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**NY Connects: Your link to Long Term Services and Supports of Oneida County
315-798-5456**

What is NY Connects? NY Connects provides information, assistance, and referrals for Long Term Services and Supports for people of any age and regardless of income. NY Connects caseworkers are available to help people navigate the complex system of services in our local community.

What are Long Term Services and Supports? Long Term Services and Supports can be medical and non-medical, helping people of all ages and abilities remain as independent as possible. According to the National Institute, Long-term care support includes a variety of services designed to meet a person's health or personal care needs during a short or long period of time. The purpose is to help people live as independently and safely as possible when they can no longer perform everyday activities on their own.

New York Connects can provide information about:

Home Care: This program provides housekeeping, personal care, ancillary and case management services to clients age 60 and over on a sliding fee scale.

Care Coordinator: Case Managers provide in home evaluations/assessments for home based services.

Respite and Caregiver Support: The program provides supplemental home services on a limited basis for primary caregivers, and caregiver training and support groups. On a limited basis temporary respite stays are available in local care facilities.

Transportation: The Oneida County Office for Aging contracts with RSVP (Retired Senior Volunteer Program) to provide Oneida County residents with Medical Transportation. Clients who are 60 years of age or older-not Medicaid eligible and do not drive or have regular transportation to medical appointments.

Financial: Bill Payer Program-provides in-home assistance to insure timely bill paying, organization, and budgeting.

Senior Nutrition Program: Dining sites throughout Oneida County offer a nutritious midday meal on weekdays to adults age 60 and older. In addition to companionship, there are learning and entertainment opportunities. Homebound seniors are eligible to have meals delivered. There are small fees for meals.

Health Insurance Information: HIICAP Program (health Insurance Information Counseling and Assistance Program) HIICAP counselors offer free information, confidential counseling and assistance to help solve medical coverage problems.

Senior Clubs/Centers: Senior Centers offer-congregate meals. All sites offer classes, scheduled activities and programs.

Social Adult Day Care: Serves functionally impaired seniors by providing meals, entertainment and daily activities in a supervised setting for seniors who would otherwise be home bound.

Additional Services and Supports: Call for program information and assistance.

How can I get help through NY Connects?

NY Connects staff can assist you by between the hours 8:30 am and 4:30 pm, Monday-Friday. Call the Office for Aging & Continuing Care at 315-798-5456 and ask to speak with a representative from New York Connects.

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