Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program

The Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program (LTCOP) advocates for individuals residing in nursing facilities and other residential settings. The Older Americans Act (OAA) establishes the responsibilities of the LTCOP, requiring it to advocate for the rights, health, safety, and wellbeing of residents in long-term care settings through complaint resolution, education, and systemic advocacy. Every state, including the District of Columbia has a LTCOP.

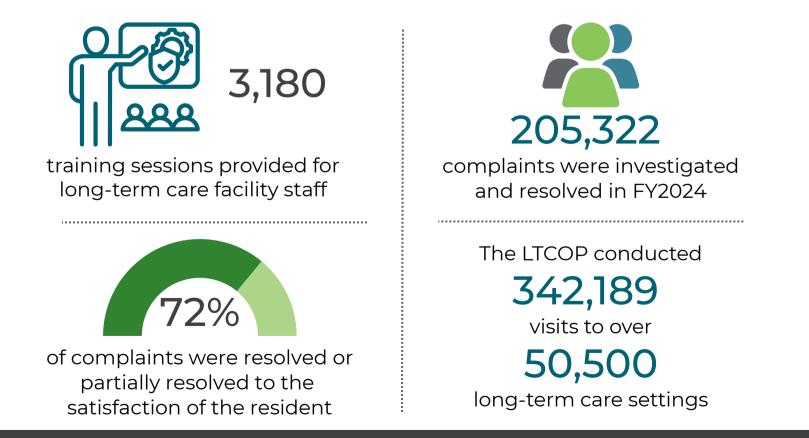
Older adults in nursing facilities are vulnerable to:

- Substandard care
- Involuntary discharge
- Unsafe conditions
- Abuse or neglect

The LTCOP protects older adults through:

- Education on resident rights
- Abuse prevention
- Care planning
- Advocacy

The Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program protects the rights, health, and safety of older adults living in long-term care settings.



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