

## **Speaker**

Sherry Culp, KY State Long Term Care Ombudsman

## **Session Title**

LGBTQ+ Aging and Maltreatment Concerns

## **Objectives**

- The audience will explore challenges faced by LGBTQ+ elders accessing healthcare and how to overcome those obstacles
- The audience will learn about LGBTQ+ elders experience with abuse/neglect in long-term care facilities
- The audience will learn positive language that affirms the dignity of LGBT elders
- The audience will learn how to identify strengths of the LGBT elder client
- The audience will learn how they can make changes so that their agency is more inclusive of the LGBT elder client population.

## **Bio**

Sherry Culp is the Kentucky State Long Term Care Ombudsman. Sherry administers the Kentucky State Long Term Care Ombudsman Program from the Nursing Home Ombudsman Agency of the Bluegrass, Inc. (NHOA) a freestanding nonprofit agency located in Lexington, Kentucky that focuses on improving care for residents of long term care facilities through services provided by the Long Term Care Ombudsman Program.

Sherry is the leader of the Long Term Care Ombudsman Program in Kentucky where she works with 15 local District Ombudsman Programs, consumers and other advocates to promote quality care. Sherry provides training and coaching to ombudsmen and educates the public about problems residents experience and how to resolve them.

Sherry began as a volunteer ombudsman at the Nursing Home Ombudsman Agency in 1996 and became the agency's Director of Program and Services in 1999. In 2009 Sherry became the Executive Director of the agency and the local Bluegrass District Ombudsman. In 2014 Sherry became the KY State Long-Term Care Ombudsman.

Sherry has a Master's degree in social work (MSW) from the University of Kentucky. Sherry has given hundreds of presentations and provided training across the country to ombudsmen, nurses, social workers, the general public, as well as residents and their families on topics ranging from navigating the long-term care system to abuse prevention.