

Office of the Sheriff



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Dear Broome County Resident,

Thank you for your interest in the Project Lifesaver Program. This program was originally funded by DCJS (NYS Dept. of Criminal Justice Services) and NYS Missing Persons Clearinghouse through multiple grants. The program is intended for Broome County residents who are affected by Autism, Downs Syndrome, Traumatic Brain Injury, Alzheimer's, Dementia and have a history of, or severe risk of wandering away from home. The program consists of the "client" receiving a bracelet that contains a mini FM radio transmitter. In the event that the client wanders away from a caregiver, the Sheriff's Office is equipped with special receivers that can detect the transmitter on the client, up to a four mile radius from where the client originally wandered from.

Though your loved one may have one of these ailments, not everyone can qualify for this program. The bracelets are \$350 a piece and are "typically" already paid for by a grant, at no cost to the client. Listed below, is a strict list of qualifications a potential client must have before being considered for this program.

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| 1) Be a Broome County Resident | Yes/No |
| 2) Have an ailment (listed above), with a severe risk or history of wandering | Yes/No |
| 3) Must be willing to wear the transmitter 24/7 (water resistant device) | Yes/No |
| 4) Must have a caregiver or someone (parent/guardian) who supervises the potential client 24/7 | Yes/No |
| 5) Must have adequate locks and safety devices at home to prevent wandering | Yes/No |
| 6) Must have a plan in place in the situation the loved one does wander | Yes/No |

If you believe all these qualifications are in place, please contact us and we will mail you the application forms to start the process of becoming a client. If you still have questions, please call or email anytime.

Thank you,

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q27PEfvSM40> – An intro video to the program