



PROJECT LIFESAVER

Senior Project Lifesaver Fact Sheet

The Program

Project Lifesaver is a program designed to help individuals with Alzheimer's or dementia who may wander or get lost. Project Lifesaver uses state-of-the-art technology, employing wristband transmitters to locate wandering and lost adults. It is now being used in all 50 states, Canada and Australia.

The Bracelet

Individuals who are part of the Project Lifesaver program wear a personalized bracelet that emits a locating signal. The bracelet is a one-ounce battery-operated radio transmitter that produces an automatic locating signal every second, 24 hours a day. The signal can be traced on the ground or in the air up to 8-10 several miles. The bracelet is water resistant and can be worn in the bath, shower, pool, etc. It is made out of very strong plastic material that is difficult to remove without the use of scissors.

Search and Rescue

After caregivers call 911, their local police department will be dispatched to the area to begin the search for the missing person. Westchester County Police will also be dispatched to the area to search with a mobile locator receiver system. As each bracelet has a unique radio frequency, the Project Lifesaver search team is able to positively locate and identify the missing person, reducing search times from hours and days to minutes.

Eligibility for Project Lifesaver

Adults who are eligible for Project Lifesaver through the Westchester County Initiative, which provides the program **free of charge**, must meet the following **requirements**:

- ✓ Have a diagnosis of Alzheimer's or other form of dementia
- ✓ Have a history of wandering or elopement
- ✓ Live in the community with a primary caregiver who provides daily, ongoing care 24/7/365
- ✓ Both caregiver and care-receiver must reside in Westchester County
- ✓ Transmitters will be placed with clients **ONLY** at the request of a legally responsible party, either a spouse or family member with Power of Attorney/Court Order, and can provide a copy to WJCS

Families' Responsibilities

Trained PLS staff will work cooperatively with families to ensure that their loved one's bracelet is safe and effective. Families must agree to:

- ✓ Test their loved one's bracelet on a daily basis & record their tests in a log provided by WJCS
- ✓ Attend all battery change appointments with PLS staff every 60 days at WJCS or any of the battery changing sites throughout Westchester County

You may call Isabel M. Pettersen, PLS Program Manager at WJCS, who is available to answer any questions or discuss any concerns you may have. She can be reached at 914-761-0600 x2230 or ipettersen@wjcs.com.

Project Lifesaver is a partnership of Westchester Jewish Community Services, Westchester Department of Public Safety, US Dept. of Health and Human Services, NYS Office for Aging, and the Westchester Dept of Senior Programs and Services

PROJECT LIFESAVER INTERNATIONAL
WESTCHESTER COUNTY, NEW YORK

FAQ	Youth Division	Senior Division
Agency?	Westchester County Dept. of Public Safety	Westchester County Dept. of Public Safety
Program Managing Agency?	Westchester Jewish Community Services	Westchester Jewish Community Services
Program Manager Contact Person?	Isabel M Pettersen 914-761-0600 x2230 ipettersen@wjcs.com	Isabel M Pettersen 914-761-0600 x2230 ipettersen@wjcs.com
Technology?	Radio frequency signal	Radio frequency signal
Diagnosis requirement?	Autism or developmental disability	Dementia
Age requirement?	Child or young adult	Senior
Family requirement?	Must live with parents or guardians anywhere in Westchester County	Must live with caregiver anywhere in Westchester County
Cost?	\$325 initial year \$85 subsequent years	No cost, except equipment replacement if lost
Maintenance?	Battery change/maintenance every 60 days	Battery change/maintenance every 60 days
Bracelet?	Must be worn 24/7 on wrist or ankle	Must be worn 24/7 on wrist or ankle
Application?	Contact program manager	Contact program manager

**Do you know a senior
with Alzheimer's who wanders?**

If so, help them sign up for

PROJECT LIFESAVER



Sponsored by Westchester County Government

This free program uses radio-frequency technology to find seniors who wander and safely return them home. It works through bracelets with special batteries the seniors wear on their wrists. Should someone become lost, specially trained and equipped county police officers can locate them by tracking a radio signal the bracelets transmit.

To be eligible a senior must:

- Live in Westchester County
- Be dependent upon the person they live with
- Have a tendency to wander

Funded through the United States Department of Health and Human Services- Administration on Community Living (ACL), the New York State Office for the Aging, and the Westchester County Department of Senior Programs and Services.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, visit www.westchestergov.com/seniors, call Westchester Jewish Community Services at (914) 761-0600 Ext. 2230 or email IPettersen@WJCS.com.

Project Lifesaver is administered by Westchester Jewish Community Services

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¿Conoce usted a una persona de edad avanzada con el mal de Alzheimer que suele vagar?

Si es así, ayudémoslo a que se inscriba en el

PROYECTO SALVAVIDAS

(PROJECT LIFESAVER)



Patrocinado por el Gobierno del Condado de Westchester

Este es un programa gratuito que usa tecnología de frecuencia radial para encontrar a personas de edad avanzada que suelen vagar ayudándolos de una manera segura a regresar a su hogar. Funciona por medio del uso de una pulsera que contiene baterías especiales que la persona de edad avanzada usa en la muñeca. En caso de que alguien se extravíe oficiales de la policía especialmente entrenados pueden ubicar a la persona rastreando la frecuencia radial que la pulsera emite.

Para cualificar en este programa la persona de la tercera edad deberá:

- Vivir en el Condado de Westchester
- Depender de la persona con la que vive
- Tener tendencia a vagar o deambular

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PARA MÁS INFORMACIÓN visite www.westchestergov.com/seniors, llame a Westchester Jewish Community Services al (914) 761-0600 Ext. 2230 o envíe un correo electrónico a IPettersen@WJCS.com.

El Proyecto Salvavidas es administrado por Westchester Jewish Community Services.

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