Register Now for the Abuse, Neglect, and Exploitation (ANE) Academy

Registration is open for the ANE Academy, a free two-day training event being held across the state starting May 17.

Participants will learn how to screen for and prevent; abuse, neglect, and exploitation as well as how to improve environments that foster desensitization towards abuse, neglect, and exploitation. The training also includes strategies for improving staff awareness of subtle instances of abuse, neglect, and exploitation.

The ANE Academy training event is appropriate for all nursing facility staff, but is primarily designed and intended for front-line staff who provide direct care to residents.

Dates and Locations

- May 17-18, 2017, San Antonio
- May 24-25, 2017, Dallas
- June 14-15, 2017, Corpus Christi
- June 21-22, 2017, Edinburg
- June 28-29, 2017, Dallas
- July 12-13, 2017, Houston
- July 19-20, 2017, Abilene

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PASRR Specialized Services Webinars

If you missed the live webinar on April 25, the archived recording is now available. The webinar provides information on the following areas related to Specialized Services:

- What are Specialized Services, why are they important and the rules and regulations related to them?
- How to assess and determine if someone needs Specialized Services.
- Examples of Specialized Services.
- Myths related to:
- Billing
- Rehabilitation vs. habilitation
- Professional licensure concerns
- Resources available
HHSC Music & Memory Program Update

Phase III of the HHSC Music & Memory Program kicked off April 19 with a ceremony in Austin, expanding this program to 165 more nursing homes across the state. In the first two phases of the program, 250 nursing homes were certified to participate in the Music & Memory Program.

Research shows the positive impacts personalized music playlists can have on brain activity, particularly in people with Alzheimer’s disease and other forms of dementia. Those effects not only improve the quality of life for residents, but can also contribute to a decrease in the use of antipsychotic medications.

The University of Texas at Austin's School of Nursing's Center for Excellence in Long-Term Care will soon launch a six-month study of the program to determine the effects of individualized playlists for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities living in long-term intermediate care facilities.

HHSC has been granted approval from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to use Civil Monetary Penalty funds to expand the Music & Memory Program to an additional 200 nursing homes in Texas. The nominations for Phase IV will begin later in 2017, with Phase V to follow.

For more information about the HHSC Music & Memory Program, click here.

Texas OASIS: Dementia Care Academy

Texas OASIS: Dementia Training Academy is now available through the Quality Monitoring Program. This two-day training focuses on dementia basics, including person-centered care; managing behaviors and alternatives to antipsychotic medications; assessments and care planning; sexuality in dementia; and cultural and socioeconomic considerations.

To request the Texas OASIS: Dementia Care Academy in your facility, contact the Quality Monitoring Program at TQM@dads.state.tx.us.

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