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BEGIN DOWNLOADING Complimentary Staff In-service Training

November 1st until March 15th

In Recognition of

***NCCDP Alzheimer's disease and Dementia Care Staff Education Week
February 14th to 21st***

The Senior Tsumani is here! Baby Boomers have arrived!

Alzheimer's disease is the leading cause of dementia in the older population!

You can't read a paper, blog, social media outlet or online media without seeing an article addressing topics regarding dementia and the older population. As the number of dementia cases continue to increase nationally and worldwide, there is a great necessity to ensure that care givers, front line staff and health care professionals are well trained to provide appropriate, competent, sensitive direct care and support for the dementia patient. The goal of the NCCDP is to develop and encourage comprehensive dementia education, standards of excellence in the health care profession and compassionate delivery of dementia care services by health care professionals and front line staff. The issues facing the health care industry are complex and diverse which include sexuality and intimacy.

For the eight year, the National Council of Certified Dementia Practitioners is offering The ***National Council of Certified Dementia Practitioners Alzheimer's Disease and Dementia Care Staff Education Week February 14th to 21st Complimentary Staff Training In-services and Tool Kit. The Tool Kit and In-services are complimentary and available at www.NCCDP.org. The tool kit and In-services include many topics with Power Point downloads, handouts, pretests and post tests to assist the trainer in training staff, family, volunteers, first responders, students, members and congregation. Begin downloading Nov 1st to March 15th.*** Many of the in-services are designed to be taught in 30 minutes. Each year new in-services and topics are added to the archives.

The Tool Kit, In-services and the declaration by the NCCDP Alzheimer's Disease and Dementia Care Staff Education Week February 14th to 21st was developed to bring national and international awareness to the importance of providing comprehensive dementia education by means of face to face interactive classroom environment to all healthcare professionals, front line staff and first responders and to go above and beyond the minimum state or country requirements regarding initial dementia education and to require ongoing dementia education.

"Because when they know better, they do better." Maya Angelou

Examples of NCCDP Staff Complimentary In-services download include:

- ❖ **NEW: Importance of Hydration and Dementia**
- ❖ **NEW: Vision Loss and Dementia**
- ❖ **NEW: Recognizing Delirium vs. Dementia**
- ❖ **NEW: Elder Abuse and Medications**
- ❖ **Understanding CTE**
- ❖ **Recognizing Anxiety in the Elderly**
- ❖ **Senior Bullying Across the Ages: Seniors Bullying Other Seniors**
- ❖ **Understanding Pseudobulbar Affect PBA - Involuntary Outbursts of Crying and Laughing**
- ❖ **Travel Guidelines for People with Dementia**
- ❖ **Dementia - Stress and The Holidays**
- ❖ **Leading Age and Anti Psychotics Reduction**
- ❖ **Brain Fog...Is a Legit Diagnosis!**
- ❖ **The Long Term Care Ombudsman Program**
- ❖ **Improving Dementia Care-Reducing Unnecessary Antipsychotic Medications**
- ❖ **Lewy Body Dementia: When it isn't Alzheimer's**
- ❖ **Time Slips**
- ❖ **Preventing Resident to Resident Altercations / Aggression**
- ❖ **Broken Trust: Elders, Family and Finance-Financial Abuse**
- ❖ **Sexual Violence in Later Life**
- ❖ **Do's and Dont's for Dementia Gardens**
- ❖ **Importance of Brain Games to Improve Cognition**
- ❖ **Understanding Frontotemporal Degeneration**
- ❖ **Fall into Fall - Fall Prevention In-service for Dementia Clients**
- ❖ **Sexuality and Intimacy: A Guide for Dementia Patients in LTC Settings & Home Care**
- ❖ **Project Life Saver - (Elopement What You Need To Know)**
- ❖ **Your Caregiver Personality: Why It's a Very Important Care-Giving Skill**
- ❖ **CAREGIVER RESOURCE: CARING FROM THE HEART**
- ❖ **Life Review: Practice Techniques for Clients & Caregivers**
- ❖ **Spiritual Care When Dementia Is Present: Holding Fast to the Memory of God**
- ❖ **AND MANY MORE**

Complimentary In-services include Power Point, handouts, pretests, post tests, answers, in-service evaluations and in-service certificates.

The complimentary tool kit includes:

- The complimentary tool kit includes: Nurse Educator of the Year Nomination Forms
- Nomination Forms for NCCDP Alzheimer's and Dementia Staff Education Week Contest
- Contest forms for Nurse Educator of the Year
- Proclamations for Governors, Senators and Mayor
- Letters to the Editors Promoting Your Program
- 97 Ways to Promote Alzheimer's and Dementia Staff Education Week
- Promotional Materials
- Resources and Important Web Sites and much more

Currently there are no national or international standards regarding dementia education for all health care professionals, front line staff and first responders regardless of the industry they

serve. President Obama passed The National Alzheimer's Plan (NAPA) that went into effect in 2012, which as one of its components will address dementia education. Also at the federal level, CMS sent Nursing Homes dementia education tools for CNA's training but a facility can elect to use any training system they wish. Currently, the regulations for dementia education are different from state to state and for each industry. The NCCDP recommends at minimum an initial 12 hours of dementia education for all staff. Throughout the year, additional dementia education should be provided that incorporates new advances, regulatory updates, culture changes, sexuality and intimacy as well as innovative ideas. The NCCDP made it easy for the educators and in-service directors by providing prepared complimentary staff in-services to download.

The NCCDP promote initial live dementia education and CDP certifications of all staff who qualify as Certified Dementia Practitioners (CDP®). The NCCDP recommends that, at minimum, there should be one Certified Dementia Practitioner® per-shift. The NCCDP recommends that every health care organization have a trained and certified Alzheimer's disease and dementia care instructor CADDCT® certified by the NCCDP who will utilize up to date NCCDP training materials.

Caregivers are now asking if the staff has completed dementia education and the amount of education the staff have received. They are now asking if you employ CDP's. Many companies now add the CDP credential as part of the job description and it is now included in the hiring practices for many disciplines. The CDP certification and dementia trained staff have become an important marketing aspect of services offered by a company and is a must in today's competitive market not only for the company to have the competitive edge but to ensure well trained staff is providing compassionate and competent care. Employees who are CDP certified have opportunities for career advancement and accountability as a CDP.

The NCCDP recommends that all educators are certified Alzheimer's disease and Dementia Care Trainer (CADDCT®) through the NCCDP Certified Alzheimer's disease and Dementia are Trainer Certification CADDCT® class. CADDCT trainers use the most up-to-date training materials.

The NCCDP recognizes the importance of educated and certified dementia unit managers and certifying the Dementia Unit Managers as Certified Dementia Care Managers (CDCM®). Dementia Unit Managers report, "They have received little training as a Dementia Unit Managers and many state they do not have current policies and procedures for dementia units."

NCCDP provide Alzheimer's disease and Dementia Care training to First Responders and Law Enforcement educators and certification as Certified First Responder Dementia Trainers®.

NCCDP sister company ICCDP International Council of Certified Dementia Practitioners was formed in 2012 to support the International community who also seek Alzheimer's disease and dementia education and dementia certification for their front line staff and health care professionals. The ICCDP web site is www.iccdp.net

The National Council of Certified Dementia Practitioners®, LLC was formed in 2001 by a group of professionals with varying work and personal experiences in the field of dementia care. The

Council was formed to promote standards of excellence in dementia and Alzheimer's disease education to professionals and front line staff and other service providers who provide services to dementia clients. As the number of dementia cases continue to increase nationally and worldwide, there is a great necessity to ensure that care givers are well trained to provide appropriate, competent, sensitive direct care and support for the dementia patient. The goal of the NCCDP is to develop and encourage comprehensive dementia education, standards of excellence and compassionate delivery of dementia care services by health care professionals and front line staff to the older person with dementia.