



Quality Measures in Dementia Care

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Campaign for Quality Residential Care

- National Initiative launched in 2005
- Campaign goals:
 - 1) Enhance quality of life for people with dementia
 - 2) Improve quality of care provided to people with dementia
- Developed and supported by over 30 health and senior care organizations

Dementia Care Practice Recommendations

- Phase 1, 2, and 3 for Assisted Living & Nursing Homes – 2006 & 2007
- Phase 4 for Home care – 2009
- Multi-level, collaborative approach
- Evidence based
- Working hand-in-hand with Public Policy
- Research found that training is essential

Quality Care Topics

- Communication & behavior
- Nutrition
- Pain management
- Restraints & Falls
- Activities
- Wandering
- End of life
- Home safety
- Personal care
- And more.....

Colorado Quality Initiatives

Alzheimer's Learning Institute – 2000–present

- Over 4,000 students have attended
- 20 different courses
- Curriculum meets regulatory & licensure standards
- Most comprehensive Learning Institute in the country
- Multi-disciplinary

Quality Care Campaign

- Pilot trainers for new curriculum
- National workgroup to create curriculum

Colorado Initiatives

Working with the system

- Speaking at local conferences
- Nursing Home Administrators Board
- Colorado Board of Nursing
- Colorado Culture Change Coalition
- Colorado Hospice & Palliative Care
- And more...

Training Options in Colorado

- Annual Symposium
 - Best practices in dementia care
 - Affordable
- Classroom Training
 - Statewide classes held monthly
 - Principles of Adult Learning
 - Portable
- Online Training
 - Follows Dementia Care Practice Recommendations
 - Affordable & Accessible

What are other states doing?

West Virginia

- 15 hours before hands-on care, 15 hours after

Arkansas

- 30 hours training, ongoing training each quarter, specified training in line with quality care recommendations

Illinois

- State health department develops and endorses curriculum; initial and ongoing training required

What is quality for people with dementia?

- Educated caregivers
 - Training
- Consistency in caregivers
 - Teamwork & Staff empowerment
- Specialized environments
 - Collaborating with Brummett Architects on book for NH/AL/Home design

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