



ombudsman

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Title III-B Legal Services and Beyond


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Ombudsman Quality Liaison

Legal Services Developer

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Introduction

- Ohio Department of Aging
 - State Long-Term Care Ombudsman's Office
 - Ombudsman Quality Liaison/Legal Services Developer
 - Region 6 Ombudsman Specialist
 - Ohio State University College of Social Work – BSSW, LSW.
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Legal Services Developer Role

- Liaison with AAA's, Legal service providers, ombudsmen, and others to assure adequacy of legal services.
- Provides guidance to AAAs on legal service providers contract requirements.
- Facilitate Training on topics of common interest to ombudsmen and legal service attorneys.
- Participates in National Association of Legal Service Developers (NALSD)
- Provides TA on guardianships and other Legal surrogacy arrangements for older adults

AAA Role

- Seek to provide legal assistance to seniors living throughout the planning and service area.
- At minimum, provide Title III funding at the percentage established by ODA for legal assistance.
- Enter into a contract with a legal assistance provider that most fully meets these standards and requirements.
- Establish systems of communication among AAA, Legal assistance providers, and elder rights advocates

Funding

- 2014 Funding Information
 - State Average: 11%
 - Highest: 19%
 - Lowest: 6%
- 2015 Funding Information
 - State Average: 9%
 - Highest: 24%
 - Lowest: 6%

Upcoming Activity

- Statewide Meeting 11/30.
- Unified Reporting
- Supply and Demand Assessments
- Outreach to Target Population
- CLE availability