



Additional Resources for Information About Resident Councils

Organizations

Resident Councils of Washington: <http://www.residentcouncil.org/>

Atlanta Legal Aid Society, Resident Councils in Nursing Homes:
<http://www.atlantalegalaid.org/fact16.htm>.

Printed Materials

The Resident Council Handbook. Resident Councils of Washington.

To order: <http://www.residentcouncilstore.org/>

This handbook is designed to help in the development or enhancement of a resident council so that it creates opportunities for residents to make and execute meaningful decisions. Chapters include: Why a Resident Council?; Beginning and Operating a Resident Council; Roles of a Resident Council; and Nuts and Bolts.

How to Organize and Direct an Effective Resident Council: A Technical Assistance Manual of the Missouri Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program. Emmelene W. Kerr. Missouri Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program.

<http://health.mo.gov/seniors/ombudsman/publications.php>

This manual covers all aspects of council work – from forming a new council to improving an existing council. Written by a former coordinator in the Missouri Ombudsman Program who draws upon many years of ombudsman experience with resident councils, ombudsmen will find straightforward information and tips to use when assisting in the formation or strengthening of a resident council. Topics include council organization, leadership, running effective meetings, potential problems and possible solutions, ways to evaluate and enhance councils, and more.

The Resource to Effective Nursing Home Councils: Residents, Families, and Friends in Action. Elder Care Rights Alliance. Minnesota.

To order: <https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=ed3236>

This manual is a culmination of 30 years' experience of working with resident and family councils. It is assembled in an easy-to-use binder format with tip sheets that can be copied and distributed for individual council use.

Organizing a Resident Council in your Home: A Manual for Adult Home and Nursing Home Residents. Coalition of Institutionalized Aged and Disabled, Inc.

<http://www.ciadny.org/Resident%20Councils.htm>

This manual is designed to assist residents in organizing a council.

Resident Council Best Practices. Connecticut State Ombudsman Program.

Available online: <http://www.ct.gov/lcop/lib/lcop/pdf/bestpractices0906.pdf>