

**Information about the
Office of Ombudsman for
Mental Health and
Developmental Disabilities**

In 1987, the Legislature created the Office of Ombudsman for Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities, an independent state agency, to:

“...promote the highest attainable standards of treatment, competence, efficiency, and justice... for persons receiving services or treatment for mental illness, developmental disabilities, chemical dependency, or emotional disturbance...”

Equal Opportunity Statement

The OMHDD does not discriminate on the basis of age, sex, race, color, creed, religion, national origin, marital status or status with regard to public assistance, sexual orientation, membership in a local human rights commission or disability in employment or the provision of services.

This material can be given to you in different forms, like large print, Braille or on a tape, if you call 1-651-757-1800 and ask.

Resource Information

The CCTRC has trained staff who can provide information and answer questions regarding the civil commitment process and other related topics. The CCTRC provides informational fact sheets, brochures and notices relating to the civil commitment process and related topics. The CCTRC also provides up-to-date information on proposed or new changes to the law and training on the commitment act when requested.

How to contact the CCTRC

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**CIVIL
COMMITMENT
TRAINING
AND
RESOURCE
CENTER
(CCTRC)**

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About the Training and Resource Center

The Civil Commitment Training and Resource Center (CCTRC) is part of the Office of the Ombudsman for Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities. The CCTRC has been developed to assist persons who want training and information regarding the Civil Commitment and Treatment Act and related law. The CCTRC can provide individualized training, information, referral, and advocacy.

Who should call the CCTRC?

The CCTRC can assist anyone who wants information regarding the Civil Commitment and Treatment Act and related law.

Referral

In some instances, the CCTRC may be unable to assist a caller. The CCTRC provides referrals to other agencies, departments, and other resources that may better assist the caller.

Advocacy and Support

Some callers to the CCTRC may need additional assistance. If the caller meets the agency definition of a client, the CCTRC can refer the caller to Ombudsman staff who can provide advocacy and support services.

Individualized Training

The CCTRC can provide specialized training/presentations on individualized topics in civil commitment, including pre-petition issues, post-petition issues, neuroleptic medications, and more effective advocacy.

If your agency, organization or group is interested in individualized training, please contact the CCTRC.

Substitute Decision-Maker Training Kit

A training kit which includes a supplementary manual has been developed for the training of substitute decision-makers. Topics include:

- Explanation of the court process
- Determination of competency
- Laws governing access to patient data
- Concept of “least restrictive alternative”
- Information about neuroleptic medications
- Role in protecting the patient’s interest

You may go to our website to obtain a copy of the Handbook for Substitute Decision-Makers at:

**[http://mn.gov/omhdd/images/
substitutedecisionmakers.pdf](http://mn.gov/omhdd/images/substitutedecisionmakers.pdf)**

Website Information

The CCTRC maintains a comprehensive website containing information on the Civil Commitment and Treatment Act. There are fact sheets on the commitment process, emergency hold orders, effective representation by attorneys and neuroleptic medication administration.

The notices that the pre-petition screener is required to give to the proposed patient is also on the website. These may be printed off the website as needed.

Summaries of legislative changes to the Minnesota Civil Commitment and Treatment Act are also posted on the website.

All of the information is updated at least annually.

Please visit the site for more information.

The Center’s Website URL is:

**[http://mn.gov/omhdd/
commitment/](http://mn.gov/omhdd/commitment/)**