



Consent to Criminal Background Check

Due to the nature of this volunteer advocate position, a criminal background check will assist the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman and his/her designee in making an informed decision about an applicant's qualifications for the Volunteer Advocate Program.

In assessing the pertinence of a criminal record or a conviction record, the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman or his/her designee will consider all relevant factors including but not limited to the nature of the crime. The State Long-Term Care Ombudsman may exercise his/her discretion and provide you an opportunity to review and challenge the information obtained.

After the initial screening to become a Volunteer Advocate, you will receive a consent form asking for the information needed to conduct a criminal background check. The background check will be completed before you are placed in a long-term care facility.

Please note that this Consent to Criminal Background Check is confidential and will be placed in your volunteer application file. The information obtained will remain confidential and will not be disclosed to third parties. Upon requests from law enforcement agencies, the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman shall disclose this information. In addition, the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman shall disclose this information to third parties when federal and state laws mandate.

I have read and understand this consent form. I authorize the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman or his/her designee to conduct a criminal background check. I agree to provide the NJ Office of the Long-Term Care Ombudsman with the information necessary to complete a criminal background check. I understand if I falsify, withhold, or misrepresent any information or facts deemed necessary to complete a criminal background check the remedy may be immediate termination from the Volunteer Advocate Program.