
WALTCOP Resident Advisory Council

Platform Statement

1. We believe that all residents in Long-Term Care deserve adequate care.
 - a. To receive adequate care, we need staff to be appropriately trained and compensated to ensure a high-quality, stable, and capable workforce.
 - b. We believe individuals deserve to have access to the right level of care and be aware of their options.
2. We believe that quality care starts with corporate accountability.
 - a. Ownership, like leadership, can make a difference in quality care.
 - b. Lack of stability in ownership and management harms residents.
3. We believe that all facilities have a duty to ensure that residents live free from violence or the threat of violence.
 - a. Preventing violence against long-term care residents is all of our responsibility.
 - b. Residents require further and consistent education about retaliation. When a community fears violence and retribution, they are disempowered from voicing what is happening.
4. Residents need to be heard, trusted, and respected.
 - a. We are more than our labels and diagnosis and deserve to be treated as whole people.
 - b. Ageist and ableist stereotypes harm long-term care residents.
 - c. Residents should have a voice in decisions that are made about their lives from care plans to policy.
5. We believe that residents require further outreach about currently available resources.
 - a. There should be an expanded budget for Adult Protective Services (APS), Residential Care Services (RCS), and the Ombudsman program to conduct outreach to residents, facility staff, families, and the state.
 - b. If residents don't know what's available, we will not access what already exists.
6. Residents should have the ability to organize freely within their facility. "If you say that this is our home, then let us treat each other like family."

