



**ESAAL's Legislative Advocacy Day
Tuesday, March 9, 2010**

**Register now so that we can schedule appointments
with your Legislators!**

Dear ESAAL Member,

The 2010 Legislative Session is likely to be one of the most challenging ever for Adult Home, Enriched Housing, Assisted Living Program, and Assisted Living Residence providers. On March 9th, please join ESAAL's Board of Directors for visits to our Legislators at the State Capitol in Albany to advocate for:

- Increases and/or no cuts to important programs such as the Assisted Living Program, Quality Incentive Payment Program (QUIP) and EnAbLE—all programs that help to preserve Adult Care Facilities/Assisted Living as a cost-effective alternative to more costly institutional settings;
- Changes to the Assisted Living Residence (ALR) law to:
 - More clearly define the difference between senior housing and assisted living, so that the NYS Department of Health has the tools it needs to enforce against those facilities that require an ACF or ALR license but have not applied for one, or that are not pursuing licensure in good faith;
 - Allow for direct admission into the Enhanced ALR from the outside community
- Considering ESAAL's position on any proposed reform measures that are unnecessary, overly burdensome and/or make the Adult Care Facility/Assisted Living option unaffordable for New York's seniors.

Other interest groups will make their positions known to Legislators. We have very compelling messages and positions—help us to communicate them to your Legislators on March 9th. You make the difference!

Legislators' calendars fill-up quickly, especially in a difficult year like 2010. Please register **NOW** so that we may schedule group meetings with your Legislators. In advance of that day, we will provide you with detailed information including talking points and handouts for your legislators.

To register, [click here](#) and include the following information in your email: facility name, names of the representatives from your facility and phone number. If you prefer, you can call in your information at 518-371-2573 or fax it to 518-371-3774.

Thank you!