

2. Home Modification Resources

Finding a Private Contractor

Certified Aging-In-Place Specialists (CAPS) are professionals who guide consumers in modifying their homes to age in place. These specialists include contractors and occupational therapists who must complete courses, pass examinations, participate in continuing education and adhere to a code of ethics.

Below is a list of individuals within 25 miles of Ithaca who have received CAPS certification as of November, 2011. For an updated list, go online to www.nahb.com and search their “Directory of Professionals with Home Building Designations.”

<u>Name</u>	<u>Company</u>	<u>Phone</u>
Dean Shea	Sunny Brook Builders of Enfield	539-6286
Kristine Samms		917-833-8418
Scott Jones	Empowerment by Design O.T.	351-1654
Ron Ronsvalle	Perfect Painters/Heritage Builders	277-6260
Esther Greenhouse	Cayuga Country Homes	844-4316
Cheryl Petruilis	Cayuga Country Homes	844-4316
Jeff Fredrickson	Crown Construction	844-3993
John Lafian	Crown Construction	844-3993
Kevin McMahan	KJM Contracting	749-2550
Michael May	Michael May Construction	753-9873

The CAPS designation is not to be construed as a guarantee of the quality of the designation-holder’s work. Not all contractors will work on smaller projects. Brochures (produced by the NYS Attorney General’s office) containing tips on selecting a contractor can be obtained at Tompkins County Office for the Aging or go online to [www.ag.ny.gov/publications/Contractor Tip Card web.pdf](http://www.ag.ny.gov/publications/Contractor_Tip_Card_web.pdf).