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2025

Dementia Live®: A Foundational Experiential Education Tool Leading to Competent and Empathetic Care Partners for Persons Living with Dementia 2/2025 – 2/2026

AGE-u-cate Training Institute \$79,062.62

The purpose of this 1-year project is to improve the quality of care of residents living with dementia in 16 CMS certified nursing facilities. This will be achieved with Dementia Live®, an experiential learning program simulating cognitive and sensory impairments, giving participants a real-life experience of living with dementia. Participants are empowered with new tools for improved communication skills and care practices that can be implemented as they go about their work in the facility. These improved communication skills and care practices will ultimately help decrease resident behavioral symptoms that arise from dementia related conditions and help increase resident well-being.

Improving Quality of Care Through Culture Change 2/2025 – 2/2026

BenRay Advisory Group, Inc. \$99,971.97

The purpose of this 1-year project is to define the gap for goals and values of the residents and staff at 20 CMS certified nursing facilities by determining a baseline for resident and staff satisfaction/competency and focus on improving culture and/or satisfaction of both residents and staff by creating a Change Team. The Change Team will learn how to identify the most pressing areas of concern, create an action plan to address, and effectively communicate efforts to all stakeholders. Expected outcomes include improvement of nursing staff and resident satisfaction scores, improvement of nursing competency assessment scores, and improvement in total nurse staff turnover.

Bluegrass Activities Director Leadership Academy 4/2025 – 4/2028

CHFS Office of Inspector General, Division of Health Care \$246,600.00

The purpose of this 3-year, state-sponsored training project is to improve the quality of life for certified nursing facility (CNF) residents across the commonwealth by providing training for up to 745 CNF activity directors and care staff about professionalism, documentation, ethics, working with residents with special needs, and adapting life enrichment activities to certain demographics within their facilities. This state-sponsored training will be available to all CNFs in the state of Kentucky and offers both online training and in-person training options.

SNFClinic 4/2025 – 4/2028

Long-Term Care Consultants, LLC \$239,040.00

The purpose of this 3-year project is to improve the quality of care for residents living in 16 CMS certified nursing facilities (CNF) by providing comprehensive training for CNF staff through a centralized technology-based system called SNFClinic. SNFClinic will provide participating CNFs with over 400 clinical and in-service training modules addressing a multitude of subjects related to quality of care, an efficient method of assigning and tracking staff training, and additional staff resources that can directly relate to improving quality of care.

ALZPro: Workforce Training & Support for Sustainable, Person-Centered Dementia Care 5/2025 – 5/2027

The Alzheimer's Association \$152,638.12

The purpose of this 2-year project is to create a network for training, connection, engagement, education, and support for professional care providers of residents living with dementia and resident families to positively impact person-centered care delivery, interactions, and outcomes for residents at 23 certified nursing facilities (CNF). The project will provide online ALZPro training and 2-year Certifications for up to 345 CNF staff, Project ECHO sessions for up to 115 frontline staff and leadership, and education and support programs for family members and caregivers.

Implementation of Bingocize® in Signature HealthCare 10/2025 – 9/2028

Exercise Innovations \$454,684.39

The purpose of this 3-year project is to implement Bingocize® in 38 Signature HealthCare CMS certified nursing facilities. Bingocize® is an evidence-based health promotion program that combines exercise and the game of bingo, to improve quality of life for residents.

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Building Expertise: State-Sponsored Wound Care Certificate for Certified Nursing Facilities

6/2025 – 6/2028

CHFS Office of Inspector General, Division of Health Care

\$242,100

The purpose of this 3-year project is to improve the quality of care for residents across Kentucky's 269 certified nursing facilities (CNF) by providing each CNF with 4 licenses for the Wound Care Education Institute's online Skin & Wound Care Certificate course each project year (12 total per CNF), for the potential of up to 3,228 certified Wound Care Specialists by project end. In collaboration with LeadingAge Kentucky.

Sustaining Care: State-Sponsored Recruitment & Retention Training for Certified Nursing Facilities

6/2025 – 6/2028

CHFS Office of Inspector General, Division of Health Care

\$242,100

This 3-year project is aimed at enhancing workforce stability in certified nursing facilities (CNF) by providing CNFs with access to Drive's "Mastering Recruitment & Retention Webinar Series." This online program focuses on equipping CNF administrators and HR professionals with effective strategies for attracting and retaining skilled staff. Access to the program will be provided to 1 staff member per CNF, per year for 3 years, for a potential of up to 897 trained staff by project end. The project is designed to strengthen the workforce in CNFs across the state, ultimately leading to improved resident care and operational sustainability. In collaboration with LeadingAge Kentucky.

2025 MDS/RAI Training

5/2025 – 5/2026

CHFS Office of Inspector General, Division of Health Care

\$92,136.22

The purpose of this 1-year project is to ensure that OIG state surveyors are adequately prepared to perform their roles in the long-term care survey process and to assist the MDS Coordinators in accurately coding resident assessments and transmission of MDS data. Successful and accurate coding of MDS assists direct care staff with development of a resident-centered plan of care, and mitigates excessive charges, fraud, waste and abuse of Medicare funds.

Improving Person-Centered Care Through Reminiscence Social Engagement

10/2025 – 10/2026

LifeBio, Inc.

\$119,236.30

The purpose of this 1-year project is to improve the quality of care in 24 certified nursing facilities (CNF) by people being deeply known. Up to 30 residents per CNF will benefit from the creation of Life Story books, Snapshots, and Action plans that will help form stronger personal connections between residents and direct care staff to improve communication. Residents will also benefit from reminiscence therapy that utilizes cognitive functions in a useful, effective, and purposeful way for seniors in nursing homes.

Leadership in Nursing: State-Sponsored Nurse Mentorship Training

10/2025 – 10/2028

CHFS Office of Inspector General, Division of Health Care

\$242,100.00

The purpose of this 3-year project is to enhance workforce stability in certified nursing facilities by providing mentors for new nursing staff to enhance confidence, improve clinical skills and emotional support, and achieve faster onboarding, retention, and job satisfaction, better patient outcomes, and cultural integration. The state-sponsored training will be provided via an online learning management system, allowing staff to attend training sessions at their convenience. In collaboration with LeadingAge Kentucky.

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Skin Integrity Education Initiative

10/2025 – 10/2028

Quality Surgical Management

\$44,043.76

Goal: The purpose of this three-year project is to establish a sustainable nurse education program that will enhance staff proficiency in wound care in four Kentucky certified nursing facilities (CNFs) with a comprehensive training curriculum, monthly workshops, and hands-on skill-building sessions. This wound care education program will directly benefit nursing home residents by improving healing, reducing risks of complications, and assisting with providing personalized, compassionate care. With better-trained staff, residents will experience more comfort, faster healing, and a higher overall quality of life.

Enhancing Resident Engagement with the Obie Mobile Projector

11/2025 – 11/2026

Sayre Christian Village

\$5,000.00

Goal: The purpose of this one-year project is to improve the nursing home residents' quality of life by using the Obie Mobile Projector to foster meaningful interactions, reduce feelings of isolation, and provide therapeutic benefits without medication. The Obie Mobile Projector is an interactive tool that provides cognitive stimulation, social interaction, and emotional engagement through touch-based games and activities. The projector allows for flexible engagement on floors, tables, walls, and bedside surfaces, ensuring personalized experiences for each resident.

Partners in Healing: Strengthening Wound Care Services in Kentucky

12/2025 – 11/2027

Signature Healthcare

\$385,000.00

Goal: The purpose of this two-year project is to train four Wound Care Specialists per facility, for a total of 39 Signature Healthcare nursing home facilities, to elevate and enhance the well-being of the residents while equipping staff with the necessary knowledge and skills. Implementing this training will certify Wound Care Specialists at each facility in two years, resulting in a 75% pass rate, increasing resident satisfaction of at least 85%, and reducing hospital visits and costs associated with wound infection, preventing the resident(s) from being relocated to different care facilities.

Harmony in Motion: Yoga for Wellness

12/2025 – 11/2028

Kentucky Association for Healthcare Facilities

\$1,500,000.00

Goal: The purpose of this three-year project is to deliver a dedicated yoga program to 100 CMS certified nursing facilities to enhance the quality of life for residents by providing yoga and wellness activities, such as geriatric yoga, restorative yoga, Tai Chi, and meditation, specifically designed to be adaptable to the physical abilities and health conditions of the residents. Benefits to the residents include improved flexibility and strength, enhanced balance and fall prevention, chronic pain management, stress and anxiety reduction, depression mitigation, cognitive function improvement, enhanced social support, and increased engagement.

Dementia Beyond Drugs: State-Sponsored Dementia Care Training

12/2025 – 11/2026

CHFS Office of Inspector General, Division of Health Care

\$80,700.00

Goal: The purpose of this one-year project is to provide The Eden Alternative's "Dementia Beyond Drugs: Changing the Culture of Care" training for up to 400 certified nursing facility care staff from 269 facilities across the state. The "Dementia Beyond Drugs" training will be offered in two ways: an in-depth, two-day in-person training (for up to 200 staff), and an online 7-week training (for up to 200 staff) focused on demonstrating the Experiential Model of care that facilitates growth, meaningful engagement, and improved well-being for residents living with dementia. In collaboration with The Eden Alternative.

Engage & Enrich: Budii Flip at Corbin

TBD

Christian Care Communities, Inc.

\$12,245.00

Goal: The purpose of this three-year project is to reduce social and enhance cognitive stimulation among residents at Christian Health Center Corbin through the use of the Budii Flip, an interactive project system designed to enhance engagement, cognitive stimulation, and social connection for older adults. The project seeks to improve overall quality of life indicators by creating opportunities for meaningful connection and to expand and enrich daily programming.

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Reminiscing Through the Life Highlights Program

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Pathom, Inc.

\$15,000.00

Goal: To improve the quality of life for residents at Calvert City Nursing and Rehabilitation using the Life Highlights Program. The program puts highly personal, non-HIPAA resident information into each resident's room through a visual aid. The information is always available so any staff, from CNAs to janitorial staff, can engage residents in more meaningful interactions, be it in the form of comforting chats to combat loneliness, to redirections in times of increased confusion and anxiety. Specific, personal interactions lead to an improved familiarity and dignified living experience, raising the quality of life for residents.

Improving Dementia Capability with CARES Dementia 5-Step Method

TBD

HealthCare Interactive, Inc.

\$959,616.00

Goal: This three-year initiative aims to enhance dementia care by training and certifying at least 15% of direct care staff in 64 facilities using three evidence-based, person-centered CARES® online programs: the Dementia 5-Step Method, Dementia Safety Topics, and Dementia-Related Behavior. The project addresses the issue of staff being underprepared to manage dementia-related behaviors, which can lead to negative interactions between residents and caregivers. By implementing this training, the project seeks to improve person-centered care, reduce resident anxiety, and decrease the use of antipsychotic medications.