**Protections Against Discrimination**

**for Nursing Home Residents**

Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)

* The ADA is a federal law that bans the unnecessary segregation of people with disabilities.
* States must work to provide services to people with disabilities in integrated settings.

Olmstead v. L.C.

* *Olmstead v. L.C.* is a Supreme Court case decided in 1999.
* *Olmstead* found that unnecessary segregation of people with disabilities is a form of discrimination.
* *Olmstead* found that individuals with disabilities are entitled to receive those services in the most integrated setting.

What is an Integrated Setting?

* Integrated settings are places that are typically found in the community, like private homes, apartments, and group homes.

What are Segregated Settings?

* Segregated settings are places where people are kept separate from other people living in the community.
* Segregated settings can include hospitals, developmental centers, and **nursing homes**.

What Does This Mean For Me?

* Under the ADA and Olmstead, people with disabilities be unnecessarily segregated from other people.
* Additionally, people with disabilities are entitled to receive services in the most integrated setting appropriate.