# Care Options ~

Our goal is to help you improve your experience of Long-Term Care



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Care Options is a service of the Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program at Pro Seniors



Do you need help finding the right long-term care for yourself or a loved one?

Care Options can help



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### About Care Options

Care Options offers relief to seniors and their loved ones with

the difficult and timeconsuming task of selecting a long-term care



(LTC) provider: assisted living, home care, nursing home or adult care. The choices can seem overwhelming.

## Help Finding Answers

Care Options can give answers to very complicated questions:

- What type of facility should I consider?
- What resources can help?
- How do I begin my search?

## Do I Need A Nursing Home?

Licensed LTC providers are required to comply with state and federal regulations. Care Options staff will help you select from facilities/providers that are licensed to provide the care and services you need.

### Free Telephone Consultation

To help you explore your alternatives, Care Options offers assistance by phone with a supportive Ombudsman so you can explore your possibilities. You will also receive pertinent materials to foster your selection process.

Resources provided will help you recognize signs of quality care, understand staff responsibilities, and access related agencies for care, legal issues and caregiver support.

Learn what you need to know to get quality care from the provider you choose.

### How Will I Pay for My Care?

There are a variety of public and private payment systems for long-term care services in Ohio. Care Options staff will explain long-term care payment options and, if needed, refer you to a free legal hotline for a detailed consultation about your specific situation.

#### LTC Consumers Have Rights

Care Options staff help you understand what these are. You will also be guided on:

- What to look for in an admission agreement
- How to make use of the assessment and care-planning process
- Who can best respond to your questions or concerns in the facility

### Why Turn to Care Options?

Care Options staff are certified Long-Term Care Ombudsman Specialists – advocates for people using or choosing nursing homes

and other care providers.

Whether you are choosing a care provider for

the first time, or moving from a facility where you currently live, Care Options can help you recognize and exercise your rights during the process.