Register Now for Meaningful Activities to Increase Quality of Life

Hosted by HHSC, in collaboration with Natalie B. Davis, AA, CDP, CADDCT, this training is designed for all nursing facility staff, including activity directors, licensed nurses, certified nurse aides and ancillary staff. Ms. Davis will provide attendees with evidence-based best practices to help them implement individualized activities to reflect each resident’s preferences, customary habits and lifestyle. Participants will also learn how to develop person-centered activity programs that are both meaningful and relevant.

Dates and Locations:
- Jun. 12, 2018 - San Antonio
- Jun. 29, 2018 - Corpus Christi
- Jul. 11, 2018 - Houston
- Jul. 19, 2018 - Fort Worth
- Jul. 24, 2018 - Abilene

Register Now

As part of this training participants have the opportunity to nominate their NF for a complementary customized activity program. HHSC will select only 20 facilities for this opportunity, taking place between August 2018 and January 2019. To participate in the nomination process, a facility staff member MUST attend one of the five regional trainings.

Visit the Meaningful Activities to Increase the Quality of Life web page for more information. Email questions to QMP@hhsc.state.tx.us.

Final Opportunity to Attend Texas OASIS HCBS Dementia Training Academy

The Texas OASIS HCBS Dementia Training is available to staff from a variety of community-based programs, including ALFs, DAHS, PACE and others who provide care in the home for a licensed entity. Upon completion of this course, participants will be able to teach the curriculum to other staff and be better prepared to care for people with dementia and meet their unique needs, allowing them to remain in the community.

Remaining Dates and Locations:
- May 9-10, 2018 - San Antonio
- May 16-17, 2018 - Corpus Christi
- May 23-24, 2018 - Fort Worth

Register

More information about the conference is available on the Texas OASIS HCBS Training Academy registration website. Email questions to QMP@hhsc.state.tx.us.
Register Now for PASRR in the NF: Putting the Pieces Together

HHSC is sponsoring this free, two-day training event that will provide nursing facilities with information and resources that detail the complexities of caring for residents with intellectual and developmental disabilities, mental illness or both.

Participants will learn to identify the requirements of the Preadmission Screening and Resident Review tool, describe the people that PASRR affects, list the laws related to PASRR, and describe the different types of settings that can serve people affected by PASRR.

Remaining Date and Location:

- May 1-2, 2018 - Fort Worth
- Register now for the final presentation of PASRR in the NF: Putting the Pieces Together

More information about the conference is available on the PASRR in the NF: Putting the Pieces together website. Email any questions to QMP@hhsc.state.tx.us.

Save the Date for the 2018 Geriatric Symposium – Texas Taking the Next Step

Join the Texas Health and Human Services in Georgetown, August 13 and 14 at the 2018 Geriatric Symposium. These two days of training are hosted in collaboration with the University of Texas at Austin School of Nursing.

Day One: “Celebrating the Power of Nurses in Long-Term Care,” An education filled day by nurses, for nurses where you will gain an understanding of the unique needs of older adults, focusing on topics that affect the quality of life and quality of care of the geriatric population.

Opening keynote speaker, Representative Donna Howard, will share with participants her experiences in the field of nursing. In addition to her practice in critical care, she served as the president of the Texas Nurses Association (District 5) and was a health education instructor at the University of Texas.

Day Two: Evolution and Diversity in the Aging Community

This final day of the symposium was developed to provide all healthcare disciplines, inclusive of family caregivers and even consumers receiving care, with information about caring for older adults (including those with dementia). The day’s training will focus heavily on the integration of alternate treatments with topics such as “Enriching Lives with the Arts”, “Advancements in the Technologies for the Care and Treatment of Alzheimer’s Disease”, and “Engage the Ages: Creating Effective Intergenerational Programs for all Ages and Abilities”.

Additional Featured Speakers include:

- Lance A. Robertson, Assistant Secretary for Aging, US Department of Health and Human Services
- Karyn Buxman, MSN, RN, CSP, CPAE
- Scott Abel, JD

Registration will open on May 14, 2018. For more information and updates, email QMP@hhsc.state.tx.us.
Save the Date – 2018 Culture Change Conference

Mark your calendars for the 2018 Culture Change Conference, hosted by the Texas Culture Change Coalition and HHSC. The conference is scheduled for Sept. 20, 2018 and will be held at the Education Service Center Region 20 in San Antonio.

Registration for the conference will be available soon. For more information, visit www.txccc.net.

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