

The Importance of You!
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You play an important role in your community!

How you play an important role?

- Professionalism
- Enhancing Quality of Life
- Your Responsibilities
- Having Confidence

Why are you important?

Our purpose: Under the direction of the Administrator, the Activity Professionals, led by the Activity Director, are responsible for the planning, coordination, and implementation of the activity programs. Activities shall be provided on a daily basis and every effort will be made to meet the individual client's needs and interests.

Duties and Responsibilities:

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How can you make a difference?

What do activity departments have to do in order to become a valued and respected part of the treatment team?

- By doing what they do best and doing it better than before.
- By being a part of the treatment plan.

How do activity programs change their image from “entertainment focus” to “activity therapy”?

- By becoming knowledgeable in the field of geriatrics
- By learning how to incorporate therapeutic activities in the resident’s outcome.

Key Points on making a difference:

1. Praise good work
2. Assist a new coworker and others
3. Take a coworker to lunch
4. Say thank you
5. Keep the office clean
6. Teach a coworker

What’s your Superpower?

- Persuasion
- Positivity
- Observation
- Decisiveness
- Modesty
- Tenacity
- Insight

Thoughts to ponder:

- What does “Quality of Life” mean to you?
- How does attitude affect the client, the activity director?
- How can the term “therapeutic” become synonymous with activities?
- How can a leisure/recreation experience be measured for success?
- Is it possible to “get through” to a client with dementia? How?
- What are the primary considerations in interviewing the patient?
- What are the signs of successful adjustment to the community, unsuccessful symptoms?