Register Now – 2018 Geriatric Symposium: Texas Taking the Next Step

Texas Health and Human Services, in collaboration with The University of Texas at Austin School of Nursing, is hosting a two-day, free event for health care professionals and family members who work with older adults.

Dates and Location:
August 13-14, 2018
Sheraton Austin Georgetown Hotel and Conference Center
1101 Woodlawn Avenue
Georgetown, TX 78628

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.

Day Two: “Evolution and Advancement in the Aging Community”
The final day of the symposium was developed to provide all health care disciplines, family caregivers and consumers with information about caring for older adults, including those with dementia. Day two will focus heavily on the integration of alternative 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.”

Registration is now open, and seating is limited. For more information visit the conference web page. Email questions to QMP@hhsc.state.tx.us.

PASRR in the Nursing Facility: Putting the Pieces Together – Additional Training Dates Available in July 2018

Register now for PASRR in the Nursing Facility: Putting the Pieces Together. This free, two-day training event 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 individuals that PASRR affects, list the laws related to PASRR, and describe the different types of settings that can serve individuals affected by PASRR.
Dates and Locations:

- July 11-12, 2018 – Houston Food Bank, 535 Portwall St., Houston, TX 77029
- July 18-19, 2018 – Richardson (Dallas area), Richardson Civic Center, 411 E. Arapaho Road, Suite 102, Richardson, TX 75080

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**Register Now - Meaningful Engagement 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:

- Jul. 11, 2018 - Houston Food Bank, 535 Portwall St., Houston, TX 77029
- Jul. 19, 2018 First United Methodist Church of Fort Worth, Wesley Hall, 800 W. 5th St., Fort Worth, TX 76102
- Jul. 24, 2018 Education Service Center Region 14, 1850 Highway 351, Abilene, TX 79601

As part of this training, participants have the opportunity to nominate their nursing facility 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, and the facility must complete this nomination survey.

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**Register Now - Advanced CNA Training Academy**

This free two-day training will provide comprehensive training for nursing facility CNAs, helping them to understand their role in the nursing facility and learn more about how to care for the geriatric population.
Topics include empowerment, communication, time management, organizational skills, stress and burnout, and professionalism, as well as understanding geriatric residents and those with IDD, MI and complex medical needs. The training also covers competencies such as hand washing, perineal care, nutrition, safety and transfers. Participants will be provided the latest resources and tools to enable them to provide the best possible care and quality of life for residents.

Dates and Locations:

- Aug. 28-29, 2018  UT Ornelas Activity Center, 3402 Old Omen Road, Tyler, TX 75707
- Sep. 12-13, 2018  Education Service Center, Region 11, 1451 S. Cherry Lane, Fort Worth, TX 76108
- Sep. 26-27, 2018  Education Service Center, Region 14, 1850 State Highway 351, Abilene, TX 79601
- Oct. 10-11, 2018  Education Service Center, Region 19, 6611 Boeing Dr., El Paso, TX 79925
- Oct. 15-16, 2018  Commons Learning Center, 10100 Burnet Road, Austin, TX 78758
- Oct. 24-25, 2018  Houston Food Bank, 535 Portwall St., Houston, TX 77029
- Nov. 15-16, 2018  Education Service Center, Region 20, 1314 Hines Ave., San Antonio, TX 78208
- Dec. 5-6, 2018  Education Service Center, Region 1, 1900 W. Shunior, Edinburg, TX 78541
- Dec. 12-13, 2018  Education Service Center, Region 2, 209 North Water St., Corpus Christi, TX 78401
- Dec. 19-20, 2018  The 5th at the Reese Colletti’s, 202 South 1st St., Harlingen, TX 78550

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