

What is the cost for the Project Lifesaver Program?

Families are asked for a \$300 deposit (the cost of replacing the wristband transmitter) which will be refunded to them when the wristband transmitter is returned to the Office for the Aging.

If families are unable to pay the whole deposit, the deposit amount can be reduced or waived.

There is a \$10 a month charge for the cost of the wristband battery which must be replaced each month.

Once a month, Office for the Aging staff will coordinate a visit with the caregiver to inspect the transmitter case and change the battery.

Project Lifesaver International

Project Lifesaver was established in 1999 as an international nonprofit organization that provides the program to local partnerships with law enforcement and public service agencies.

Nationally, the program has had 1,400 successful rescues and the average elapsed time to locate the missing person has been reduced from hours to under 30 minutes.

The number of lives saved and the sense of security and peace of mind for families and caregivers makes this a valuable program for Cayuga County families.

Project Lifesaver International in Cayuga County was made possible through a donation from the Stardust Foundation.

Community donations help expand the program and can be made to:

Cayuga County Council of Senior Citizens
c/o Cayuga County Office for the Aging
160 Genesee Street
Auburn, NY 13021

PROJECT LIFESAVER International in Cayuga County



A Public Safety Program to locate missing persons suffering from dementia-type disorders that can cause wandering

A Partnership between the Cayuga County Sheriff's Office and the Cayuga County Office for the Aging

Contact:

**Cayuga County
Office for the Aging
315-253-1226**

Project Lifesaver in Cayuga County

“Safely bringing loved ones home”

How Project Lifesaver works:

Each participant is fitted with a personalized Project Lifesaver wristband. This unique wristband is a one-ounce battery operated transmitter that emits an automatic tracking signal every second, 24 hours a day.

This signal can be tracked by trained personnel from the Cayuga County Sheriff’s Office using patrol cars and on the ground using hand-held equipment with radio frequency tracking capability.

A helicopter equipped with the radio frequency tracking capability can be used in the search by the Onondaga County Project Lifesaver Program through the Onondaga County Sheriff’s Department.

Eligibility for the program:

Project Lifesaver is designed for individuals living at home in the community who are at risk of wandering; for example those diagnosed with Alzheimer’s disease or related dementia, autism, or Down’s syndrome.

Questions to ask to help determine if someone is eligible:

Will the individual wear the transmitter bracelet? Each client must wear the wristband to be in the program.

Does the individual exhibit the tendency to wander away from home and become lost or is developing the tendency to wander? Do you think that “One day we are going to be out looking for this person?”

Is there a caregiver who lives with the individual who will check the battery every day and who will be there to call 911 when the individual is discovered missing?

Program success depends on a caregiver calling 911 to report the individual missing *as quickly as possible* after the individual has wandered from home.

Trained staff from the Office for the Aging will make the eligibility assessment for each individual.

**For more information
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253-1226
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