OUTLINE FOR RESIDENTS’ RIGHTS MONTH 2013

Goal:
To encourage residents and others to be educated about and speak out against elder abuse.

Resident’s Voice:
Residents will be asked to respond to the following questions:

1. Have you ever experienced having to speak out against elder abuse?
2. Why do you think it’s important to speak out against elder abuse?
3. How can you encourage others to speak out against elder abuse?
4. What could facilities, families and communities do to make residents feel safe and know that their right to be free from abuse is supported?

Residents can respond to the questions in writing (poems, stories), through art of any kind or with video's/recordings. We will use one or two of the entries for the Residents’ Rights Month packet and community outreach kit. We will also post entries on the website during October. We will encourage facilities/families to frame the resident’s entries and hang them in resident’s rooms or other areas of the facility. Send entries to info@theconsumervoice.org

For Ombudsman:
NORC- The National Long-Term Care Ombudsman Resource Center- will highlight Ombudsman programs celebrating Resident’s Rights Month on the website.

✓ Ideas for celebrating Residents’ Rights
✓ Why Residents’ Rights Month is important
✓ How have you brought the Resident’s Voice to Ombudsman activities?
Send Consumer Voice an email with your Residents’ Rights Month activities at info@theconsumervoice.org

Training Materials and Elder Abuse Resources:

- NORC's Elder Abuse/Elder Justice Issue Pages
- Administration on Aging's Year of Elder Abuse Prevention
- Administration on Aging's National Center on Elder Abuse
- Ageless Alliance
- National Resource Center on LGBT Aging's Elder Abuse Resources
- Fact sheet on elder abuse from the World Health Organization
- Resources from World Elder Abuse Awareness Day
- Elder Abuse Toolkit from Alabama Department of Senior Services

Activities:

- Host a small discussion among residents about how they can speak out against elder abuse
- Facilities can post information about elder abuse red flags
- Invite advocates to speak at the facility
- Hold events to educate residents and family members about identifying all types of elder abuse

For more information, visit the Consumer Voice’s website.