

**The Center for Advocacy for the Rights and Interests of the Elderly  
(CARIE)**

**How to Start a CAG:**

One of the first things I would advise is that they find out if there are any groups in their community, that they know who else is interested including ombudsman, etc. The other piece I would suggest is something about consensus – I've noticed that in some areas groups spring up mainly because they do not agree with what another group is doing – that might not be the best reason and may cause both to be less effective.

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