

<b>LONG-TERM CARE OMBUDSMAN PROGRAM Advisory Councils</b>	<b>DAIL – LTCOP – 16.22</b>
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**Policy Statement**

District Long-Term Care Ombudsman (DLTCO) programs shall establish and maintain a local advisory council to advise in the planning and operation of the program to meet the needs of the service area.

**Legal Authority:** OAA § 712(e);  
910 KAR 1:210 Section 7

**Procedure:**

- (1) Each District LTCOP shall develop its own advisory council.
- (2) The DLTCOP shall design its advisory council to perform one or more of the following functions:
  - (a) Provide advice regarding the planning and operation of the DLTCO Program
  - (b) Enhance community understanding of Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program (LTCOP) purpose and services;
  - (c) Act as a multidisciplinary team to assist the DLTCO or Kentucky Long-Term Care Ombudsman (KLTCO) in obtaining resources to benefit long-term care facility residents;
  - (d) Develop an understanding of long-term care issues and assist the LTCOP in issues advocacy efforts; and/or
  - (e) Assist the DLTCOP or KLTCO in special projects
- (3) Composition of the advisory council
  - (a) The council shall be made up of persons with a strong interest in improving the quality of life and protecting the rights of residents in long-term care facilities. The DLTCO and the Director of the Area Agency on Aging and Independent Living (AAAIL) shall ensure that all volunteers and Advisory Council members receive a criminal background check, and receive a background check utilizing the Nurse Aide Registry, if appropriate.
  - (b) Group size and composition shall be individualized to the needs of the DLTCOP but shall not be less than seven.
  - (c) One third of the members shall be consumers or family members of consumers.
  - (d) Members shall not:
    1. Be responsible for certifying or licensing long term care facilities;

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2. Be a provider of long-term care services or part of an association of such providers;
3. Be an immediate family member of the DLTCO (see SOP 16.15 for definition of immediate family member);
4. Gain economically or receive any compensation for a long-term care facility provider or association.