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Schuyler Center for Analysis and Advocacy (SCAA) is a statewide, nonprofit policy analysis and advocacy organization working to shape policies that improve the economic security and health status of low and moderate income New Yorkers, and help all children become capable adults. SCAA works to change policies through analysis of social and economic problems, evaluation of existing programs and services, development of policies and reports, coalition building and advocacy.

My role at SCAA has been to work alongside Senior Policy Associates throughout the entire legislative process and assist with various support activities to meet the objectives of SCAA's 2008-09 Legislative Agenda. The primary focus of this internship was to assist in the coordination of New York State Coalition for Adult Home Reform (NYSCAHR)'s 2008 Speak Out. This annual event gathers over 200 adult home residents from across New York State for a rally in the Well of the Legislative Building where residents have the opportunity to 'Speak Out' for dignity, choice and respect. In preparation for this annual event I coordinated and participated in several planning meetings, developed materials for speakers and press and drafted the language for the NYSCAHR report card that graded the progress of the Adult Facilities Work Group five years later. While at SCAA I have also been given the opportunity to participate in various legislative activities, workgroups, conferences and advocacy events exposing me to a broad spectrum of health issues.