enhancing their quality of life and helping them achieve their fullest potential. A division of Arc of Onondaga, Horizons is a free-standing, Article 16 Clinic certified by the New York State Office of People With Developmental Disabilities. Licensed, dedicated and professional staff provide all services offered by Horizons under the direction of a Board-certified physician. Horizons staff members are particularly familiar with the special needs of the people they serve. Services Provided by Horizons Clinic include:

- Psychological Evaluation and Testing  
IQ/Adaptive Testing for OPWDD eligibility
- Sexuality Assessments  
Determines ability to give informed consent for sexual relationships

- Medical and Guardianship Affidavits
- Social Work Counseling  
Grief, anger management, self-esteem, social and healthy relationship skills.
- Occupational/Physical Therapy - Fine motor skill development, muscle tone improvement, perceptual and sensory skill development.

Individuals four years and older who have been diagnosed with a developmental disability before their 22nd birthday are eligible for services at the Horizons Clinic.

### **Onondaga County Medical Society**

Learbury Centre, 329 N. Salina St., Suite 303, Syracuse NY 13203  
315- 424-8118  
Physician referrals. Monday through Friday, 8:30 am to 5 pm.

### **OASIS Syracuse**

Sponsored by Upstate University Hospital  
6333 Rte. 298, East Syracuse, NY 13057  
315- 464-6555  
Classes in health and wellness, the arts and humanities.

### **Onondaga County Health Department: Clinic**

421 Montgomery St., Room 80 Basement, Syracuse, New York 13202  
315- 435-3252  
[www.ongov.net/health/clinics](http://www.ongov.net/health/clinics) - for clinic schedule and more information.

### **Hypertension Screening**

**315- 435-3287**

The Onondaga County Health Department provides free blood pressure screenings at numerous sites throughout the county. Screenings are conducted by licensed volunteer nurses trained to provide education and referral. Call to locate a blood pressure screening site.

### **Influenza (Flu) and Pneumococcal Vaccine Immunization Clinics**

**315- 435-3287**

Onondaga County Health Department offers a weekly flu clinic, from October to



May, for the public every Wednesday, from 9:00am - 12:00 noon in room 30 (basement level) of the Civic Center. The clinic provides flu vaccine for Onondaga County residents 6 months of age and older, while supplies last. Please call 435-2000 for availability. This is a walk-in clinic, no appointments are necessary. The fee for the flu vaccine is based on a sliding fee scale, family income, and family size. The cost for the flu vaccine will range from \$0 - \$30. Cash, check, Medicaid, and Medicaid managed care are all accepted. Nobody will be turned away from receiving a flu shot due to their inability to pay.

### **Cancer Services**

**315- 435-3653** is a preventative health program providing education, screening, referral, and follow-up for breast, cervical and colorectal cancer. The program is for women 40-64 and men 50-64. It is for those without health insurance.

### **Syracuse Community Health Center, Inc.**

Syracuse Community Health Center is a network of 16 locations centrally located throughout Onondaga County. Five primary health centers serve as important sources of health services for key neighborhoods in and around Syracuse. SCHC's main location in downtown Syracuse houses administrative offices and SCHC Total Care Inc., the largest Medicaid Managed Care plan in Central New York. In addition, SCHC supports eight school based health centers and 3 satellite locations. Each site offers health care services staffed by professional providers. Each location is convenient to bus lines and free parking is available.

#### **Primary Health Care Centers**

1. Salina Street Main Office 819 S. Salina St. Syracuse, NY 13202 315- 476-7921
2. East Health Care Center 315- 474-4077
3. West Health Care Center 315- 424-0800
4. South Health Care Center 315- 234-8336
5. Lafayette Family Health Center 315- 677-3186

#### **Satellite Health Care Centers**

6. Southwest Community Center
7. Ross Towers Health Care Center
8. Rescue Mission Health Care Center

For more information call the SCHC Main offices. 315-476-7921

**St. Joseph's Hospital Health Center Resource Line;** 301 Prospect Avenue, Syracuse, 13215, 315-448-5111, 1-888-785-6371, toll-free.

For people needing a new physician or information about St. Joseph's programs and services. M-F, 8 am-4:30 pm.

**St. Joseph's Wellness Place;** 7246 Janus Park Drive, Liverpool 315-458-3600  
Syracuse's first health screening, disease prevention and general information center, the Wellness Place provides free blood pressure screening and general health information. The Wellness Place is open for walk-in blood pressures and general health counseling on Tuesday and Wednesday only from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. It is closed daily for lunch between noon and 1 p.m.

**Upstate University Hospital- Upstate Connect**

750 E. Adams St., Syracuse, NY, 13210

(800) 464-8668 or 315-464-8668

Your Connection to Upstate: Free, Confidential, and Around-the-Clock

Contact a professional staff of RNs for the most up-to-date health information—available 24 hours a day—on a wide variety of diagnoses and health issues. Nurses can provide information over the phone or even mail it to you free of charge. And, if you have an immediate health problem, they can help you to decide what to do. Staffed by Registered Nurses. Upstate Connect also has an extensive computerized data base of physicians and health care services from which to choose. Staffed by registered nurses nationally certified in telephone triage.

**University Geriatricians, 550 Harrison Street, Syracuse 13202, 464-6100**

Offers a geriatric evaluation designed to classify existing problems and to help plan for the immediate and long term future of the patient; for the frail elderly; those with suspected Alzheimers, dementia or cognitive disorders. Appointments may be made by individual, family member, physician or social service agency. Fee generally covered by Medicare and most other medical insurance coverage.

## **Dental, Vision, Hearing and Podiatry Services**

### **Dental Services**

#### **St. Joseph's Hospital Health Center Dental Services**

315- 448-5477

Provides a full spectrum of dental services. Call for an appointment. Medicaid, private insurance, self-pay and based on services rendered, financial counseling available.

#### **Syracuse Community Health Center, Inc.**

315- 476-7921

Provides a full spectrum of dental services, routine appointments, follow-up, and emergency dental care are provided. Medicaid, private insurance, self-pay

#### **McAuliffe Health Center – Loretto**

115 Creek Circle, East Syracuse, NY 13057, 315- 492-6430

Provides a full spectrum of dental services. Medicaid, private insurance, self-pay.

### **Vision**

#### **Aurora of CNY**

518 James Street, Suite 100, Syracuse, NY 13203

315) 422-7263 Assistive visual and hearing equipment.

#### **Lions Club of New York State**

**315- 478-3131**

Help with vision needs; for low income.

#### **McAuliffe Health Center – Loretto**

115 Creek Circle

East Syracuse, NY 13057

315- 492-6430

Provides a full spectrum of vision services. Medicaid, private insurance, self-pay.

#### **Syracuse Community Health Center, Inc. 315- 476-7921 Eye Care Services**

Medicaid, private insurance, self-pay.

**Vision USA (NY State Optometric Association) 1-800-766-4466**

Free Exam based on income, lack of insurance, lack of eye exams in past 2 years and having at least one unemployed family member and one employed family member. <http://www.aoafoundation.org/vision-usa>

## Hearing

**Aurora of CNY**

518 James Street, Suite 100, Syracuse, NY 13203  
315) 422-7263 Assistive visual and hearing equipment

**Hear Now 1-800 328-86027.** (For low income.)

**Lions Club of New York State**

**315- 478-3131**

Help with getting hearing aides for low income.

**The Centers at St. Camillus**

**Audiology Services**

**315- 488-2951 ext. 316**

Fully equipped modern testing facility with experienced Audiologists.  
Medicare, Medicaid, private insurance, self-pay

**Syracuse University Gebbie Clinic**

**315- 443-4485**

Hearing testing and hearing equipment. Fees on a sliding scale based on income.

## Podiatry

**McAuliffe Health Center – Loretto**

**115 Creek Circle, East Syracuse, NY 13057**

**315- 492-6430**

Provides a full spectrum of podiatry services. Medicaid, private insurance, self-pay.

**Syracuse Community Health Center, Inc. 315- 476-7921 Podiatry Services**

Medicaid, private insurance, self-pay.



## **Medical Equipment/Assistive Technology Loan Closets in Onondaga County**

### **ACCESS CNY/ Project Adapt**

1603 Court Street, Syracuse, N.Y. 13208  
315-455-7591

Project Adapt is AccessCNY's assistive technology lending library. The library's large inventory can help people with all types of disabilities. Specialized computer software can facilitate the use of computers for business and personal use. Wheelchairs and walkers allow users the independence to move freely. Simple items like grabbers, grippers, and large-print phones make activities of daily living safer and easier. Project Adapt also gratefully accepts donations of adapted equipment that are in good condition and can be "recirculated" in the community through the lending library. Project Adapt is able to offer its services free of charge to those with disabilities.

### **ARISE/Medical Equipment Loan Closet**

635 James Street, Syracuse, N.Y. 13203  
315-472-3171  
Marian Miller, Accessibility Program Coordinator  
(315) 671-2908, [mmiller@ariseinc.org](mailto:mmiller@ariseinc.org)

**The ARISE Medical Equipment Loan Closet** allows you to borrow and test wheelchairs, walkers, and a variety of other adaptive devices on a short-term basis. Borrowing equipment can help you select the best option before purchasing your own equipment. It also fills the gap during temporary periods of need. They have a variety of walkers, crutches, canes, wheelchairs, shower and tub benches of different designs, shower chairs, and other specialized types of medical equipment. To find out if they have a specific item you need to call. All you need to do is contact them and fill out a simple form. The Medical Equipment Loan Closet is free of charge for people with a disability and there are no eligibility requirements.

Typically items are loaned out for 2-4 weeks and sometimes 2-3 months, depending on the circumstances of the individual requesting the item. They will thoroughly discuss this with you to see how they can accommodate you fully. If you need an extension, just give them a call. Some items are more limited and so they have to limit the amount of time that those particular items are loaned out. Everything in their Loan Closet has been donated by individuals and families, various agencies, businesses, and organizations. If you would like to make a donation, please give them a call first so they can get an idea and some more information on the items you would like to donate. If for some reason they cannot accept the item, they will be happy to provide contacts to other places where you can make the donation.

**FEMALE CHARITABLE SOCIETY OF THE VILLAGE OF BALDWINSVILLE**

10 River Street, Baldwinsville, N.Y. 13027  
315-638-6277, Open 10:00 am to 2:00 pm Monday-Friday

Eligibility: Must be a resident of the Baldwinsville Central School District  
Makes available, for loan: wheelchairs, hospital beds/mattresses, commodes, walkers, crutches, canes, raised toilet seats, geriatric chairs, etc.  
Loan free of charge.

**MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS SOCIETY**

6743 Kinne Street, E. Syracuse, N.Y. 13057  
315-438-4790

Eligibility: Must be a client of the Multiple Sclerosis Society. Call to enroll. Makes available, for loan: wheelchairs, commodes, walkers, crutches, walkers etc.  
Loan free of charge.

**MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY ASSOCIATION**

100 Elwood Davis Road, N. Syracuse, N.Y. 13212  
315-451-8269

Eligibility: Call for information; must be registered with M.D.A. Makes available, for loan: wheelchairs, Hoyer lifts, walkers, standers, bathroom equipment, crutches, hospital beds and mattresses, canes etc. Loan free of charge.

**WINDS OF AGAPE**

1414 Grant Boulevard , Syracuse, N.Y. 13208

315-425-0547

Winds of Agape has a Family in Crisis Program. If someone is in need of a wheelchair, walker or other piece of medical equipment and brings a referral letter from an agency, on agency letterhead, stating this need, if the item is in stock (they rely on donated items) they will loan it out, free of charge.

## Mental Health, Substance Use & Developmental Disabilities Onondaga County Resources\*

- In an emergency please Dial 9-1-1
- Suicide, Crisis & Telephone Counseling - 24 hr. Contact Hotline 315-251-0600
- Alcohol & Substance Use Referrals - Prevention Network 315-471-1359
- Development Disabilities Services - Exceptional Family Resources 315-478-1462
- For Community, Social or Government Services Information - Dial 2-1-1

Agency	Program Type	Address	Phone/Website
Arise	<u>Outpatient Mental Health Services</u> All ages. Individual & Group Therapy: -Child Abuse Prevention Services -Cognitive Behavioral Therapy -Crisis Intervention -Domestic Violence Counseling <u>Integrative Care</u> -Medication Evaluation & Management -Mental Health Assessment -Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) -Substance Abuse treatment	635 James St., Syracuse, NY 13203	315-472-3171 <a href="http://www.ariseinc.org">http://www.ariseinc.org</a>
AccessCNY	<u>AccessCNY</u> offers person-centered services that empower individuals of all ages and abilities to reach their full potential as part of a shared community. The agency supports people with developmental disabilities, acquired brain injuries (ABI) and mental health issues. Offers speech & physical therapy, day care & consumer directed homecare.  Unique Peerspectives offers the services of peer support staff who promote self-help, natural supports, and alternatives to the mental health system.	AccessCNY 1603 Court Street Syracuse, New York 13208  Unique Peerspectives 466 So. Salina St., Syr. NY 13202	315-455-7591 <a href="http://www.accesscny.org">http://www.accesscny.org</a>  Unique Peerspectives 315-475-1994



<b>Belvedere Addictions Center</b>	<u>Addiction Center</u> - Out-patient programs for adults suffering from addiction. Group and individual treatment sessions. Initial and ongoing assessments	344 W. Genesee Street, Suite 300 Syracuse, NY 13202	315-457-4700 <a href="http://www.belvedereaddictionscenter.com">http://www.belvedereaddictionscenter.com</a>
<b>Bright Path Counseling Center</b>	<u>Counseling Center</u> - Alcohol/Substance Abuse Relationship Counseling/Holistic Health/Emotional Well-Being, Depression, Anxiety, Anger, Psychiatric Care. Individual/Group.	7266 Buckley Road North Syracuse, NY 13212	315-458-0919 <a href="http://www.brightpathcenter.com">http://www.brightpathcenter.com</a>
<b>Catholic Charities</b>	<u>Family Counseling</u> -Out-Patient Counseling -Respite Program -Medicaid Service Coordination	1654 West Onondaga St., Syracuse, NY 13204	315-424-1800 <a href="http://www.ccoc.us">http://www.ccoc.us</a>
<b>Central New York Services, Inc. (CNYS)</b>	<u>Clinical Programs</u> - Outpatient services –individual/group settings for those with co-occurring disorders, primary mental health concerns/chemical dependency issues. Include licensed clinics.  <u>Dual Recovery Program (DRP)</u> Licensed Chemical Dependency Clinic offers Integrated Dual Diagnosis Treatment for chemical dependency and mental health issues. Serves individuals with co-occurring disorders or primary chemical abuse or dependency. Walk-in intakes Monday – Thursday 8:00 a.m. on a first come, first served basis.  <u>Personalized Recovery Oriented Services (PROS)</u> A comprehensive recovery-oriented model of care for individuals with severe and persistent mental health conditions, substance abuse issues, and/or developmental disabilities. The PROS model emphasizes restoring the skills and supports necessary for participants to live independently, and assists in the achievement of specific life goals such as furthering education or securing employment.	518 James Street, Suites 240/280 Syracuse, NY 13203  Dual Recovery Program (DRP) 375 West Onondaga Street, Suite 201 Syracuse, NY 13202  Personalized Recovery Oriented Services (PROS) 375 West Onondaga Street, Suite 10 Syracuse, NY 13202	315-478-2453 <a href="http://www.cnyservices.org/onondaga">http://www.cnyservices.org/onondaga</a>  Dual Recovery 315-478-0610  PROS 315-478-2030

<p><b>Central New York Services, Inc. (CNYS) Continued</b></p>	<p>Walk-in intakes accommodated Monday – Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on a first come, first served basis.</p> <p><u>Housing Programs</u>- Housing options range from supported apartment living to Shelter Plus Care to fully supervised residences. Housing can be transitional or long term.</p> <p><u>Financial &amp; Employment Programs</u> Programs include person-centered Representative Payee service for Onondaga County residents and employment services for dually diagnosed adults or individuals with mental, emotional, physical or learning disabilities.</p> <p><u>Forensic Programs</u> Services include court diversion, community case management and behavioral health services within correctional facilities.</p> <p><u>Medicaid Services Coordination</u> Person-centered planning process to assist persons with developmental disabilities and their families access appropriate services.</p>		
<p><b>Conifer Park Syracuse Outpatient Clinic</b></p>	<p><u>Outpatient Clinic</u> Adults &amp; Adolescents, Alcohol and Chemical Dependency Treatment.</p>	<p>526 Old Liverpool Road, Liverpool, NY 13088</p>	<p>315-453-3911 <a href="http://www.coniferpark.com/syracuse-outpatient-clinic">http://www.coniferpark.com/syracuse-outpatient-clinic</a></p>
<p><b>CPEP (Comprehensive Psychiatric Emergency Program)</b></p>	<p><u>A Licensed Psychiatric 24/7 Emergency Room.</u> Provides evaluation and treatment/all ages who are suffering from an acute mental health crisis.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Emergency Room Evaluation and Treatment -9 Extended Observation Beds (EOB) max 72 hrs.</li> <li>-Mobile Crisis Outreach (MCO) Off-site screening for individuals in emotional crisis. Individuals who require a full psychiatric assessment by the physician will be transported to CPEP by 911 services. MCO may</li> </ul>	<p>St. Joseph's Hospital 301 Prospect Avenue Emer. Services Bldg. Syracuse, NY 13203</p>	<p>315-448-6555 <a href="http://www.sjhsyr.org/cpep">http://www.sjhsyr.org/cpep</a></p>



<p><b>Exceptional Family Resources Continued</b></p>	<p>direct financial assistance to support the needs of a family member living with a disability. <u>Family Education &amp; Training</u> provides training opportunities to caregivers of individuals who are eligible for this Medicaid Waiver service. <u>First Step</u> helps establish initial links to services and support to families new to the developmental disabilities service system. <u>Friends Connection</u> pairs youth and adults with developmental disabilities with volunteer companions to share community recreation opportunities. <u>Habilitation Services</u> helps people with disabilities acquire skills, expand their interests and increase independence. <u>Medicaid Service Coordination</u> assists individuals with developmental disabilities and their families with access appropriate supports and services. <u>Project Explore</u> provides a half-day summer program of recreational activities for students with developmental disabilities. <u>Recreation</u> provides recreation opportunities at various community locations. <u>Respite</u> provides care and supervision to individuals with a developmental disability. <u>Senior Caregivers</u> serves families in which a caregiver 55 or older lives with and cares for someone with a developmental disability. <u>Specialized Resources</u> provides families with information and referrals to disability-related programs and services.</p>		
<p><b>Forensic Consultants, Ltd</b></p>	<p>A private practice of psychotherapy and counseling services for individuals and families These areas include, but are not limited to, depression, anxiety, marital difficulties, and alcohol/substance abuse and addiction.</p>	<p>319 East Water St., Syracuse, NY 13202</p>	<p>315-472-1212  <a href="http://www.forensicconsultantsltd.com">http://www.forensicconsultantsltd.com</a></p>

<b>Hutchings Psychiatric Center</b>	<p><u>Adult Inpatient</u> (Ages 18-65+) 105 inpatient beds.</p> <p><u>Adult Outpatient</u> Clinical, residential, social rehabilitation and vocational rehabilitation services.</p> <p><u>Child and Adolescent (under age 18)</u></p> <p><u>Inpatient &amp; Outpatient</u> Integrated inpatient, day treatment, and clinic programs.</p>	620 Madison St., Syracuse, NY 13210	315-426-3600  <a href="https://www.omh.ny.gov/omh/web/facilities/hupc">https://www.omh.ny.gov/omh/web/facilities/hupc</a>
<b>Liberty Resources Inc.</b>	<p><u>Clinic Services</u> <b>Brownell Center</b> - Largest provider of outpatient mental health services in CNY; individual/family/group therapy; co-occurring substance abuse/mental health treatment; psychiatric evaluation/ medication management services.</p> <p><u>Residential Services</u> -Alcohol and Substance Abuse OASAS (Office of Alcohol and Substance Abuse Services) Maxwell House, Mental Health Residential Treatment (MRT) Permanent Supportive Housing, Next Step Supportive Living, Upstate Permanent Supportive Housing -Brain Injury -Domestic Violence -Family Foster Care -HIV Services -Intellectual Disability Services -Individualized Residential Alternative (IRA) -MRT Services - Dept. of Health (DOH) MRT Supportive Housing -Enriched Crisis and Transitional Housing -Office of Mental Health (OMH)Supported Housing -Supportive Apartments -Venture House</p> <p><u>Disability Services</u> -Brain Injury - Early Intervention -Intellectual Disability Services -Community Habilitation -Day Habilitation - Individualized Residential Alternative (IRA) -Supports for Employment</p>	1045 James Street, Syracuse, NY 13203	315-425-1004 <a href="http://www.liberty-resources.org">http://www.liberty-resources.org</a> Brownell Center 315-472-4471

<p><b>Liberty Resources Inc. Continued</b></p>	<p><u>Child, Youth &amp; Family - Prevention, intervention, rehab. /after-care services to children/families. Crisis therapy, case management, counseling, substance abuse treatment/mental health services, life skills education &amp; foster, shelter and 24/7 residential housing.</u></p> <p><u>Individuals &amp; Adults - Services/support to special needs adults; &amp; those with HIV/AIDS, severe/persistent mental illness, developmental disabilities, chemical dependence, traumatic brain injury, and physical disabilities.</u></p>		
<p><b>Onondaga Case Management Services, Inc.</b></p>	<p><u>Adult Services:</u></p> <p><u>Health Home Care Management (HHCM)</u> Comprehensive Care Management for adults, on Medicaid, with 2 chronic health conditions, mental health, or substance use disorder.</p> <p><u>Assisted Outpatient Treatment Team (AOT)</u></p> <p><u>Non-Medicaid Care Management (NMCM)</u></p> <p><u>Forensic Case Management (FCM)</u> Adults with mental illness who are transitioning from a correctional facility into the community.</p> <p><u>Assertive Community Treatment (ACT)</u> Community based treatment and rehab. For adults with serious &amp; persistent psychiatric disability.</p> <p><u>Peer Mentor Program</u> Current and former recipients of mental health services partner with peers.</p>	<p>620 Erie Blvd. West, Syracuse, NY 13204</p>	<p>315-472-7363 <a href="http://www.ocmsinc.org">http://www.ocmsinc.org</a></p>

<p><b>Onondaga Case Management Services, Inc. Continued</b></p>	<p><u>Children &amp; Family Services Case Management</u> Provides clinical, community based services to families with a seriously emotionally disturbed child or adolescent.</p> <p><u>Healthy Families</u> Youth ages 10-18 enrolled at a participating Syracuse City School. Short term/home based intervention.</p> <p><u>Integrated Children’s Intervention Service (ICIS) Works with Families</u> who have been referred by the Probation Dept.</p> <p><u>Home Based Crisis Intervention</u> Works with children at risk for hospitalization, referred by psychiatrist, Assessed for inpatient care. Services are provided for 6 weeks on average.</p> <p><u>Mobile Assessment Team</u> Makes home visits. Provides Crisis Planning and Stabilization. Duration is 1-2 visits.</p> <p><u>Coordinated Children’s Services Initiative</u> Parents, who have been through similar issues, partner with families and provide information and support.</p> <p><u>Vocational Program</u> Linkages referring people to other service providers to help people achieve their goals.</p> <p><u>Outpatient Behavioral Health Clinic:</u> For adults and transition age youth age 17 1/2+, Assessment, Individual, Family &amp; Group Therapy. Psychiatric Evaluation &amp; Med Treatment as it relates to therapy.</p>		
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<p><b>Onondaga County Children and Family Services</b></p>	<p><u>Mental Health Clinic for Children &amp; Youth</u> Family friendly, clinically-effective outpatient mental health services to children and youth under age 18 who live in Onondaga County. Assessment and treatment services to help develop new ways of thinking, manage emotions, make good behavior choices &amp; relate well to others. Problems with attention, focus or hyperactivity; difficulty following adult directives; sadness, intense anger or fear that interferes with activities; and behavioral problems that interfere with school or family functioning. Adult caregivers are always an integral part of our treatment strategies. Sliding scale fee for families who do not have health insurance.</p> <p><u>Family Support Services (FSS)</u> Provides short term support to adult caregivers who are parenting children or youth who face significant mental health challenges. FSS works with families to assess needs, advocate for services, assist in accessing community resources, and support adult caregivers both to achieve parenting goals and to support their children and youth in achieving personal goals.</p> <p>There is no charge for these services and all services are customized to meet the family's unique needs. Services are delivered in the home or community in which the family resides.</p> <p><u>Day Treatment Program</u> Provides intensive mental health treatment for children and adolescents between the ages of 5 and 18 years old who reside in Onondaga County. The program provides comprehensive services to</p>	<p>John H. Mulroy Civic Center, 8th Floor 421 Montgomery St., Syracuse, New York 13202</p>	<p><a href="http://www.ongov.net/cfs">http://www.ongov.net/cfs</a></p> <p>315-435-7707 Mental Health Clinic for Children &amp; Youth and Family Support Services</p> <p>315-435-7707 Family Support Services</p> <p>315-435-7706 Day Treatment Program</p>
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<p><b>Onondaga County Children and Family Services Continued</b></p>	<p>address the emotional, behavioral, psychological, social, medical and academic needs of children and adolescents who are experiencing significant difficulty functioning at school, home and community.</p> <p>The program operates year round. Family participation and collaboration are an integral part of the Day Treatment Program.</p> <p>Children and adolescents are referred to Day Treatment by their home school district. Families interested in Day Treatment should discuss this with their district Committee on Special Education. Once a referral is made, an evaluation is scheduled to determine if day treatment services will meet the child/adolescent's needs. Evaluations are scheduled when an opening is available.</p> <p>Day Treatment services are financially supported by health insurance and school district support. A generous sliding fee scale is provided for families who either do not have health insurance or have insurance that does not cover day treatment.</p>		
<p><b>Prevention Network</b></p>	<p>Prevention Network has been making Central New York a healthier community since 1949 by providing programs and supportive services which prevent addictions and address related concerns. Prevention Network serves individuals, families, and the community through substance abuse prevention education, information and referral services, life skills, youth peer leadership, and parenting programs, professional training and</p>	<p>906 Spencer Street Syracuse, NY 13204</p>	<p>315-471-1359 <a href="http://www.preventionnetworkny.org">www.preventionnetworkny.org</a></p>

<b>Prevention Network Continued</b>	development series, community coalition development, and family support services. Substance Use Referral Service 8 am until 4 pm Monday – Friday, call 315-471-1359.		
<b>Professional Counseling Chemical Dependency Treatment Center</b>	<u>Professional Counseling</u> -Alcohol Treatment Center -Substance Abuse Treatment Programs -DWI Probation Evaluations -Prescription Drug Treatment	5700 West Genesee Street, Suite 118, Camillus, NY 13031	315-488-1641 <a href="http://syracusesubstanceabuse.com">http://syracusesubstanceabuse.com</a>
<b>St. Joseph’s Hospital Health Center</b>	<p><u>Mental Health Services:</u></p> <p><u>Inpatient Services</u> at 301 Prospect Ave. The following services are at 742 James Street.</p> <p><u>Adult Outpatient Clinic</u></p> <p><u>Continuing Day Treatment</u> 315-703-2773</p> <p><u>Rehab Services</u> 315-448-2750</p> <p><u>Children Services</u> 315-703-2800</p> <p><u>Personalized Recovery Oriented Services Program (PROS)</u></p> <p>For severe mental health conditions, an array of rehabilitation, treatment and support services:</p> <p>-Community Rehabilitation and Support Services -Intensive Rehabilitation</p> <p>-Ongoing Rehabilitation and Support</p> <p>-Mental Health Treatment.</p>	<p>301 Prospect Ave., Syracuse NY 13203</p> <p>742 James St., Syracuse NY 13203</p>	<p><a href="https://www.sjhsyr.org">https://www.sjhsyr.org</a></p> <p>Inpatient 315-448-5360</p> <p>Outpatient/Adult Clinic 315-703-2700</p> <p>PROS 315-703-2773</p>

<p>Single Point of Access (SPOA)</p>	<p>Serious Mental Illnesses</p> <p><u>Adults</u>  <u>Onondaga County SPOA</u>  Centralized intake and referral system that prioritizes applicants' referrals for access to residential, Assertive Community Treatment (ACT), and Office of Mental Health (OMH) supported housing programs based on need.</p> <p><u>Children and Youth</u>  <u>ACCESS Team SPOA</u>  Assessment/Planning process for children/youth in Onondaga County with emotional and behavioral challenges. ACCESS is a multi-agency, cross-systems team committed to creating a true single point of access for Onondaga County families. Call if there are concerns about a child/youth with emotional or behavioral challenges. The child/youth has serious needs and is at risk of requiring out-of-home placement. Multiple systems are involved or coordination of care is desired. The youth's current plan is not working or there are barriers to implementing the plan.</p>	<p>Onondaga County 10<sup>th</sup> Floor, 421 Montgomery Street, Syracuse, NY 13203</p>	<p>315-435-3355  <a href="http://www.ongov.net/ocdmh/spoa.html">http://www.ongov.net/ocdmh/spoa.html</a></p> <p>Access Team  (315) 463-1000</p>
<p><b>Syracuse Behavioral HealthCare (SBH)</b></p>	<p>SBH services include withdrawal and stabilization services.</p> <p><u>Substance Abuse Inpatient Detoxification at The Willows</u>  Providing Medical Supervision of withdrawal from alcohol and other drugs and treatment for other medical problems. Providing Medical Monitoring for people temporarily incapacitated because of intoxication by alcohol or other drugs. The average length of stay</p>	<p>329 N. Salina Street, Syracuse, NY 13203 Suite 200 Corp. HQ.</p> <p><u>Inpatient at The Willows</u> 847 James St., Syr., NY 13203</p>	<p><u>315-471-0568 24 Hour Helpline</u>  315-474-5506 Main Telephone  <a href="http://www.sbh.org">http://www.sbh.org</a></p> <p>Inpatient at The Willows  315-701-1516</p>

<p><b>Syracuse Behavioral HealthCare (SBH) Continued</b></p>	<p>ranges from 3-14 days, and is dependent on the individual treatment plan of each person. Syracuse: 25 bed, licensed facility. Medical and counseling staff on site 24/hrs. per day. Individual/group counseling combined with medical care and bed rest in a safe, comfortable environment.</p> <p><u>Substance Abuse Inpatient Rehabilitation at The Willows</u> Providing intensive programs for people who need a highly structured, supportive environment. Individual/group counseling, patient education and acupuncture treatment. The average stay 3-6 weeks, and is dependent on the individual treatment plan. A 40 bed licensed facility. Offers medical management supports to. Special accommodations are available for women who are pregnant or with newborns.</p> <p><u>Mental Health Outpatient Clinic</u> Medical, psychiatric/clinical assessment/ medication management, and individual, group/family counseling sessions. Services are offered Monday-Friday. Walk-in hours are Monday-Friday 8-12 AM and Wednesday 12-3 PM. Supervision is provided for pre-school aged children.</p> <p><u>Substance Use Disorder Outpatient Clinic</u> Medical, psychiatric and clinical assessment of treatment needs while utilizing medication assisted treatment, and individual, group, and family counseling sessions to support patients with meeting their treatment and recovery goals. Open walk-in hours available Monday through Thursday from</p>	<p>329 N. Salina Street, Syracuse, NY 13203 Suite 101 for <u>Outpatient</u>, Suite 100</p>	<p>Rehabilitation at The Willows 315-492-1184</p> <p>Mental Health Clinic 315-373-0361</p> <p>Substance Use Disorder Clinic 315-471-1564</p>
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<p><b>Syracuse Behavioral HealthCare (SBH) Continued</b></p>	<p>8:00 AM to 3:00 PM and Friday from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Patients seeking service will be meeting with a Revenue Specialist and one of our Registered Nurses to complete an initial assessment.</p> <p><u>Gambling Outpatient Clinic</u> Provides clinical assessment of treatment needs while utilizing individual, group, and family counseling sessions to support patient's recovery goals. No fee. Services are offered Monday through Saturday with morning, afternoon, and evening hour availability. Supervision is provided for pre-school aged children.</p> <p><u>Community Residences, Support Living &amp; Permanent Housing</u></p>	<p>329 N. Salina Street, Syracuse, NY 13203 Suite 101 for <u>Residential Services</u></p>	<p>Gambling Clinic 315-471-1564</p> <p>Residential Services 315-472-9964</p>
<p><b>Syracuse Community Health Center, Inc.</b></p>	<p><u>Individual and Family Services (IFS)</u> Provides individual/group counseling to persons/families with mental health issues; depression, anxiety, eating disorders, parenting issues, sexual identity issues, teens at risk, and domestic violence.</p> <p><u>OAS (Alcohol &amp; Substance Abuse) Treatment &amp; Counseling Services - Counseling, Addiction &amp; Psychological Services (CAPS)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Substance Abuse Treatment</li> <li>-Mental Health Services</li> <li>-Case Management</li> <li>-Adolescent Intervention</li> </ul> <p><u>Counseling, Addiction &amp; Psychological Services (CAPS)</u></p>	<p>810 S. Salina Street Syracuse, NY 13202</p>	<p>315-476-7921 <a href="http://www.schcnyc.com">http://www.schcnyc.com</a></p>

<b>Syracuse Community Health Center, Inc. Continued</b>	-Substance Abuse Treatment -Mental Health Services -Case Management -Adolescent Intervention		
<b>Syracuse Recovery Services</b>	<u>Outpatient Alcohol Programs</u> -DWI /DMV Evaluations -Medication Management  <u>Outpatient Substance Abuse Programs</u> -Substance Abuse Treatments -Suboxone Medication Management  <u>Mental Health Services</u> -Psychiatric Consulting -Medication Management -Treatment for Co-Occurring Disorders -Trauma Recovery	109 S. Warren St. Suite 806 Syracuse, NY 13202	315-475-1771 <a href="http://www.syracuserecoveryservices.net">www.syracuserecoveryservices.net</a>
<b>Tully Hill Chemical Dependency Treatment Center</b>	<u>Inpatient Treatment</u> -Medically Supervised Detoxification -Inpatient Rehabilitation -Inpatient Rehabilitation – Relapse Prevention <u>Outpatient Treatment</u> -Professionals Group: Group members address specific/unique issues/problems faced by many professionals. - Young Adult Group: 16 years up to 20. -Gender Specific Groups: Men and Women’s group therapy -Life Story/ Peer Evaluation: Each patient will have the opportunity to tell their story of: “what happened, what it was like, and what it’s like now” to their peers in a group setting. <u>Specialized Services</u> -Medically Supervised Detoxification-Interventions	5821 Route 80, Tully, NY 13159	315-696-6114 <a href="http://www.tullyhill.com">http://www.tullyhill.com</a>

Upstate Medical University	<u>Inpatient Psychiatry - Community</u> 26-bed adult psychiatric inpatient unit serves patients ages 18 and older with acute symptoms of psychiatric illness or disorder that require a safe, therapeutic environment to support re-stabilization.	Upstate University Hospital - Community Campus 4900 Broad Road Syracuse, NY 13215	315-492-5635
	<u>Inpatient Adult Psychiatry</u> The University Hospital Inpatient Psychiatric Unit (4B) admits both voluntary/involuntary patients 18 years and older with a wide variety of psychiatric and substance abuse/dependence disorders.	Upstate University Hospital - Downtown Campus, 4B, 750 East Adams Street Syracuse, NY 13210	315-464-9096 <a href="http://www.upstate.edu/psych/healthcare/index.php">http://www.upstate.edu/psych/healthcare/index.php</a>
	<u>Psychiatric Addiction Dual Diagnosis Service</u> -Outpatient Detoxification -Extended Evaluation/Referral -Psychiatric Pain Consultation <a href="#">-Buprenorphine Maintenance for Opioid-Dependent Pregnant Women</a>	Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences Building Rm. 205, 713 Harrison Street Syracuse, NY 13210	315-464-3130 <a href="http://www.upstate.edu/psych/healthcare/psych_addiction/index.php">http://www.upstate.edu/psych/healthcare/psych_addiction/index.php</a>
	<u>Psychiatric Consultation Service (Adult/Child)</u>	Upstate Rm. 1702, 750 East Adams St., Syracuse, NY 13210	315 464-5631
	<u>Psychiatric Clinics</u>  <u>Adult Psychiatry Clinic</u> Individual/Group Therapy and Specialties: -Eating Disorders Program -Dialectical Behavioral Therapy -Cognitive Behavioral Therapy -Anxiety Disorders -Medication Management	Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences Building, Rm. 100 713 Harrison St., Syr., NY 13210	<a href="http://www.upstate.edu/psych/healthcare/psychclinics/adult.php">http://www.upstate.edu/psych/healthcare/psychclinics/adult.php</a> 315-464-3165

<b>Upstate Medical University Continued</b>	<u>Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Clinic</u> Interdisciplinary, outpatient training facility providing diagnostic evaluation and treatment services to children and adolescents (through the age of 18) and their families.	Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences Bldg. Rm. 126 713 Harrison St., Syr., NY 13210	315-464-3145
	<u>Center for Emotion and Behavior Integration</u> Provides intensive, time-limited outpatient treatment for adolescents and young adults (17-45 years of age) suffering from complex behavioral problems.	Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences Building 713 Harrison Street, Syracuse, NY 13210	315-464-3120
	<u>Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity</u> Children, adolescents, and adults referred to this program for evaluation undergo a comprehensive protocol of behavior rating scales, interviews, and psychological testing.	Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences Building, Rm. 126 713 Harrison Street, Syracuse, NY 13210	315-443-9450
<b>VA Medical Center</b>	For VA enrolled Veterans & Eligible Family Members. Mental Health/PTSD Counseling & Treatment, Substance Abuse Disorder Treatment.  The Behavioral Health Care Line serves Veterans in inpatient/outpatient settings to help them achieve a full/meaningful life.	VA Main 800 Irving Avenue, Syracuse, NY 13210	315-425-4400 VA Main Number <a href="http://www.syracuse.va.gov">www.syracuse.va.gov</a> VA Main Website



<p><b>VA Medical Center Continued</b></p>	<p><u>Behavioral Health Outpatient Clinic</u> provides mental health services as a part of the Patient Aligned Care Team to help Veterans work toward symptom resolution. Counseling and treatment are offered according to an individualized plan.</p> <p>For those suffering from more serious mental health concerns, <u>Intensive Outpatient Behavioral Health Services</u> offer more contact and treatment time to overcome significant barriers. Intensive outpatient visits are scheduled as often as five days a week until less frequent treatment is appropriate.</p> <p><u>Inpatient Behavioral Health Care</u> is available for Veterans who require more intervention than can be provided in the community. Acute inpatient psychiatry patients are admitted to the facility to be treated by a team of psychiatrists, social workers, nurses and other therapists. Acute inpatient stays typically last three to ten days and are followed up by further treatment after the patient is discharged from the facility.</p>	<p>VA Behavioral Health Clinic 620 Erie Blvd. West Syr., NY 13204 M-F 8 am- 4:30 p.m. by appointment. Some evening &amp; Saturday- Call.</p>	
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**\*Bold denotes a Licensed Program**

## Crisis Assistance, Referral Services and Support Groups:

- **211 CNY:** Dial 2-1-1 for referrals to community, social or government services.  
<https://211cny.com>
- **Al-Anon/Alateen:** For families and friends of alcoholics. 12 Step Program  
315-471-0191, <http://www.syracuseais.org>
- **Alcoholics Anonymous:** 12 Step Program, 315-463-5011 - 24 Hour Line  
<http://www.aasyracuse.org>
- **Depression Bipolar Support Alliance CNY:** Every Tuesday at 6:15 pm.  
AccessCNY, 420 E. Genesee St., Syracuse, 315-428-9366
- **Contact Community Services Hotline:** 24 Hour Crisis Line - 315-251-0600  
<http://www.contactsyracuse.org>
- **Family Support and Education Center:** Crisis and ongoing supports and  
advocacy. AccessCNY 420 E. Genesee St., Syracuse, NY, 315-478-4151
- **Hiscock Legal Aid Society:** 351 S. Warren St. Syracuse, NY 13202, 315-422-8191  
[info@hiscocklegalaid.org](mailto:info@hiscocklegalaid.org)
- **Hope Connections:** Peer Led Coaching Program at Catholic Charities advocating  
recovery in the community, 315-362-7629, [www.ccoc.us](http://www.ccoc.us)
- **Legal Services of CNY:** 221 S. Warren St., Syracuse, NY 13202  
315-703-6500, <http://www.lscny.org>
- **NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) Syracuse:** Support and Sharing Meeting  
for family/friends of those with mental illness diagnoses. 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday each month at 7 pm.  
AccessCNY 420 E. Genesee St., Syracuse, 315- 487-2085
- **Narcotics Anonymous:** 12 Step Program, 315-472-5555 <http://honyana.org>
- **National Helpline Mental Health:** 1-800-662-4357, TTY 1-800-487-4889
- **National Suicide Prevention Lifeline:** 1-800-273-8255, TTY 1-800-799-4889
- **Onondaga County Department of Adult & Long Term Care Services:**  
[www.ongov.net/adult](http://www.ongov.net/adult): Mental Health (315-435-3355) Veterans (315-435-3217)  
Office for Aging (315-435-2362) Adult Protective Services (315-435-2815)  
NYConnects (315-435-1400) and the Long Term Care Resource Center (315-435-5600.)
- **Onondaga County Department of Social Services:** Economic Security:  
<http://www.ongov.net/dss> 315-435-2700
- **Prevention Network:** Substance Use Referral Service, Monday-Friday, 8 am to 4 pm and  
education and training for Substance Abuse/Addiction Prevention. 315-471-1359  
<http://www.preventionnetworkcny.org>

- **Spouses/Partners Support Group:** For the spouse/partner of someone with a mental health diagnosis. Meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month from 7:00 to 8:30 at 2503 E. Genesee St., Syracuse, NY 13219, 315-468-9809
- **Youth Emergency Services (YES):** 24/7 Line, 315-463-1100
- **Unique Peerspectives:** Peer led support, 315-475-1994
- **Veterans Crisis Line:** Available 24/7 at 1-800-273-8255, <https://www.veteranscrisisline.net>
- **Volunteer Lawyers Project** of Onondaga County, Inc.: No cost legal assistance for low income clients. 221 S. Warren St., Suite 320, Syracuse, NY 13202, 315-471-3409  
<http://www.onvlp.org>

## Helpful Links:

- **Behavioral Health Treatment Locator:** <https://findtreatment.samhsa.gov>
- **Buprenorphine Treatment Physician Locator:**  
<http://www.samhsa.gov/medication-assisted-treatment/physician-program-data/treatment-physician-locator>
- **Center for Community Alternatives:** <http://www.communityalternatives.org>
- **Central New York Prevention Resource Center:** <http://www.cr-prc.org>
- **Couple and Family Therapy Center:**  
<http://falk.syr.edu/marriagefamilytherapy/Goldberg.aspx>
- **Faces and Voices of Recovery:** <http://www.facesandvoicesofrecovery.org/guide/support>
- **Huntington Family Center:** <http://www.huntingtonfamilycenters.org>
- **NAMI - National Alliance on Mental Illness New York State:** <http://www.naminys.org>
- **NAMI - National Alliance on Mental Illness Syracuse:** <http://namisyracuse.org>
- **New York State Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services (OASAS):**  
<https://www.oasas.ny.gov>
- **Opioid Treatment Program Directory:** <http://dpt2.samhsa.gov/treatment/directory.aspx>
- **Rescue Mission:** <http://rescuemissionalliance.org>
- **U.S. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA):**  
<http://www.samhsa.gov>
- **U.S. Department of Health & Human Services Mental Health:**  
<http://www.mentalhealth.gov>

\*The listings included are not exhaustive; inclusion/exclusion should not be construed as an endorsement or as a statement to the quality or service provided. Please call (315) 435-3355 with any updates.

## Crouse Hospital Outpatient Older Adult Recovery Service (OARS) – Age 55+

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<http://crouse.org/services/chemical-dependency/special-populations/>

Abuse of alcohol and medications is often overlooked in older adults. A higher level of denial exists in the community and symptoms of this problem can differ from those displayed in younger individuals. Physiological challenges in older adults can make them more susceptible to the effects of alcohol. A decrease in muscle tissue and an increase in fatty tissue reduce an older body's ability to absorb and dispose of alcohol, resulting in a lower tolerance level.

Common signals of drug or alcohol abuse in people over 65 include:

- Falls or accidents
- Poor nutrition
- Inadequate self-care
- Social isolation

These symptoms can often be misdiagnosed as stereotypical signs of aging like dementia, depression, disorientation or confusion.

Crouse's Outpatient Older Adult Recovery Service (OARS) is staffed by specialists with experience in the treatment of chemically-dependent older adults. It provides an affordable and accessible program that takes into account the special treatment needs related to:

- Physical health
- Nutrition
- Spirituality
- Family and social relationships

**Cost/Coverage** Most private insurance, Medicare and Medicaid are accepted. A sliding fee scale is available for those without insurance.

**Location** 410 S. Crouse Ave., just down the hill from the main hospital. **How to Access the Program:** 315-470-8304 or 1/800-727-6873 For more information on the OARS Program, contact: Ellen Gerace, LMHC, NCC, CASAC, Clinical Supervisor CD Outpatient Services - Admissions, Adult/Adolescent Outpatient Program 315-470-8340.

# Health Benefits

## Understanding Your Medical Benefits

### Health Insurance Counseling

**HIICAP (Health Insurance Information Counseling and Assistance Program)**  
**315- 435-2362** HIICAP counseling provides Medicare beneficiaries, their representatives, and people planning to retire with unbiased information and assistance relating to health insurance. This is a free and confidential service offered by volunteers trained by the Onondaga County Office for Aging. HIICAP Counselors can also help consumers understand their medical bills and health insurance policies; provide information on Long Term Care Insurance, Medicare, Supplemental Insurance, and Medicare Managed Care. Call 315- 435-2362 to arrange for a free, convenient consultation.

### Long Term Care Insurance

**New York State Partnership for Long Term Care Insurance**  
**1-866-950-7526**

<http://www.nyspltc.org>

The NYS Partnership for Long-Term Care (NYSPLTC) is a unique Department of Health program combining private long-term care insurance and Medicaid Extended Coverage (MEC). Its purpose is to help New Yorkers financially prepare for the possibility of needing nursing home care, home care, or assisted living services someday. The program works by allowing an individual or couple who purchases a Partnership insurance policy and keeps it in effect to hold onto all or part of their assets (depending on the type of policy purchased) under the Medicaid program if their long-term care needs extend beyond the period covered by their policy.

#### **What does this mean to you?**

If you buy NYSPLTC insurance and use the benefits according to the conditions of the program, you can apply for MEC, which may assist in paying for your on-going care. Unlike regular Medicaid, MEC allows you to protect some or all of

your assets, depending on whether you select a Dollar for Dollar Asset Protection plan or a Total Asset Protection plan. However, MEC does require that you contribute your income to the cost of your care according to Medicaid income rules.

**How is the NYS Partnership a win-win situation?**

NYSPLTC helps New Yorkers pay for their long-term care without having to “spend down” their assets, as they would have to do if they relied totally on Medicaid to pay for their long-term care. By allowing New Yorkers to keep what they've worked hard to acquire, and reducing Medicaid costs for the State, NYSPLTC provides a win-win scenario for everyone.

## **Medicare**

(Courtesy of Myrna Koldin – Onondaga County Office for Aging Senior Services Specialist & HIICAP Counselor)

### **Medicare Part A & B**

#### **You are eligible for Medicare if...**

You are a U.S. citizen or have your resident visa and have lived in the U.S. for 5 consecutive years and

- you are 65 years and older; or
- you have been getting disability benefits for at least 24 months; or
- you have kidney failure; or
- you have ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease).

You can apply for Medicare three months before you turn 65, the month you turn 65 or the three months after the month of your 65<sup>th</sup> birthday by contacting the Social Security Administration at 800-772-1213.

If you are already collecting Social Security, you will automatically be enrolled into Medicare.

#### **There are four Parts of Medicare**

- Part A – Hospital Insurance
- Part B – Medical Insurance
- Part C – Medicare Advantage Plans
- Part D – Prescription Insurance

#### **Medicare Part A (Hospital Insurance)**

- **What it Covers:**

- Inpatient Hospital Care
- Post Hospital Skilled Nursing Facilities (not unskilled or long-term care) - Medicare doesn't cover long-term or custodial care in this setting
- Hospice Care for people with a terminal illness. A Medicare-approved hospice usually gives hospice care in your home (or other facility like a nursing home).

- Some Home Health Care - Limited to medically-necessary part-time or intermittent skilled nursing care, or physical therapy, speech-language pathology, or a continuing need for occupational therapy.
  - Coverage is the same from State to State
- **What You Pay:**
    - FREE if you or your spouse have worked at least 10 years (40 quarters) in the U.S. (Up to \$407 monthly premium for those who do not get premium-free Part A in 2015.)
    - \$1,260 deductible and no coinsurance for days 1-60 of a hospital stay in a benefit period in 2015.
    - \$315 per day in the hospital for days 61 – 90 each benefit period in 2015.
    - No co-payment for the first 20 days in a Skilled Nursing Facility after a 3 day inpatient hospital stay. You pay \$157 per day for days 21 – 100 and all costs after the 100 days in 2015.

### **Medicare Part B: (Medical Insurance)**

There are two kinds of Part B covered services:

- Medically-necessary services - Services or supplies that are needed to diagnose or treat your medical condition and that meet accepted standards of medical practice
- Preventive services – Health care to prevent illness or detect it at an early stage

- **What it Covers:**
  - Physician Services
  - Outpatient Hospital Care
  - Durable Medical Equipment
  - Ambulance Services, on a limited basis
  - Lab and Diagnostic Testing
  - Some Physical & Occupational Therapy
  - Some Home Health Care
  - Preventive Services
    - “Welcome to Medicare” physical exam



- Yearly Wellness visit
- Bone mass measurement
- Colorectal screenings
- Diabetes screenings
- Glaucoma tests
- Mammograms
- Pap test
- Influenza & pneumococcal shots
- Smoking cessation
- Prostate cancer screening
- Coverage the same from State to State
- **What You Pay:**
  - \$104.90 per month in 2015 if you file an individual tax return and your income is \$85,000 or less or if you file a joint tax return of \$170,000 or less. (For 2015 it is based on your 2013 annual income). Premiums increase on a sliding scale for individuals in higher income brackets.
  - \$147.00 deductible in 2015.
  - 20% of the Medicare approved amount after the deductible is met
  - 20% for outpatient mental health care after the deductible is met
  - If you don't sign up for Part B when you are first eligible, you may have to pay a late enrollment penalty.

**What is Not Covered by Medicare:**

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|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| • Acupuncture                  | Routine Vision/Refraction     |
| • Cosmetic surgery             | Routine foot care*            |
| • Dental care                  | Routine physical examination* |
| • Eyeglasses *                 | Services outside of the USA*  |
| • Hearing Aids                 |                               |
| * <i>Some exceptions apply</i> |                               |

**Medicare Summary Notice (MSN)**

- Mailed once every 90 days

- For ASSIGNED claims (provider accepts Medicare approved amount)
- Combined Part A and Part B MSN
- Contains:
  - Dates of service
  - Procedure codes
  - Provider's name and address
  - Payment information
  - Beneficiary's responsibility
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To keep track of your claims, you may wish to set up a personal account on MyMedicare.gov.

### **Protect Yourself**

- Identity Theft
  - Keep your personal information safe
  - Remember, Medicare does not make house calls
- Billing Fraud
  - Fraud happens when Medicare is billed for services and supplies not provided
  - Check your Medicare Summary Notice

### **Ways to Supplement Original Medicare Coverage**

- Through a current or former job or union (employer or retiree insurance coverage)
- By buying it from an insurance company that sells Medigap supplemental policies
  - A health insurance policy that helps pay out-of-pocket costs after Medicare has made a payment for the balance not covered by Medicare (the “gaps”)
  - Government administers your Medicare benefits (original Medicare)
  - Sold by private insurance companies, “lettered” plans
  - You pay a monthly premium for the Medigap policy

- You must have Medicare Parts A & B
- From the state through Medicaid if very low income – dual eligibles:
  - Individual Income- \$825
  - Couple Income - \$1,209
  - There are also resource limits

### **Medicare Part C: Medicare Advantage Plans (MA plans)**

- Plans include:
  - Medicare HMOs – Health Maintenance Organizations
    - Must stay within their network of providers
  - Medicare PPOs – Preferred Provider Organization
    - Stay within the network for the lowest copayments, out of network would cost more
  - Medicare PFFS – Private Fee-for-Service
    - Can go to any provider within their network or any provider who will accept the plan
  - Special Needs Plans – These are plans which limit their membership to people who live in certain institutions (nursing homes) or who are eligible for both Medicare and Medicaid.
- Private insurance companies administer your Medicare instead of the government
- Plans must cover at least what Original Medicare covers, but may include additional benefits such as vision, dental and/or wellness and health programs
- Very strict marketing rules apply to these plans
- Some plans offer prescription coverage, while others do not
- Original Medicare covers Hospice care even if you are in a Medicare Advantage plan
- There are 36 plans from 9 different companies with monthly premiums ranging from zero to \$163 in 2015. In 2016 there will be 31 plans from 9

companies with premiums from zero to \$188 per month. Also there are 6 Special Needs Plans.

## Medicare Part D: Prescription Drug Coverage

Medicare prescription drug coverage is available to everyone with either Medicare Part A or B or both. To get Medicare drug coverage, you must join a Medicare drug plan offered through a private insurance company. Plans vary in cost and drugs covered.

- Outpatient prescription drugs
- Different from Parts A and B
  - Part D is through a private insurer
- Two ways to get Medicare drug coverage:
  - If you have **Original Medicare:**  
Stand-alone prescription drug plan (PDP)
  - If you have a **Medicare Advantage Plan:**  
Must join the Part D Plan offered by your Medicare Advantage Plan.  
Some exceptions apply.
- Very strict marketing rules apply to these plans
- In Onondaga County, there are 25 plans from 11 different companies, ranging in monthly premium from \$15.70 to \$143 for 2015. In 2016, there will be 22 plans from 12 companies with premiums of \$18.40 - \$93.40.
- Each Medicare PDP has its own formulary (list of covered drugs), which may include both brand name and generic drugs
- Medicare PDPs must offer at least 2 drugs under each drug class. In addition, each plan must cover a majority of drugs in the following classes:
  - Antidepressants
  - Anti-psychotics
  - Anticonvulsants
  - Anti-retrovirals
  - Anticancer
  - Immunosuppressants

Some groups of medications are excluded from Medicare Part D plans:

- Most prescription vitamins and minerals (with the exception of prenatal vitamins and fluoride preparations)
- Prescription drugs used for - anorexia, weight loss or weight gain; fertility; cosmetic purposes or hair growth; relief of symptoms of colds

If you have drug coverage that is equal to or better than Medicare Part D, you have “creditable coverage” and will not need to enroll in Part D. Your employer/former employer or insurance company will let you know. **ALWAYS** check with your employer/retiree plan before you enroll in a Part D plan!

## Other Prescription Resources

- Generic Drugs
- Tier Exception
- Preferred Pharmacies
- Mail Order
- EPIC
  - New York State’s prescription benefit
  - Eligibility:
    - NYS Resident
    - Age 65 or older
    - Meet Income Guidelines (based on previous year’s income)
      - \$75,000 for an individual; \$100,000 for a couple
  - Works with Medicare prescription drug plans
  - Payer of last resort; may help with premium cost as well as prescription costs
- Extra Help Low Income Subsidy
  - Reduces cost of Part D premium and copayments (\$2.65/\$6.60)
  - Low Income Subsidy through Social Security Administration

- Individual Income- \$1,471; Resources-\$13,640 (includes burial exclusion)
- Couple Income - \$1,991; Resources -\$27,250 (includes burial exclusion)
- Medicare Savings Programs
  - Administered by the local Medicaid Office
  - Pays Part B premium; may offer other benefits
  - Beneficiary automatically becomes “deemed eligible” for Extra Help
  - Individual Income - \$1,345; Couple Income - \$1,813 - no resource limits in NYS
- Charity Programs
- Patient Assistance Programs
- Discount Programs & Cards
  - Some are available through local stores
  - Onondaga County offers the ProAct card
  - NYRx Card

## Information Resources

**HIICAP:** Health Insurance Information, Counseling and Assistance Program  
 Onondaga County Department of Adult & Long Term Care Services  
**435-2362 ext. 4944**  
 Free, Unbiased and Confidential

A HIICAP Counselor can:

- Provide information on Medicare
- Provide information on supplemental insurance available
- Explore other health insurance options
- Provide information on prescription options

## **Medicare**

- [www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov)
- 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227)
- [www.MyMedicare.gov](http://www.MyMedicare.gov)

## **Social Security Administration**

- 1-800-772-1213
- [www.ssa.gov](http://www.ssa.gov)

## **Medicare Rights Center**

- Consumer Hotline: 1-800-333-4114
- [www.medicarerights.org](http://www.medicarerights.org)

## Medicare Managed Care

Under the managed care delivery system, you choose a primary physician who refers you to specialists when necessary. Managed care organizations contract with individual providers, set policies and control costs. Each managed care plan has its own hospitals, nursing facilities, doctors, suppliers and other health care professionals. You make a co-payment after office visits.

Medicare Managed Care is health insurance for people who are eligible for Medicare. In this system, the federal Medicare program pays a health maintenance organization (HMO) a fixed amount per member. When you choose a plan, it is important to ask whether the plan has a “risk” contract or a “cost” contract with Medicare.

Under a “risk” contract the HMO receives a fixed amount of money from the federal Medicare program, which it must use to provide quality medical care to its members. The HMO may also charge additional premiums. Your medical care is covered only if you use the HMO’s approved doctors and suppliers, except for emergency care.

When an HMO has a “cost” contract, members use health services within the plan, but Medicare also pays its share for the services of providers outside the plan. Members are responsible for co-insurance, deductibles and any other charges as in traditional fee-for-service Medicare. This may be an appropriate choice if you travel often or live in another state part of the year.

Both “risk” and “cost” plans provide all of the Medicare benefits generally available in the plan’s service area and may also offer extra benefits not covered by fee-for-service Medicare.

### Questions to Ask when Considering a Managed Care Plan

#### **Your Doctor**

- Can I choose my primary care physician? How do I do this?
- On average, how long will I have to wait for a routine care appointment? If I am ill?



- If I have a chronic illness, will I be required to get repeated referrals to specialists from my primary care physician?
- Will the HMO pay for a second opinion from a doctor outside of the plan?
- Is my doctor receiving financial incentives to keep costs down or to join a specific plan?

### **Payment**

- Does the HMO charge a premium in addition to the Medicare Part B premium?
- What are my co-payments?
- What do I have to pay if I am referred to a doctor outside the plan?
- Will I have to pay if I choose to see a doctor outside the plan?

### **Benefits**

- Does the HMO offer services in addition to those provided by Medicare? If so, what are they?
- Are there any restrictions or caps on coverage?
- Does the HMO offer prescription coverage? If so, is there a co-payment? An annual limit?
- How does the HMO determine the cost of prescription?

### **Covered Care**

- Will I be covered for emergencies or routine care if I become ill while I'm away on vacation?
- Will I be covered if I leave the area for an extended period of time?
- Can I get emergency care without prior authorization from the HMO?

### **Quality of Care/Appeals**

- How is the quality of patient care evaluated?
- If my doctor disagrees with an HMO decision, can he/she appeal?
- If I disagree, what are my appeal rights?

### **Health Plan Logistics**

- Do I need to keep my Medicare supplemental policy?
- Should I give up my company – or union – sponsored retiree health care plan?
- If I give up my retiree plan, will I be able to get it back if I decide to leave the HMO?

## Medicare Managed Care Terms

**Approved Charge (Amount):** The amount Medicare determines is reasonable for a service covered under Part B. It is taken from a fee schedule that assigns a dollar value to all Medicare-covered services.

**Assignment:** When a doctor or medical equipment supplier accepts the Medicare-approved amount as full payment for services or supplies covered under part B. After annual deductible, Medicare usually pays 80% of approved amount and beneficiary pays 20%.

**Ancillary Services:** Health services provided during inpatient hospital stay, including: use of operating room, prescription drugs, anesthesia, laboratory, X-ray, respiratory services.

**Capitation:** Insurance payment mechanism in which a fixed amount is paid per person to cover health services, unlike the traditional payment of a fee for each service provided.

**CMP:** Competitive Medical Plan. An organization that meets federal government criteria to obtain a Medicare risk contract.

**Co-payment (Co-insurance):** The insured and insurer share payment of the approved charge for covered medical services after payment of deductible. Under Medicare Part B, the beneficiary pays co-insurance of 20%.

**Deductible:** The initial amount of medical expense an individual must pay each year before Medicare starts to cover health care costs.

**Emergency Care:** Health services furnished by a source other than the HMO because of injury or sudden illness when there is no time to reach the HMO's providers or suppliers without risking permanent damage to the patient's health.

**HCFA:** Health Care Financing Administration. A branch of the federal Department of Health and Human Services that administers Medicare and Medicaid programs.

**HMO:** Health Maintenance Organization. A managed-care health plan that acts as

both insurer and provider of a comprehensive set of health services (hospitalization, preventive care, diagnosis, nursing care) to enrolled members. Benefits are financed by pre-paid premiums with limited co-payments.

**Lock-in:** When an HMO requires that members use only its network of providers.

**Managed Care:** Health care service payment or delivery arrangements where the health plan controls and coordinates use of health services by its enrolled members to contain health expenditures and improve quality.

**Medicare Part A:** Hospital insurance portion of Medicare that provides coverage primarily for inpatient care.

**Medicare Part B:** Medical insurance portion of Medicare that provides coverage for physicians' services and supplies for the diagnosis and treatment of illness or injury.

**Medigap:** Private insurance that supplements Medicare coverage, including payment of deductibles, coinsurance, balance bills and services not covered by Medicare. Choice of doctors and/or hospitals is up to the insured.

**Out-of-Area:** The geographical area outside the boundaries identified by the managed care organization as its service area.

**Out-of-Network/Point of Service:** An option for members of an HMO to receive certain services outside the plan's established provider network. The HMO determines which services will be offered, annual cost limits and any cost-sharing provisions. Such a plan must make all Medicare-covered services available and accessible in its provider network.

**PRO:** Peer Review Organization. Paid by the federal government to review hospital treatment of Medicare patients. A patient has the right to appeal to a PRO if there is a question about the quality of care or length of stay.

**Pre-existing Condition:** Health conditions or problems that were identified and treated before health insurance was purchased, usually within the previous six months. There is a waiting period before new insurance will cover this condition.

**PPO:** Preferred Providers Organization. A managed health care plan that contracts with networks of physicians and suppliers to furnish services and to be paid on a negotiated fee schedule. There is a financial incentive to use providers on the preferred list, but one may use non-network providers as well.

**Primary Care Physician (Gatekeeper):** Doctor responsible for coordinating all health care services for the insured by making all decisions about and overseeing the patient's care, including ordering any tests or making referrals to specialists.

**Prior Authorization:** approval required before a medical service can be provided or covered by the managed care plan. Generally the responsibility of the provider to obtain the authorization.

**Provider:** Someone who is licensed, certified or authorized to provide contract benefits (services and supplies) including hospital, pharmacy, physician, skilled nursing facility, home health agency, hospice, ambulance or laboratory service to the HMO member.

**Service Area:** the geographical area that an HMO identifies as the area in which it will provide medical services to its members.

**Subscriber:** the person who enters into a contract with a managed care organization.

## **Medicaid**

### **Medicaid – Chronic Care Medicaid**

Onondaga County Office Building, 600 S. State St. Syracuse, New York 13202  
Hours: 8:00 AM- 4:30 PM (Monday-Friday)  
Telephone: 315- 435-2928 Fax: 315- 435-8530

The Medicaid Chronic Care Unit processes Medicaid applications for those individuals who are seeking help in paying for nursing home or long term home health care services.

Financial eligibility is determined based on the income and resource standards governing the Medicaid Program. A Supplemental Security Income recipient is granted Medicaid based upon his/her certification for SSI Benefits.

The amount of assistance that the Medicaid program will pay toward the cost of nursing home and/or home care services is determined using a comparison of the available income and resources of the applicant against the cost of the medical services needed. Since each financial and medical circumstance is unique, the regulations and policies governing what assets are exempt and what assets are used in the determination of eligibility vary, therefore, income and resource standards are not listed here. Anyone who needs financial assistance in paying for nursing home or long term home health care services is encouraged to contact the Medicaid office for consultation regarding their specific need for benefits.

Applications may be mailed. A face to face interview is not required. A pre-screening interview appointment is a courtesy service but is not required.

In Onondaga County, if you need to apply for Medicaid for a person who is already in a hospital or a nursing home or is receiving services from a Home Care provider, someone on the staff of one of these organizations usually can help you with getting a prescreening appointment with Medicaid. If they can't help, you can call the Medicaid Chronic Care office at 315-435-2928. The office is located on the 6th floor of the County Office Building, 600 S. State Street, Syracuse, NY.

When you request a Medicaid Chronic Care prescreening appointment, an application form will be provided to be completed and brought back at the time and date of the prescreening. The application will be asking questions regarding the income and resources of the person who is in need of Medicaid benefits. Documentation of income and resources will be required and should be brought with you to the prescreening interview along with the completed Medicaid application. The agency can accept legible photocopies, but if originals are provided they will be copied and returned.

If the person who's in need of Medicaid can't attend the interview, the interview may be attended by someone who has Power of Attorney or who has written authorization enabling them to represent the applicant. The Power of Attorney papers, written authorization to represent, and identification of the authorized representative must be provided at the interview.

The law requires that you provide documentation to verify your sources of income, your assets, birth date, marital status, and citizenship, as well as some other items. Below is a list of some of the items that will be required. You will receive a detailed list when you receive the application to complete and a prescreening appointment date and time.

- Birth certificates for the applicant and spouse
- Social security cards for the applicant and spouse
- Alien registration card / I-94 card / Naturalization papers for the applicant and spouse
- Marriage certificate or separation papers or divorce papers
- Death certificate(s) of spouse(s)
- Veteran Discharge papers for applicant and /or spouse
- Power of Attorney Papers
- Written Authorization to Represent the Applicant
- Medicare and other health insurance cards and verification of monthly premiums
- Verification of ALL sources of income for the applicant and the spouse, such as but not limited to: wages, social security, pensions, veterans and military benefits, interest and dividend income. The gross amounts must be verified, with all deductions, and the frequency with which the income is received.
- Verification of ALL the assets of both the applicant and spouse MUST be documented.

If you are seeking nursing home services, monthly statements for all financial accounts for the 60 months prior to the date of application must be provided. This includes accounts currently closed but that were active at any time in the 60 month look back period. If the applicant or spouse set up a trust or are the beneficiaries of a trust, the trust document must be provided and all assets owned by the trust must be documented for the 60 months prior to the date of application. Examples of some types of assets that must be documented are (but not limited to): checking & savings accounts, CDs, stocks, bonds, mutual funds, retirement funds, annuities, life insurance policies, burial spaces, burial funds, all properties owned, vehicles, mobile homes and RVs.

At the prescreening interview, the application, as well as the necessary documentation, will be reviewed with you in detail. If, as a result of that review, there are more documents required to determine eligibility, a list of these outstanding documents will be given to you, and a length of time, usually two weeks, will be given to provide them. This is called the “pending period”. If you cannot obtain the required documentation within the time frame given by the Agency, you can request an extension of time which will be granted only if the agency feels there is justification that additional time is necessary.

After all the necessary documentation needed to determine Medicaid eligibility has been provided, a decision will be rendered by the Medicaid Office and a formal written notice will be mailed to the applicant, their representative, and the facility or home care provider involved.

If you are found eligible for ongoing Medicaid benefits or another Public Health Insurance Program you will be required to re-establish your eligibility at regular intervals as determined by the New York State Social Welfare law. This is called “Renewal”. You will receive notification of your renewal and a renewal form by mail. It must be returned by the date in the notice for your benefits to continue. Social Services law requires that you report any changes in your income, resources, third party health insurance, family composition and residence to the Medicaid office. You may also be contacted by the department if a computer income match indicates a change in your circumstances.

If you have any questions, you may contact the Medicaid Chronic Care Unit at 315-435-2928.

## Medicaid - Community Medicaid

John H. Mulroy Civic Center 5th floor, 421 Montgomery Street, Syr., NY 13202

**Hours: 8:00 AM- 4:30 PM Monday through Friday**

**Telephone: 315- 435-2928 Fax: 315- 435-3938**

The Medicaid Community Unit processes applications for a variety of public health insurance programs including Medicaid, Prenatal care services (Presumptive Eligibility), Family Planning Benefit Program and the Medicare Savings Program.

**Financial eligibility** is determined based on the income and resource standards governing the Public Health Insurance Programs. A Supplemental Security Income recipient is granted Medicaid based on his/her certification for SSI benefits. A separate application for Medicaid is not needed for SSI recipients.

Persons eligible for Medicaid may be required to enroll in a managed care plan.

Managed Care information and options will be provided upon application.

**You can obtain more information online at** [www.mybenefits.ny.gov](http://www.mybenefits.ny.gov).

### **Individuals may apply for Medicaid in the following ways:**

NY State of Health, The Official Health Plan Marketplace (855) 355-5777

Online at [nystateofhealth.ny.gov](http://nystateofhealth.ny.gov). Managed Care Organization (MCO)

Navigators and Certified Application Counselors. Local District Social Services Offices.

**WHERE** individuals apply for Medicaid will depend on their category. The Marketplace determines eligibility using Modified Adjusted Gross Income (MAGI) rules. **The Following individuals apply with New York State of Health Marketplace:**

Adults (not pregnant) and aged 19-64, **NOT** eligible for Medicare

Pregnant Women and Infants

Children ages 1-18

Parents and caretaker relatives

THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS APPLY WITH THEIR LOCAL DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES (LDSS) - Individuals age 65 and older, who are not parents or caretaker relatives, when age is a condition of eligibility  
Individuals whose eligibility is based on being blind or disabled or who request coverage for community based long term care services (CBLTC)



Medicare Savings Program (MSP) Medicaid buy-in for Working People with Disabilities enrollees (MBI-WPD) Residential treatment center/community residences operated by the Office of Mental Health (OMH) Presumptive Eligibility (PE) for pregnant women apply with provider, processed by the LDSS

**WITH THE APPLICATION THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTATION MUST BE PRESENTED:** Birth Certificates for all persons who are applying, Social Security Card for all who are applying, Proof of citizenship status, Veteran Discharge papers (if applicable.) Verification of ALL income, including but not limited to: wages, Social Security, pensions, veteran's benefits and interest or dividends. Depending on your circumstances you may be asked to verify ALL your resources, including but not limited to: bank accounts, trust funds, insurance, CDs, burial accounts, burial spaces, vehicles and property. Medicare and other health insurance cards and verification of premium cost

After all the necessary documentation needed to determine eligibility has been received, a decision will be rendered by the Medicaid office and a formal written notice will be mailed to the applicant and to their representative. If the applicant does not agree with the written decision the notice includes information on how to apply for a Fair Hearing through the New York State Department of Health.

**APPLICATIONS FOR THE MEDICARE SAVINGS PROGRAM MAY BE OBTAINED BY CALLING 315- 435-2928**

If you are found eligible for ongoing Medicaid or another Public Health Insurance Program you will be required to re-establish your eligibility at regular intervals as determined by the New York State Social Welfare law. This is called a "Renewal". You will receive notification of your renewal and a renewal form by mail. It must be returned by the date in the notice for your benefits to continue. Social Services law requires that you report any changes in your income, resources, third party health insurance, family composition and residence to the Medicaid office. You may also be contacted by the department if a computer income match indicates a change in your circumstances.

**If you have any questions, you may contact the Medicaid Community Unit at 315- 435-2928.**

# Financial Issues

## What Do I Qualify For?

### Services Determined by Age

(Eligibility depends on program)

Contact the Onondaga County Office for Aging

315- 435-2362

#### **Prior to age 60:**

Health Insurance Information, Counseling, and Referrals (HIICAP)  
Medical Assistance (MEDICAID)  
Medicare Coverage  
Medicare Savings Program  
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits  
Telephone Lifeline Discount

#### **In addition to above, at age 60 for:**

Expanded In-Home Services for Elderly (EISEP)  
Free Tax Preparation  
Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP)  
Home Delivered Meals  
Information about Transportation Programs  
Meals at Senior Dining Sites

#### **In addition to above, at age 62 for:**

Retirement Social Security Payments (see program requirements)

#### **In addition to above, at age 65 for:**

EPIC Pharmaceutical Coverage  
Real Estate Tax Exemption  
Supplemental Security Income (SSI) No payment back to Social Security for income from working

## Benefits Checklist for Older Adults in New York

The *Benefits Checklist for Older Adults in New York* is prepared each year by the Brookdale Center for Healthy Aging. You can download a free copy from their website at:

<https://brookdale.org/tools-resources/benefits-checklist>

The checklist offers a snapshot of health and financial benefit programs available to older adults and some of the guidelines associated with each benefit.

### BenefitsCheckUp.org

<https://www.benefitscheckup.org>

BenefitsCheckUp.org is a free service of the [National Council on Aging](#) (NCOA), a nonprofit service and advocacy organization in Washington, DC.

Many adults over 55 need help paying for prescription drugs, health care, utilities, and other basic needs. There are over 2,000 federal, state and private benefits programs available to help. But many people don't know these programs exist or how they can apply.

BenefitsCheckUp.org asks a series of questions to help identify benefits that could save you money and cover the costs of everyday expenses.

After answering the questions, you will get a report created just for you that describes the programs you may get help from. You can apply for many of the programs online or you can print an application form.

Here are the types of expenses you may get help with:

- Medications
- Food
- Utilities
- Legal
- Health care
- Housing

- In-home services
- Taxes
- Transportation
- Employment Training

The [National Council on Aging](#) (NCOA) is a respected national leader and trusted partner to help people aged 60+ meet the challenges of aging. Our mission is to improve the lives of millions of older adults, especially those who are struggling. Through innovative community programs and services, online help, and advocacy, NCOA is partnering with nonprofit organizations, government, and business to improve the health and economic security of 10 million older adults by 2020. Learn more at [ncoa.org](#).

## **Financial Management**

### **Representative Payee Program**

The Social Security Administration's (SSA) Representative Payee Payment Program provides assistance to the young, elderly, and people with disabilities who have difficulty managing their Social Security or Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits.

For some individuals, traditional networks of support such as responsible family or friends are not available. In that case, Representative Payees can help individuals manage and budget their benefits.

Representative Payees are appointed by SSA to receive Social Security and/or SSI benefits for individuals who are unable to manage or direct someone else to manage his or her money.

The main responsibilities of Representative Payees are to use the individual's benefits to pay for his or her current and foreseeable needs and to properly save any benefits not needed to meet current needs.

A Representative Payee will assist in creating a monthly budget. Together you will complete a monthly voucher that itemizes expenses that will be covered. Basic living expenses, such as food, shelter, and utilities must always be paid first.

Other needs include:

- Medical and dental expenses
- Personal care items
- Clothing
- Rehabilitation expenses (if you have a disability)

After those expenses are paid, your Payee can use the rest of the money to pay any past-due bills you may have, support your dependents, or provide entertainment funds for you. If there is money left over, your Payee will save it for you.

Your Payee will keep accurate records of your payments and how they are spent. Your Payee will also regularly report that information to Social Security and share it with you. It is the goal of the program to work with you so that, if possible, you

can become financially responsible and ultimately take full, direct control of your benefits.

**ARISE**

1065 James Street, Syracuse, NY 13202  
315- 472-3171

**Catholic Charities**, 1654 West Onondaga Street, Syracuse, NY 13204  
315- 424-1810

**CNY Services, Inc.,**

Financial Management Unit, 518 James Street, Syracuse, NY 13203  
315- 478-2453

The Financial Management Unit serves as the Representative Payee for individuals residing in Onondaga County. Due to the nature of their various disabilities, the clients of this program are unable to manage their own funds directly.

**Clearpoint Credit Counseling Solutions**

5794 Widewaters Pkwy, Syracuse, NY 13214  
315- 445-8960

Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. No fee for counseling. Debt management, HUD counseling (Reverse Mortgage), and financial counseling. Assistance with medical, utility, phone shutoffs.

**Syracuse Jewish Family Services – Solutions Care Management**

315-446-9111 x 231

[www.sjfs.org](http://www.sjfs.org)

Assists seniors and individuals with disabilities to manage household bills and paperwork, writing out checks, balancing financial statements, reading and writing personal correspondence, and completing applications, insurance forms and other official paperwork.

## Legal Services

### Referral Services

#### **Onondaga County Bar Association Lawyer Referral Services at 471-2690.**

If you are in need of a referral, call the **Onondaga County Bar Association (OCBA) Lawyer Referral Service**, your call will be answered by a Referral Specialist who will connect you with an attorney who is familiar with your type of legal issue. The attorney will provide a telephone consultation and further advise how the attorney **will charge for his/her services**. The lawyers are licensed and members in good standing with the OCBA. LRS staff is available between 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, Monday through Friday, except for holidays. The LRS staff are NOT attorneys and cannot provide you with legal advice. The attorneys who participate in this service are private attorneys who charge regular rates as determined by them.

If you are looking for an attorney at no charge, you may want to try contacting one of these legal services organizations:

**The Volunteer Lawyers Project of Onondaga County** [onvlp.org](http://onvlp.org) 315-471-3409

**Legal Services of Central New York** [lscny.org](http://lscny.org) 315-703-6600

A non-profit law firm founded in 1966 to provide free, civil legal assistance to low-income families and individuals in thirteen counties of Central New York. We provide our clients legal assistance with 34 lawyers and 5 paralegals. Call Toll Free: 1-877-777-6152. If you have an emergency involving a hearing date or legal papers, please contact us immediately. Do not wait until the hearing date or deadline to answer legal papers has passed. By calling the Central New York Legal HelpLine, you can get free legal advice about civil (non-criminal) legal problems. Please note that we can only help you if you qualify for our services. An intake worker will talk to you first to see if you qualify. In some cases, our services may be limited to advice only. Other cases may be referred to a staff attorney for further action. Consumer Problems, Housing Problems, Divorce and Other Family, Access to healthcare, Elder law.

**Hiscock Legal Aid Society** [hiscocklegalaid.org](http://hiscocklegalaid.org) 315-422-8191

**NYS Attorney General's Office - Syracuse Office**

615 Erie Blvd. West, Suite 102, Syracuse, 315- 448-4800

Office Hours: 8:30 am to 6:00 pm Monday-Friday.

[www.ag.ny.gov](http://www.ag.ny.gov), General Helpline: 1-800-771-7755 (For calls made within New York State), TDD/TTY Toll Free Line: 1-800-788-9898

Immigration Fraud Hotline: 1(866) 390-2992

**Healthcare Hotline:** 1-800-428-9071

**Medicaid Fraud Control Unit:** 212-417-5397

**To contact by mail, please write to:**

Office of the Attorney General, The Capitol, Albany, NY 12224-0341

**Catholic Charities** 1654 West Onondaga St., Syracuse 13204 424-1810

Provides information and referral services, and advocates for those in need of case management and representative payee services (finances).

### **Onondaga County Commission on Human Rights**

Basement Level, Suite 19, Civic Center, 421 Montgomery St., Syracuse  
315- 435-3565

Promotes understanding and acceptance of diversity, facilitates intergroup communication, identifies and addresses sources of intergroup tension and conflict, reduces conditions which can lead to discrimination and restrict opportunity, and provides related education, information and referral. The Human Rights Commission especially focuses on addressing prejudice and discrimination on the basis of color, creed, sex, age, religion, nationality/national origin, language used for communication, disability, marital status, sexual orientation or any other arbitrary factors.

The Human Rights Commission staff are also the contact point for the new Jail Oversight Committee. For more information, or to address serious concerns about treatment or conditions at the Onondaga County Jail, please contact the Human Rights Commission staff. Hours: 9:00 am to 6:00 pm. Please call ahead for appointments.

### **Mental Hygiene Legal Service**

The Syracuse Building, 224 Harrison Street, Suite 502, Syracuse, New York  
13202-3066, 315- 401-3350

The Mental Hygiene Legal Service (MHLS) provides legal services, advice and assistance to persons receiving care or alleged to be in need of care at inpatient and community-based facilities for the mentally disabled. MHLS represents such



persons in judicial and administrative proceedings concerning admission, retention, transfer, treatment and guardianship. In addition to handling judicial proceedings, MHLS provides advice and representation regarding standards of care and other matters affecting the civil liberties of persons receiving care at facilities for the mentally disabled. MHLS can be assigned as counsel or court evaluator in Mental Hygiene Law Article 81 guardianship proceedings for persons in any type of facility or in the community. Finally, Article 10 of Mental Hygiene Law institutionalizes MHLS as counsel of choice in all sex offender civil management cases.

**New Justice Conflict Resolution Services**

1153 West Fayette Street, Suite 301 Syracuse 13204  
315- 471-4676

Trained mediators resolve conflicts (i.e. custody/visitation, landlord/tenant, consumer/merchant, etc.) in a neutral setting. Services are free and confidential.

**Syracuse University Elder Law Clinic**

Dineen Hall, 950 Irving Avenue, Syr., NY 13244, 315-443-4582

The Elder Law Clinic (ELC) provides general practice legal assistance for those aged 60 and over and who are of low or moderate incomes. Areas of practice typically include simple wills, advance directives, health insurance (Medicare, Medicaid, and private insurance), access to medical care, social security issues, consumer law, housing law, real estate, financial abuse and exploitation, and more.

**Volunteer Lawyers Project of Onondaga County, Inc.**

221 South Warren Street, Suite 320  
Syracuse, NY 13202  
315- 471-3409

The mission of the Volunteer Lawyers Project of Onondaga County, Inc. is to expand access to justice by identifying and meeting the unmet civil legal services needs of low income people in Onondaga County through increasing the pro bono participation of the legal community.

## Definitions

With planning, it is possible to arrange to protect your, or a relative's, assets and well-being as well as include relatives in planning for their own care and protection. Without a will or advance arrangements for physical or mental incapacity, the state has the authority to intervene. The issues covered in this section may require guidance of an attorney.

- **Power of Attorney** - This is a legal device that permits one individual (the principal) to give to another person (a trusted family member, friend, appointed person or the individual's lawyer) the authority to act on his/her behalf. The attorney is authorized to handle a range of financial and legal affairs for a specified period of time unless the principal becomes comatose or mentally incompetent. A power of attorney ceases upon death.
- **Durable Power of Attorney** - This allows a designated person, the attorney, to continue making financial and legal decisions even if the principal becomes physically or mentally incompetent.
- **Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care** - This document permits an individual to decide who should make medical care decisions on his/her behalf in the event of incapacity.
- **Will** - This legal document contains explicit instructions on how the individual wants their assets to be distributed after death. It usually names an executor who will close an individual's affairs after their death.
- **Living Will** - This allows a person to state their wishes regarding the use of life-sustaining procedures during a terminal illness or an irreversible condition. These directions are to be followed in the event that a person becomes incapacitated. State laws vary regarding living wills.
- **Trusts** - These legal documents appoint a trustee to manage the assets placed in the trust for the benefit of the named beneficiaries. It designates how assets are to be used both during one's lifetime and after death. The person placing their assets in a trust (Settler/Trustor) can oversee the trust or appoint a trustee. The

trustee can be instructed to continue handling funds after the trustor's death. Establishing a trust may have tax benefits and consequences. There are different types of trusts for different purposes.

- **Living Trusts** - Assets are placed in a living trust by a well person who appoints a trustee. If the older adult so desires, they can maintain control over the trust while they remain legally competent. If they become legally incompetent, the trustee takes control. This document outlines how the assets should be managed and distributed after death, thus replacing a will. This type of trust avoids probate (a legal process through which the court makes sure that when a person dies, their debts are paid and any property is distributed according to the will.)
- **Revocable Living Trust** - This allows a person to transfer ownership of their property to a separate entity called a trust which is managed according to rules established in the trust document for the benefit of the beneficiaries named in the trust. A revocable trust allows a person to change the terms of the trust. A Power of Attorney becomes void upon death, but a trust need not, and thus provides an alternative to passing property through a will.
- **Irrevocable Living Trust** - This is similar to revocable living trust, except it cannot be revoked (changed or ended) after it is established. In addition to having the same benefits as a revocable trust, an irrevocable trust also may provide savings on estate taxes and may prevent the loss of government benefits for a loved one.
- **Pooled Trust** - A pooled trust is a special type of trust that allows individuals to become financially eligible for public assistance benefits while preserving their resources in trust for supplemental needs.
- **Joint Ownership** - People use joint ownership of property for many purposes. Joint ownership can have positive or negative effects on access to jointly owned property. Decisions to put property in joint ownership should be based on one's trust in the person with whom he/she holds joint ownership and one's needs and intentions with regard to the property. Joint tenancy with Right to Survivorship (often used in property ownership) can act like a will to avoid probate, but it will not necessarily help avoid estate taxes. Joint ownership can have a very substantial effect on Medicaid eligibility, depending on the nature of the assets

and other factors. For patients who may need long-term nursing home care, joint ownership should not be established or ended without discussion of the effects with someone who is particularly knowledgeable.

- **Representative Payee** – A person appoints someone to receive certain benefits (pension, Social Security or supplemental income) on their behalf.
- **Guardianship** - Guardianship is a legal mechanism by which the court appoints a guardian for a person who has been declared incompetent by at least two physicians. A guardian has the responsibility for making fundamental decisions for the ward (incompetent person) and to manage their assets.
- **Conservatorship** - This is a legal mechanism by which the court appoints a conservator for someone who cannot manage their own financial affairs. Definitions and rules for both guardianships and conservatorship vary by state.

## Letter of Instruction

This letter (non-legal document) contains a listing of essential financial and legal information and their locations. The letter should include the location of important documents, such as the name of your bank where your accounts are, as well as account numbers. This letter helps to organize important documents making it easier for a family member to assist you if you need help handling your affairs. The letter of instruction should include:

- Names, addresses and phone numbers of all health care providers and people (family members, clergy) to contact if the person becomes incapacitated.
- Agencies providing in-home services
- Your full name, address, Social Security Number, the date it was prepared as well as who else has copies of the Letter of Instruction.

The following checklist will assist you in compiling your information. Be sure to include all certificate and account numbers as well as where they are physically located.

# Personal Records Form

## Personal Records

### Personal Information

Birth Certificate \_\_\_\_\_  
Divorce/Separation/Annulment \_\_\_\_\_  
Marriage Certificate \_\_\_\_\_  
Other \_\_\_\_\_

### Insurance – Health

Health \_\_\_\_\_  
Long Term Care \_\_\_\_\_  
Medicare \_\_\_\_\_  
Medicaid \_\_\_\_\_  
Supplemental \_\_\_\_\_  
Other \_\_\_\_\_

### Insurance – Other

Auto \_\_\_\_\_  
Disability \_\_\_\_\_  
Homeowners \_\_\_\_\_  
Liability \_\_\_\_\_  
Life \_\_\_\_\_  
Mortgage \_\_\_\_\_  
Other \_\_\_\_\_

### Legal and Financial

Bank Statements \_\_\_\_\_  
Burial Instructions \_\_\_\_\_  
Contracts \_\_\_\_\_  
Durable Power of Attorney \_\_\_\_\_  
Health Care Power of Attorney \_\_\_\_\_  
Last Income Tax Return  
· Federal (Date/Location) \_\_\_\_\_

- State (Date/Location)\_\_\_\_\_
- Other\_\_\_\_\_

List of Assets/Household Inventory\_\_\_\_\_

Living Will\_\_\_\_\_

Military Discharge Papers\_\_\_\_\_

Naturalization Papers\_\_\_\_\_

Notes (Mortgages, Loans, etc.)\_\_\_\_\_

Organ Donor Certificates\_\_\_\_\_

Organizational Memberships\_\_\_\_\_

Passport\_\_\_\_\_

Pension Records\_\_\_\_\_

Safe Deposit Box Number\_\_\_\_\_

Savings Bonds\_\_\_\_\_

Social Security Cards/Records\_\_\_\_\_

Stocks and Bonds\_\_\_\_\_

Trusts\_\_\_\_\_

Will(s) (original)\_\_\_\_\_

Other\_\_\_\_\_

### Titles and Deeds

Auto\_\_\_\_\_

Deed to Burial Plot\_\_\_\_\_

House\_\_\_\_\_

Other (Cottage, Boat, etc.)\_\_\_\_\_

Bank Name and Location\_\_\_\_\_

· Savings Account Number\_\_\_\_\_

· Checking Account Number\_\_\_\_\_

## Senior Centers

The following is a listing of Senior Centers and other groups offering programs for older adults in Onondaga County. We encourage you to contact the center directly to find out about their programs, availability and possible residency requirements. Please note: Addresses shown are building locations; mailing addresses may be different.

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### All are air-conditioned facilities

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**Camillus Senior Center**.....672-5820  
25 ½ First Street  
Camillus, NY 13031

**Canton Woods Senior Center**.....638-4536  
76 Canton Street  
Baldwinsville, NY 13027

**Cicero Senior Center**.....452-3298  
5924 Lathrop Drive.....Fax: 699-0039  
Cicero, NY 13039

**Clay Senior Center**.....652-3800 Ext. 137  
4492 Route 31.....Fax:622-7259  
Clay, NY 13041

**Clover Corner Senior Center**.....410-0231  
405 Gifford Street.....Fax: 476-3860  
Syracuse, NY 13204

**Frank DeFrancisco Eastwood  
Senior Center**.....437-4011  
401 S. Midler Avenue  
Syracuse, NY 13206

**DeWitt Parks & Recreation**.....446-9250 Ext. 9  
DeWitt Town Hall.....Fax:449-0620  
5400 Butternut Drive  
East Syracuse, NY 13057

**Dunbar Association**.....760-3155  
1453 South State Street.....Fax:760-3159  
Syracuse, NY 13205

**Fayetteville Senior Center**.....637-9025  
584 East Genesee Street.....Fax:637-3483  
Fayetteville, NY 13066  
[www.faysrctr.org](http://www.faysrctr.org)  
[fayseniorcenter2@yahoo.com](mailto:fayseniorcenter2@yahoo.com)

**Jewish Community Center**.....445-2360  
5655 Thompson Road.....Fax:449-4539  
DeWitt, NY 13214  
[www.jccsyr.org](http://www.jccsyr.org)

**Jordan/Elbridge Community Ctr**.....689-3431  
1 Route 31.....Fax:689-3122  
Jordan, NY 13080

**Manlius Senior Centre.....682-7889**  
1 Arkie Albanese Avenue.....Fax:682-8119  
Manlius, NY 13104  
[www.manliusseniors.org](http://www.manliusseniors.org) [mjsceniors@aol.com](mailto:mjsceniors@aol.com)

**Magnarelli Community Center at  
McChesney Park.....473-2673**  
2300 Grant Boulevard (Cor. Pond & Grant Blvd.)  
Syracuse, NY 13208.....Fax: 473-8377

**Northeast Community Center.....472-6343**  
716 Hawley Avenue.....Fax: 472-8332  
Syracuse, NY 13203

**Onondaga Senior Center.....469-3464**  
4834 Velasko Rd.....Fax:469-2816  
Syracuse, NY 13215  
[toorecreation@msn.com](mailto:toorecreation@msn.com)

**Robert Cecile Community Center.....473-2678**  
174 West Seneca Turnpike.....Fax:498-6385  
Syracuse, NY 13205

**SAGE/Upstate.....478-1923**  
431 E. Fayette Street, Lower Level  
CNY Philanthropy Center  
Syracuse, NY 13202

**Salina Civic Center.....454-0168**  
2826 LeMoyne Avenue.....Fax:454-0173  
Mattydale, NY 13211

**The Salvation Army Adult  
Community Center.....479-1325  
479-1311**  
749 S. Warren Street.....Fax:479-1127  
Syracuse, NY 13202

**Skaneateles Community Center.....685-5607**  
97 State Street.....Fax:685-4022  
Skaneateles, NY 13152

**Westcott Community Center.....478-8634**  
826 Euclid Avenue.....Fax:701-0303  
Syracuse, NY 13210

## Exercise

Senior exercise classes are available throughout the county. Check with senior centers, city, town and village recreation departments, as well as private gyms in your area. Many shopping malls also open their doors for walking programs; inquire with the customer service office of the mall for more information. Contact the Onondaga County Office for Aging for Strength and Balance Exercise Class schedules: 315-435-2362



# Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender Resources

## Agencies and Resources

### **ACR Health - Access Care and Resources for Health**

627 W. Genesee St. Syracuse, NY 13204

315-475-2430

[volunteer@aidscommunityresources.com](mailto:volunteer@aidscommunityresources.com)

<http://www.aidscommunityresources.com>

ACR works to prevent the incidence of HIV infections, enhance the quality of life for people infected/affected by HIV/AIDS, collaborate in communities to address HIV/AIDS related needs, and facilitate access to available resources.

### **CONNECT**

627 W Genesee St. Syracuse, NY 13204

315-475-2430

[connect@aidscommunityresources.com](mailto:connect@aidscommunityresources.com)

<http://www.aidscommunityresources.com>

Connects men who have sex with men (MSM) to help build a stronger safer community. The CONNECT program is designed and geared towards promoting self-esteem, healthier understanding of HIV/STDs, and a safer sex environment. It provides answers/support for adults; support groups for both HIV positive and negative. CONNECT also works with men of color; offers HIV testing and STD screenings.

### **CNY Pride, Inc.**

315-254-2386

PO Box 6608, Syracuse, NY 13217

[info@cnypride.org](mailto:info@cnypride.org)

[www.cnypride.org](http://www.cnypride.org)

CNY PRIDE serves the Central New York lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender community and their allies through celebration, education, and advocacy.

### **Expressing Our Nature (EON)**

315-436-3983, [eonsyr@yahoo.com](mailto:eonsyr@yahoo.com), <http://eonsyr.net/>

A community service organization for the transgender community in Central New York, offering advocacy and support.

**FACES/LGBT Community Liaison**

401 South Ave Syracuse, New York 13204

315-671-5844 or 315-558-8597 (cell)

[silky@swccsyr.org](mailto:silky@swccsyr.org)

FACES is an HIV/AIDS Outreach and Education Program of Southwest Community Center.

**Friends of Dorothy House**

212 Wayne St., Syracuse NY 13202

315- 471-6853

[mdesalv1@twcnny.com](mailto:mdesalv1@twcnny.com)

The Friends of Dorothy House provides hospice care for people with AIDS. Primary care givers work with Hospice of CNY to provide home care, medical care, and nurse visits for guests.

**Central New York Chapter, New York Civil Liberties Union**

753 James Street, Suite 8, Syracuse, New York 13203

315-471-2821

[bgewanter@nyclu.org](mailto:bgewanter@nyclu.org)

<http://www.nyclu.org/regions/central-new-york>

The CNY Chapter of the NYCLU works to protect the rights guaranteed by the US Constitution and the Bill of Rights through public education, advocacy, and litigation.

**NYS Division of Human Rights**

333 East Washington Street, Room 543, Syracuse NY 13202

315- 428-4641

[vwoods@dhr.state.ny.us](mailto:vwoods@dhr.state.ny.us)

[www.dhr.state.ny.us](http://www.dhr.state.ny.us)

Investigates discrimination complaints, bias related crimes, outreach and training on human rights issues.

**Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Persons (PFLAG) Syracuse**

[info@pflagsyracuse.org](mailto:info@pflagsyracuse.org)

PFLAG works to promote the well-being of gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender persons, their families, and friends through support, education, and advocacy.

**Pride and Joy Families**

[vsgam@twcnny.rr.com](mailto:vsgam@twcnny.rr.com)

[www.PrideAndJoyFamilies.org](http://www.PrideAndJoyFamilies.org)

Pride and Joy Families connects local LGBT families with a listserv for online discussions, family gatherings, and resources. It is a program of the Lesbian and Gay Family Building Project, 124 Front Street, Binghamton, NY 13905. 607.724.4308, [LesGayFamBldg@aol.com](mailto:LesGayFamBldg@aol.com)

**Q Law: The LGBTQ Law Association of CNY**

315 263-0787

[LGBTQLawyersCNY@gmail.com](mailto:LGBTQLawyersCNY@gmail.com)

Works to eliminate homophobia and transphobia in the justice system; promote LGBTQ legal professionals in central New York; educate the legal community and the public on LGBTQ-specific legal issues; and support judges who support equal civil rights for LGBTQ persons. We serve LGBTQ attorneys, paralegals, legal advocates, law students, court employees, and all others in the legal profession throughout Central New York.

**Q Center @ ACR**

627 W. Genesee St. Syracuse, NY 13204

315-701-2431

[qcenter@aidscommunityresources.com](mailto:qcenter@aidscommunityresources.com)

The Q Center serves LGBTQ young people and their allies ages 13 through 22, offering educational and social events, HIV education, a Cyber Center, computer literacy classes, counseling, arts programs, and tutoring.

**The Queering Education Research**

350 Huntington Hall, Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY 13244

315-443-3343, [rsis@syr.edu](mailto:rsis@syr.edu)

[www.queeringeducation.org](http://www.queeringeducation.org)

[http://soeweb.syr.edu/academic/cultural\\_foundations\\_of\\_education/projects\\_institutes](http://soeweb.syr.edu/academic/cultural_foundations_of_education/projects_institutes)

QuERI bridges the gap between research and practice in the teaching of LGBTQ students and the creation of affirming schools and environments for LGBTQ young people. The Reduction of Stigma in Schools (RSIS) is a QuERI program that provides professional development and student programs to area schools in support of LGBTQ students and families. QuERI is an independent faculty program working in collaboration with the SU School of Education.

**Sage Upstate**

PO Box 6271, Syracuse, NY 13217

315-478-1923, [kdill@sageupstate.org](mailto:kdill@sageupstate.org)

www.sageupstate.org

Sage Upstate Center: 431 E. Fayette St. Syracuse, NY 13202

SAGE/Upstate works to address the needs of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) seniors with health and wellness services, educational outreach, and social programs.

### **Syracuse Cultural Workers**

Lodi St., Syracuse NY 13203

315-476-1132400

<http://syracuseculturalworkers.com/>

An educational and cultural organization founded to help sustain a culture that honors diversity and celebrates community.

### **Syracuse Gay and Lesbian Chorus**

PO Box 6796, Syracuse, NY 13217

315-476-4329

[www.syrglc.org](http://www.syrglc.org)

A community choral ensemble of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people and their allies, dedicated to providing and performing quality choral music which reflects the diverse nature of our community and serves to unite us with the wider community around us.

### **Syracuse University LGBT Resource Center**

750 Ostrom Ave. Syracuse, NY 13244

315-443-3983lgbt@syr.edu

<http://lgbt.syr.edu>

Provides education, advocacy, support, and safe space for LGBT and allied students, staff, faculty, parents, and alumni of Syracuse University.

### **Syracuse University LGBT Studies Program**

315-443-4947

315-443-5067

<http://lgbt-studies.syr.edu/index.htm>

Offers courses to learn about the LGBT experience, history, and scholarship, and explore fundamental questions about sexualities, bodies, identities, communities, social movements, and liberation politics.

## **Transgender Health Services Network of Central New York**

<http://www.transgendercny.org/index.html>

The transgender care group was birthed in recognition of the prominence of transgender people in the Syracuse area and surrounding central New York communities. Our team presently consists of an internist, pediatrician, pharmacist/FTM (Female to Male) advisor, psychotherapists, and voice therapist. We subscribe to the WPATH (World Professional Association for Transgender Health) Standards of Care as the framework for our protocol. Our purpose is to provide a network of professional resources in our geographic region, which would allow transgender persons options for care locally.

### **Uzuri**

PO Box 6271, Syracuse, NY 13217

Sage Upstate Center: 501 James St.

[www.sageupstate.org](http://www.sageupstate.org)

315-478-1923

Monthly social/support/educational program of SAGE-Upstate for aging LGBTQ people of color.

### **Vera House**

#### **24 Hour Domestic & Sexual Violence Crisis & Support Line**

6181 Thompson Rd, Suite 100, Syracuse 13206

**315-468-3260**

315-425-0818

[tbrale@verahouse.org](mailto:tbrale@verahouse.org)

[www.verahouse.org](http://www.verahouse.org)

A comprehensive domestic and sexual violence service agency providing shelter, advocacy, and counseling services for women, children & men, education and prevention programs, and community coordination.

# Education, Employment and Volunteering

## Education

### **BOCES - Onondaga, Cortland, Madison Board of Cooperative Education Services Career Training Center Administration Building**

6820 Thompson Road, Syracuse, NY 13211

315- 433-2600

Provides a variety of educational and vocational programs for the community including persons with disabling conditions. Fees attached to some offerings.

### **OASIS Syracuse**

Sponsored by Upstate University Hospital

6333 Rte. 298, East Syracuse, NY 13057

315- 464-6555

Classes in health and wellness, the arts and humanities.

### **Onondaga Community College 4969 Onondaga Road, Syracuse, 13215**

**Phone: 315-498-2000**

Persons 60 years of age and older are invited to take advantage of the education law of the state of New York which allows them the opportunity to audit courses at community colleges at no charge and on a space-available basis. Interested individuals should declare audit at the time of registration. Inquiries about enrollment in credit courses may be made through Student Central in person or by calling 315- 498-2000.

### **Onondaga County Libraries**

Telephone Reference Service

315-435-1900

A world of information awaits you at your nearby library. The library isn't just for books anymore; it's your headquarters for what you need to know!

- **eBooks and Print** - Books (regular and large print), newspapers, magazines, directories. Many books (except bestsellers) can be taken out.

- **Audiocassettes** - Books and music.
- **DVD's** - Feature films, TV shows, travelogues, how-to information.
- **Compact Discs** - Classical, jazz, popular music.
- **Programs** - Music, travel, books, interesting people, finances.
- **Computers** - Online catalog, internet access, word processing and other software programs. Call your local library or Telephone Reference Service (435-1900) to find out about orientations to the world of computers.
- **“Talking Books”** - Federal program that provides cassette and Braille books free to people who are unable to use conventional books. Call 435-1876.
- **Caregiver Resource Collection-Contains up-to-date books and videos that address issues of aging and caregiving.**

Most materials from other libraries in the Onondaga County Public Library System can be sent to your library for you to check out and return. Ask your librarian how to do it. To get a library card, bring a photo identification with your current address and signature **OR** a combination of identification with a signature and your current address to your local library. If you don't have the necessary identification, ask your librarian how you can get a library card. For more about these and other services, contact your nearby library.

**Syracuse University  
Part Time Credit Course/Program Study**

315- 443-3261

Evening, weekend and daytime courses, plus limited residency (typically one-week) independent study degree programs, plus on-line internet/web courses. Open to everyone with a high school diploma/equivalency. Tuition, senior discount applied.

**Syracuse University/University College  
Institute of Retired People (IRP)**

315-443-4846

The Institute for Retired People (IRP), started at University College of Syracuse University in 1972, provides opportunities for retired people to stay intellectually active, discover new interests and make new acquaintances. Twice each month, members of IRP get together to hear speakers on a variety of topics and share

views. Subjects for programs have included public and community events, political and social issues, fine arts, science, and the environment. Presentations are made by Syracuse University faculty and specialists within the community.

**Meetings:** Meetings are held on every first and third Thursday of the month from 11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. Members may bring their own lunches—Syracuse University provides coffee, tea, and cookies. Sessions are held at First Baptist Church of Syracuse, 5833 East Seneca Turnpike, Jamesville. Plenty of adjacent parking is available in the church parking lot. The location is easily accessible from Brighton Avenue and from Route 481.

**Special Activities:** Several times each year members may take part in special activities such as day trips, tours, and luncheons.

**Membership:** The Institute welcomes all retired persons and their spouses. The only criteria for membership are an inquisitive mind and an interest in continuing learning. Our members include engineers, marketing consultants, homemakers, administrators of higher education, teachers, salespersons, clerks, librarians, volunteers, architects, chemists, and many others. The result is an interesting and heterogeneous mixture, leading to lively and informative discussions. Guests are welcome at the Institute. Please feel free to extend an invitation to someone who may be considering becoming a member or who is particularly interested in a given program topic. If you would like to attend a meeting or two before you decide on Institute membership, please do so. New members may join the Institute at any time during the year. **For further information, please call or write:**

University College of Syracuse University, 700 University Avenue, Syracuse, New York 13244-2530, 315-443-4846, E-mail: [cps@uc.syr.edu](mailto:cps@uc.syr.edu)

### **The WISE Women's Business Center**

235 Harrison St., Box 44, Syracuse, NY 13202

315- 443-8634 [www.wisecenter.org](http://www.wisecenter.org)

Assists new and existing businesses, by educating women entrepreneurs as they create economic impact throughout the Central New York region. WISE is a program sponsored by the U.S. Small Business Administration.



## Employment and Volunteering

### **AARP Defensive Driving Course**

6726 Townline Road  
Syracuse, NY 13211  
315-454-0104

Needed – Volunteer Driver Safety Instructors.

The AARP offers defensive driving courses for older persons with an emphasis on compensating for reduced reflexes and reaction time, vision and hearing issues, etc.

### **Catholic Charities**

#### **RSVP – Retired Senior Volunteer Program**

**315-424-1810**

Seniors age 55+ volunteer their time to various organizations such as Meals on Wheels, American Red Cross, A Cappella for the Fellas (a fundraising concert for the homeless) and a pen pal program with children from Dr. King School.

### **CNY Works, Inc.**

960 James Street, First Floor, Syracuse, NY 13203  
315-473-8250

[info@cnyworks.com](mailto:info@cnyworks.com)

CNY Works helps job seekers and employers find employment solutions, offering a dynamic, full-range of cost-free services, including career planning, job search and resume assistance and basic computer training that empower job seekers in their quest for employment.

### **CONTACT**

**315- 251-1400**

In order to provide 24-hour service every day of the year, the Contact Hotline relies on volunteers. Hotline volunteers are highly trained in active listening and suicide and crisis intervention. Volunteers come from all walks of life. Many are in "people professions" such as human services, customer service and sales, education or mental health. Many volunteers are retired. **Basic Training** The required 45 to

50-hour training teaches active (or reflective) listening skills, including reflection of feelings, empathy, and use of questions, focusing, paraphrasing and confrontation. Volunteers are also well prepared to handle suicide and crisis calls and to intervene in an emergency situation. **Classes:** Classroom time includes a lecture, demonstrations of active listening skills and small group activities. **Observation:** During observation shifts, groups of trainees observe as an experienced trainer answers calls. They then discuss the listening skills that the trainer used. It is recommended that observation shifts be completed prior to the weekend trainings. **Apprenticing:** After several weeks of classes and observation, trainees begin apprenticing shifts. An experienced trainer coaches and supports them as they answer hotline calls. **Advanced Training:** All volunteers are required to participate in advanced sessions twice a year. They refresh their skills, review challenging situations, and talk about new call procedures. **Staffing the Hotline:** Each volunteer shift is 4 hours: 7am to 11am, 11am to 3pm, 3pm to 7pm, or 7pm to 11pm. A staff member covers the overnight hours. Volunteers are asked to work a minimum of three shifts (12 hours) in the first six months of their commitment and two shifts (8 hours) a month after that. Staff members are always available to hotline volunteers for advice and support. **Volunteering on Crisis Chat:** Crisis Chat provides online emotional support. Volunteers who successfully complete the basic training and show proficiency on the phones may qualify to answer the chat line. Additional training is required.

### **Foster Grandparents**

**401 S. Midler Ave., Syracuse, 13206, 315-295-0719**

[fostergrandparents@peace-caa.org](mailto:fostergrandparents@peace-caa.org)

The Foster Grandparent Program is a PEACE, Inc. **Senior Corps** service project that gives senior citizens the opportunity to share their lifetime of skills, talents and abilities with children. In improving the lives of the children they serve, Foster Grandparents enhance their own lives. Foster Grandparents experience improved health, welfare and quality of life. PEACE, Inc. has been placing Foster Grandparents in schools, child care and Head Start centers, and other programs for children and youth around Onondaga County since 1972. PEACE, Inc. is actively seeking volunteers age 55 and older to become Foster Grandparents in Syracuse. Volunteers serve a minimum of 15 hours a week, and must complete a thorough criminal history background check. Those meeting eligibility requirements can earn a tax-free hourly stipend of up to \$2,700 a year.

## **InterFaith Works of CNY (SENIOR COMPANION PROGRAM)**

1010 James Street, Syracuse 13203, 315-449-3552

**Senior Companion Program**- recruits and trains senior Volunteers to provide companionship, friendship and encouragement to primarily frail elderly who are in need of assistance to remain as independent and active as possible. Senior Companion Volunteers must be 55 +, and 200% or below of Federal poverty guidelines, (currently \$23,500. for single household), willing to volunteer between 15-40 hours per week, and have a desire and ability to help seniors. There is no cost to clients who receive Senior Companion Services.

### **Meals on Wheels of Syracuse, NY**

Volunteers are always needed and appreciated to help deliver meals to homebound elderly and people of all ages who are unable to prepare their own meals due to illness or injury. Contact the Meals on Wheels program in your area to volunteer.

FM-JD Area Meals on Wheels

Phone: 315- 637-5446 Fax: 315- 637-5446 (Call first before faxing)

P.O. Box 72, Manlius, NY 13104

Serves: Bridgeport, DeWitt, Fayetteville, East Syracuse/Minoa, Jamesville, Kirkville, Manlius, Pompey, Tully/Lafayette area

Email: [fmjdmealsonwheels@verizon.net](mailto:fmjdmealsonwheels@verizon.net)

<http://www.fm-jdmealsonwheels.com/>

Kosher Meals on Wheels

Phone: 315- 446-9111 ext. 256 Fax: 315- 446-1537

4101 East Genesee St, Syracuse, NY 13214

Serves those who require Kosher. Email: [ellisd@sjfs.org](mailto:ellisd@sjfs.org)

Meals on Wheels of Syracuse, Inc.

Phone: 315- 478-5948 Fax: 315- 478-6770

300 Burt St., Syracuse, NY 13202

Serves: City of Syracuse, Jordan/ElbridgeOnondaga Nation, Nedrow

[www.meals.org](http://www.meals.org)

Email: [mkaufman@meals.org](mailto:mkaufman@meals.org)

North Area Meals on Wheels, Inc.

Phone: 315- 452-1402 Fax 315- 452-1402 (Call first before faxing)

413 Church Street, North Syracuse, NY 13212

Serves: Cicero & North Syracuse school district; Brewerton, Town of Clay and Town of Salina south of John Glenn Blvd.

[www.namow.org](http://www.namow.org)

Email: northareamow@verizon.net

East Syracuse Meals on Wheels

Phone: 315- 463-5972, Open for calls 8-1 Monday-Friday)

**Call early – no answering service**

First United Church of East Syracuse, Franklin Park Drive, East Syr. , NY 13057

Mail to: 111 Fremont Rd., East Syracuse, NY 13057

Serves: East Syracuse and Minoa

ECHO Meals on Wheels West Phone: 315- 487-2878

4600 W. Genesee St., Syracuse, NY 13219

Serves: Camillus, Geddes, Marcellus, Onondaga and Solvay

### **Ombudsman Program (Long Term Care)**

**1-855-582-6769**

Recruits and trains volunteers to visit nursing facilities and senior group homes to ascertain that residents' needs are met, improve quality of life and provide information regarding long term care placement in Onondaga County. Interpreters provided when needed. Service is provided to anyone seeking information or needing ombudsman services. Educating, empowering and advocating for long-term care residents.

The Ombudsman Program is an effective advocate and resource for older adults and persons with disabilities who live in nursing homes, assisted living and other licensed adult care homes. Ombudsmen help residents understand and exercise their rights to good care in an environment that promotes and protects their dignity and quality of life. The Ombudsman Program advocates for residents by investigating and resolving complaints made by or on behalf of residents; promoting the development of resident and family councils; and informing government agencies, providers and the general public about issues and concerns impacting residents of long-term care facilities. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the New York State Office of the Long Term Care

Ombudsman at 1-855-582-6769 or visit the LTCOP website at [www.ltombudsman.ny.gov](http://www.ltombudsman.ny.gov) for more information. In Onondaga County contact Jeff Parker at 315-671-5108 [jparker@ariseinc.org](mailto:jparker@ariseinc.org).

**Onondaga County Health Department Volunteer Services**

421 Montgomery Street, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor, Syracuse, NY 13202  
315-435-5262

Volunteers are an integral part of the Health Department's service to the community. Orientation and training provided by the Volunteer Services Supervisor as well as program directors.

Volunteer Services Office recruits and places volunteers and interns in a variety of professional, paraprofessional, and support services throughout the Health Department. Health Department volunteers and interns make it possible for the county to expand and enhance the scope of the services it provides our community.

Several of the most widely known and publicly used programs are staffed largely by volunteers. Among these are the county's Influenza & Pneumonia Vaccination clinics, Rabies Vaccination clinics, and Blood Pressure Screening clinics. However, the work of the volunteers is not limited to these programs.

Volunteers are recruited, trained, and placed as clerical assistants, education/outreach assistants, graphic artists, interpreters/transliterators, medical records assistants, nurses and nursing assistants, program/project assistants, receptionists, and survey takers in a variety of Health Department programs and projects.

Health Department volunteers come from all walks of life. They are mothers, fathers, grandmothers and grandfathers, students, married and single. More than 55% of the current volunteer workforce has served the Health Department for 10 or more years.

They do it out of a desire to serve, to give back to the community, to help others, to hone skills, to learn new skills, and to meet and work with people who care about public health. Some serve once a year for a few hours: some serve as much as 20 hours per week.

Anyone interested in lending his or her heart and hands to preventing disease and improving public health in our community is welcome.

**Onondaga County Office for Aging  
HIICAP (Health Insurance Information, Counseling & Assistance Program)  
315- 435-2362**

Trained volunteers provide Medicare beneficiaries with free, unbiased information and assistance relating to Medicare, supplemental insurance and prescription options.

**Onondaga County Office for Aging  
Senior Community Service Employment Program  
315-435-2362**

The **Senior Community Service Employment Program** is a state and federally funded, temporary employment and training program for mature workers age 55 or over who meet income eligibility requirements. Employers value older workers and what they bring to the workplace in terms of experience, loyalty, dependability and flexibility. Particularly successful are individuals who are willing to update job skills, especially their basic knowledge of computers.

The Senior Employment Program provides **20 hours of paid training** and work experience at not-for-profit agencies and local, state and federal government offices. These opportunities are designed to lead to employment outside of the program. Participants, through these community service assignments, practice old skills, learn new ones, build self-confidence and increase their income. **They are paid minimum wage, currently \$9.00 per hour.**

Each year participants perform over 10,000 hours of work at community service sites throughout Onondaga County. A large percentage of this work is performed for organizations that serve older persons. At the same time, and with assistance from Office for Aging staff, they develop job search skills used to obtain regular employment outside of the program, either full or part-time. Our staff provides job search assistance to any mature job seeker, regardless of program eligibility.

There are a variety of positions available through the program, including

receptionist, general office, computer support, food service and related positions, child care, customer service, general maintenance and program assistance.

**P.E.A.C.E., Inc.**

People's Equal Action and Community Effort, Inc.  
217 South Salina Street, 2nd Floor, Syracuse, NY 13202  
315- 470-3300

Hours: Monday – Friday 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., [www.peace-ca](http://www.peace-ca)

There are many ways for you to become involved in PEACE, Inc.'s fight against poverty. PEACE, Inc. offers programs for people of all ages around the county, and volunteers can help in a variety of roles. PEACE, Inc. is always looking for enthusiastic individuals who are eager to help by volunteering their time. PEACE, Inc. empowers people by providing them with the tools to overcome poverty, live with dignity, and achieve their full potential. They could not provide the services they do without the help of their dedicated volunteer Volunteers are also needed to help with taxes. PEACE, Inc. offers free tax preparation assistance for people with low to moderate incomes. Volunteers are needed to help prepare tax returns.

**Person to Person: Citizen Advocacy**

**329 N. Salina Street, Suite 300, Syracuse, NY 13203**  
**315- 472-9190**

Recruits and provides volunteer Citizen Advocates to individuals with a disability. Citizen Advocates may become a spokesperson, friend, ally, helper or advisor. Some assume more formal roles like becoming a guardian, trustee, or adoptive parent.

**Syracuse Jewish Family Service at Menorah Park**

4101 East Genesee Street, Syracuse, 13214  
315-446-9111

**Project Chaver** - volunteer outreach program which provides friendly visits or telephone reassurance and also provides shopping services. Interpreters are available if needed. It is a program for homebound seniors with little family contact.

**US Small Business Administration – Syracuse District Office  
SCORE**

224 Harrison Street 5th Floor, Syracuse, NY  
315-471-9393

Syracuse SCORE is composed of volunteers who help small business with one-on-one counseling and workshops on business plans, etc. Members include retired and active business owners, executives and managers. SCORE covers specialized skills and industries.

**WCNY-Read Out  
PO Box 2400, Syracuse 13220  
Phone: 315-453-2424**

Radio reading service for print handicapped (legally blind, visually impaired, physically unable to hold reading material and learning disabled). There is no fee for this service and volunteers are needed.



# Veterans Services

## Veterans Agencies and Resources

### **Clear Path for Veterans**

1223 Salt Spring Road, Chittenango, NY 13037  
315-687-3300

**Business Hours:** 9a–4:30p M-F, 10a–2p Saturday

Assists Veterans, military members and their families. They provide a myriad of programs and services to make this happen. Each program and service relies on one of three methods:

Self-empowerment

Peer-to-Peer support

Community involvement

### **NYS Division of Veterans Affairs**

333 East Washington Street, Room 430, Syracuse, NY 13202-1422  
315- 428-4046

Provides information on benefits, offers counseling and acts as an advocate for veterans.

### **Onondaga County Veterans Service Agency**

10<sup>th</sup> Floor Civic Center, Syracuse, NY 13202  
315- 435-3217

8:30 am- 4:30 Pm, Monday-Friday

A one-stop advocacy agency for assistance in filing claims for all veterans benefits on a local, state and federal level. Assistance is provided to all veterans, their dependents and survivors. The agency also does the Pre-registration and Registration for burial in the County Veterans Memorial Cemetery. Some of the benefits are Real Property Tax Exemption, Disability, Pension, Home Loan Guarantee, Insurance, Medical Care, Education, Burial, Civil Service, Recording of Discharges, NYS Veterans Nursing Home, and State Parks Access Pass.

**Syracuse University College of Law's Veterans Legal Clinic**  
**315-443-4582**

Support to our veterans is deeply ingrained in the history of Syracuse University. With one of the country's largest military bases, Ft. Drum, a reserve unit from every military branch in Onondaga County, and the Syracuse VA Medical Center directly next-door, Syracuse Law is uniquely positioned to establish New York State's first comprehensive Veterans Legal Clinic.

The Clinic benefits our veterans and community by assisting with VA claims, representing clients in VA Claim appeals, and helping veterans in upgrading discharges. Priority status will also be given to veterans in existing Clinics, such as Family Law, Bankruptcy, Criminal Defense, Disability Law, Elder Law, Tax Law, and Consumer Law.

**Veterans Administration Medical Center**

800 Irving Avenue, Syracuse, NY 13210-2716

315-476-7461

Telcare: 1-888-838-7890

Automated Prescription Refill: 477-4885

Provides medical and psychiatric care for veterans and their families.

**Veterans Memorial Cemetery**

4069 Howlett Hill Road

315-484-1564

All Honorable Discharged veterans, legal spouses and dependent children under the age of 18 or a child who became totally disabled prior to age 18, are eligible. Must be a current Onondaga County resident or former resident for at least 5 years. Grave marker is provided at no charge by the VA and spousal information may be included at no charge. Apply at the Veterans Service Agency.

## Services for People with Disabilities

### For Information on the Americans with Disabilities Act Call 1-800-514-0301

#### Agencies and Resources

##### **AccessCNY**

1603 Court Street, Syracuse, NY 13208  
315- 455-7591

AccessCNY offers home care through its **Self-Direction** program. Self-Direction is an option that embraces AccessCNY's key principles of choice, inclusion, empowerment, and family involvement. This program gives individuals with disabilities their choice of services, empowering them to make their own decisions and have control over their own lives.

It is a person-centered approach that focuses on all aspects of service planning. Self-Direction gives participants and their families the power to use resources in ways that make sense in their lives.

A Self-Direction Broker brings together the most important people in a person's life in a circle of support to help plan a better lifestyle that allows them to contribute as equal citizens in their community. Participants then have more power in hiring support staff, choosing which services to receive, and allocating money from their budget. AccessCNY's Self-Direction approach helps participants manage their services and staff through initial and ongoing training.

The Self-Direction program manager will co-manage with the person to ensure that quality services are provided and help with conflict resolution. The program manager will work with the person towards the goal of increased control over their supports and services. Self-Direction offers traditional options for support, but strongly encourages people to be creative with their services. To qualify for SDPS, individuals must live in Onondaga County, and be enrolled in Medicaid, and the Home and Community Based Services Waiver.

**ARC of Onondaga**  
**600 Wilbur Avenue, Syracuse, NY 13204**  
**315- 476-7441**

Arc of Onondaga offers **day habilitation** at eight sites throughout Onondaga County five days a week. Participating individuals must be HCBS (Home and Community-Based Services) Waiver enrolled, 18 years of age or older, and diagnosed with a developmental disability. Arc supports 20 **residences** in the community and views each resident as an adult who possesses, to the greatest extent possible, the same rights and privileges as any other adult. **Horizons Clinic** A division of Arc of Onondaga, Horizons is a free-standing, Article 16 Clinic certified by the New York State Office of People With Developmental Disabilities. **Respite Reimbursement Program** is designed to provide funds in order to assist individuals and their families access to respite services and goods deemed appropriate to meet the needs of the person being served. The program is designed to assist family members by giving them some relief from full-time caregiving and may also potentially increase social interactions for individuals with developmental disabilities. Funding is intended to complement, not supplement, other support and assistance programs. **Medicaid Service Coordinators** (MSCs) assist individuals with developmental disabilities in obtaining the services and supports necessary for them to lead successful, independent lives in the community. MSCs develop, implement and maintain Individualized Service Plans (ISPs) which reflect the informed choices of the individual by outlining the personalized goals he/she wants and needs to achieve. MSC's use a person-centered approach; focusing on the needs and desires of the individuals and helping them to create a vision of a desirable future. The person-centered approach builds on an individual's abilities and skills - concentrating on achieving goals and outcomes. MSCs assist individuals in exploring and achieving what they want and need in their daily lives by targeting specific activities and community services. To be eligible to receive Medicaid Service Coordination a person must:

- Have a documented diagnosis of a developmental disability
- Be enrolled in Medicaid
- Demonstrate a need for ongoing, comprehensive service coordination

- Give consent, or have a person authorized to give consent, to receive Medicaid Service Coordination
- Not be enrolled in any other comprehensive Medicaid long-term service coordination program.

### **ARISE**

635 James Street, Syracuse, NY 13203  
315-472-3171

Arise is a non-profit, community-based organization that works to ensure that everyone, regardless of disability, has the power to make life choices and achieve their dreams. Navigating the world of disability services can often be confusing and overwhelming for many families. Whether you have a simple question or have no idea where to start, they can help. Since 1979, they have provided opportunities so that people with disabilities can live freely and independently in the community. Everything they do is based on the independent living philosophy, the belief that people with disabilities have a right to self-determination – the freedom to make choices and work toward achieving personal goals and systems change. As a designated non-residential Independent Living Center, they are organized and directed by people with disabilities. Many of their services are available to people of all ages who have all types of disabilities. All their programs are consumer directed, maximizing choice and opportunities for the people they serve.

### **Aurora of CNY**

518 James Street, Syracuse, NY 13203-2219  
315- 422-7263, TDD: 422-9746

Offers a wide range of services to individuals and their families who are blind, visually impaired, deaf or hard of hearing in Onondaga and surrounding counties. Services include: Instruction in daily living skills, safe and independent travel training, instruction in adaptive technology for people with vision loss, information and referral, counseling, outreach, volunteer services (assessment and training), the Marjorie Clare interpreter referral services, and alcohol and substance abuse/prevention services geared to the cultural and linguistic needs of the deaf community.

**ERIE** (Enriched Resources for the Independent Elderly)  
Toomey Abbott Towers, 1207 Almond Street, Terrace Level, Syr., NY 13210  
(315) 428-8562

Residential care for functionally-impaired elderly (non-institutional setting).  
**Accommodations:** Up to 86-bedroom apartments with a kitchen and combined living/dining room; provisions for couples to live together.  
**Sources of Payment:** Private pay, Medicaid

**Exceptional Family Resources**  
**1820 LeMoyne Avenue, Syracuse, NY 13208**  
**315- 478-1462**

Exceptional Family Resources provides services to individuals with developmental disabilities who live in Onondaga County. Their staff works to ensure that all people, regardless of their abilities or disabilities, lead full, active and productive lives in the community. They offer: C.A.R.E.E.R.S. assists adults with developmental disabilities who have previously experienced significant barriers to employment identify their own career path and reach their personal objectives to employment. Family Directed Supports provides direct financial assistance to support the needs of a family member living with a disability. Family Education & Training provides training opportunities to caregivers of individuals who are eligible for this Medicaid Waiver service. First Step helps establish initial links to services and support to families new to the developmental disabilities service system. Friends Connection pairs youth and adults with developmental disabilities with volunteer companions to share community recreation opportunities. Habilitation Services helps people with disabilities acquire skills, expand their interests and increase independence. Medicaid Service Coordination assists individuals with developmental disabilities and their families with access appropriate supports and services. Project Explore provides a half-day summer program of recreational activities for students with developmental disabilities. Recreation provides recreation opportunities at various community locations. Respite provides care and supervision to individuals with a developmental disability. Senior Caregivers serves families in which a caregiver 55 or older lives with and cares for someone with a developmental disability. Specialized Resources provides families with information and referrals to disability-related programs and services.

**Huntington Family Centers, Inc.**  
**405 Gifford Street, Syracuse, NY 13204**  
**315- 476-3157**  
Senior Services

The goal of each of Huntington Family Centers' senior programs is to reduce isolation and loneliness through outreach, linkages, and support services so that each individual is able to experience their highest degree of independence. Huntington's Neighborhood Advisor program provides intensive outreach and referrals to persons 60 years of age and older to services and support networks, which lessen feelings of isolation and enables them to experience their highest degree of independence. Onsite assistance for residents living at Brighton Towers with information and referral to needed services. A "lending closet" of mobility aids, as well as a small food pantry for emergency assistance is provided. Clover Corner senior program is a multipurpose program designed to offer adults 60 years of age and older of all abilities daily options for socialization, information, education, and leisure time activities. This program provides contact with other seniors in the community by providing peer support, fostering friendships and lessening feelings of isolation.

**Onondaga County Public Library Special Services for the Disabled**  
315-435-1876; TDD: 315-435-1872

Talking books program, large print collections, described videos, reference and referrals.

**Person to Person: Citizen Advocacy**  
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**315- 472-9190**

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## Grandparents/Relatives Raising Grandchildren/Children

As a grandparent, or non-parental relative, if you are thinking of taking over the care of your grandchildren or other family children, or already have, it is important to first review the legal rights and responsibilities of all the family members involved. This can help protect you and the child legally and financially. For free or discounted legal services, please refer to the Legal section of this directory.

### Glossary

**Adoption** - A legal process to permanently transfer all parental rights to the adoptive parents, ending the relationship between natural parents and the child. Few grandparent caregivers choose to adopt a grandchild in their care because of the loss of financial benefits and the potential negative impact on the relationship with their own child.

**AFDC** - Aid to Families with Dependent Children is a joint federal/state program that provides cash assistance to needy families with children, including those headed by grandparents retaining grandchildren, enabling them to meet their basic needs.

**TANF** - Temporary Assistance to Needy Families provides cash and medical assistance to children under the age of eighteen.

**Custody** - An arrangement granted by a court to give a grandparent or other caregiver certain legal rights and responsibilities including registering the child in school, making medical decisions, allowing the child to visit relatives and family friends, and making other decisions about a child's life. Even when a transfer of custody occurs, the child's parents retain certain rights, such as visiting the child. Custody does not have to be permanent; if circumstances change, one or both parents may ask the court to return custody to them.

**Guardianship** - A formal legal arrangement that gives the grandparent or other caregiver legal responsibility for the child in the parent's absence, allowing the caregiver to enroll the child in school and consent to medical care. Guardianship is



not necessarily permanent and lasts as long as necessary to meet the needs of the child, remaining in effect until the child turns 18 years old or it is terminated by a court order.

***Standby Guardianship*** - A formal legal arrangement where a person is appointed by the court to care for a minor and/or the minor's property upon the incapacity or death of the child's parent or upon consent of the parent.

***Kin*** - Any relative by blood or marriage, or any person with close personal, emotional or familial ties to another.

***Kinship Care*** - Any form of residential caregiving provided to children by kin, whether full-time or part-time, temporary or permanent, and whether initiated by private family agreement or under the custodial supervision of the child welfare agency. Kinship care includes kinship foster care and private kinship care as defined below.

***Kinship Foster Care*** - Kinship care provided for a child who is in the legal custody of the State. Relatives (kin) become the foster parents of the child who was removed from his or her parent's home due to abuse or neglect. The State makes all decisions regarding the child's health and welfare. Also called formal foster care.

***Private Kinship Care*** - Kinship care entered into by private family arrangement. Also called informal kinship care.

***Skipped Generation Family*** - A family in which a grandparent, or other older kin, is raising a child because the child's parents are unable to perform this responsibility.

## Relatives Acting As Parents Program (RAPP)

If you live in Onondaga County and are age 55, or older and a relative; grandparent, uncle or aunt and you are raising a family member, this group may be right for you!

### **R.A.P.P.** **Relatives Acting as** **Parents Program**



#### **Goal**

To serve grandparents, and other relatives, age 55 or older who live in Onondaga County and are raising a minor relative by providing help and support to the families & children.

#### **Group Support**

**Dinner & Conversation** the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month 5:00 to 6:30 p.m.  
**Coffee & Conversation** the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month 10:00 to 11:30 a.m.

#### **Other Activities**

Picnics, Amusement Parks, NYS Fair, Rosamond Gifford Zoo & More

All Events and Activities are **FREE**

Contact: Cathy Goldthwait at 315-470-4375 or [CGoldthwait@syrhousing.org](mailto:CGoldthwait@syrhousing.org)  
Funded in part by the Onondaga County Office for Aging

## Helpful Telephone Numbers

Onondaga County Dept. of Social Services	315-435-2526
Exceptional Family Resources	315-478-1462
Food Stamps (SNAP)	315-435-2928
Head Start	315-470-3300
Legal Services	315-475-3127
Medicaid	315- 435-2928
NYS Kinship Navigator	1-877-454-6463
Website: <a href="http://www.nysnavigator.org">www.nysnavigator.org</a>	
Onondaga County Office for Aging	315-435-2362
Syracuse Housing Authority	315-475-6181

## Parenting Classes

### Parenting Classes

These classes can help brush up your parenting skills or assist you in dealing with a child who is having trouble coping with the separation from their parents.

#### **Catholic Charities**

315- 424-1840

#### **Cornell Cooperative Extension**

315- 424-9485

### **Grandparent Websites**

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren

[www.aarp.org](http://www.aarp.org)

Grandparents and Special Other Raising Children

[www.grandsplace.com](http://www.grandsplace.com)

Intergenerational Connections “Grandparents Raising Grandchildren”

[www.nnfr.org/igen/GRG](http://www.nnfr.org/igen/GRG)

New York State Kinship Navigator

[Www.nysnavigator.org](http://Www.nysnavigator.org)

# Resources for Older Adults



## Caregiver Services

Information and Consultation for People Caring for Older Persons

- Caregiver Training, Support and Referral
- Institute for Caregivers (ICare) Free Classes on a Variety of Topics Related to Caregiving
- Parkinson's Support & Education and Caregiver Discussion Groups
- Family Caregiver Planning

## HIICAP

Health Insurance Information, Counseling & Assistance

- Free, Unbiased Information on Supplemental Health Insurance, Medicare and Prescription Coverage Options

## EISEP

Expanded In-Home Services for the Elderly Program. Sliding Scale Fee

- In-Home, Non-Medical Care to Help Frail Individuals Age 60+
- In-Home Assessments & Personal Care
- Respite/Social Adult Day Programs
- Consumer Directed Options

## HEAP

Home Energy Assistance Program

- Utility Subsidy to Those 60+ & Income Eligible

## Senior Employment

20 Hours/Week PAID Training & Work Experience for Those 55+ & Income Eligible

## Community Service Programs

- Home Repairs/Housing Counseling
- Legal Services/Neighborhood Advisors
- Senior Center Activities/Social Work Services
- Referrals for Transportation Options

## New York Connects

Information & Assistance On:

- Long-Term Care Services - Any Age
- In-Home Nursing and Social Assessments

## Long-Term Care Resource Center

On-Going, Medically Based Care Management for Children & Adults Receiving Personal & Home-Based Services

- Works with Adult Protective to Provide Nursing Assessments
- Works with Medicaid Waiver Programs to Provide Personal Care

## Nutrition Services

- 38+ County Dining Sites for age 60+
- Home Delivered Meals
- Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program & Coupons



# Resource Guide

315- 435-2362

Joanne M. Mahoney, County Executive

[www.ongov.net/aging](http://www.ongov.net/aging)

Lisa D. Alford, Commissioner