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
- 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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