



**Ohio Person-Centered
Care Coalition**
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The Ohio PCCC strives to influence and support transformational culture change in long-term care environments where all individuals can experience meaning and purpose.

What is person-centered care?

Person-Centered Care is the transformation of long-term care services, based on values and practices where the voices of consumers and those working with them are considered and respected. Core person-centered values are choice, dignity, respect, self-determination and purposeful living. Consumers are entitled to feel at home wherever they live.

Culture change transformation supports the creation of both long and short-term living environments as well as community-based settings where both consumers and their caregivers are able to express choice and practice self-determination in meaningful ways at every level of daily life. It may require changes in organizational practices leading to better outcomes for consumers and direct care workers in a cost-effective way:

- ▶ Consistent assignment of staff to consumers
- ▶ Empowering direct-care workers
- ▶ 24-hour availability of food
- ▶ Meaningful life experiences

Person-centered care is not about more forms, more lists, more reporting, or more work. It is about finding a decent and kind way to serve consumers that makes their lives and the lives of their caregivers more meaningful. It is a common-sense approach to bringing **care** back into caregiving and enriching the lives of those that live and work in long-term care.

Principles and values of person-centered care

- ▶ Every person has strengths, gifts, and contributions to offer.
- ▶ Every person has hopes, dreams and desires.
- ▶ Each person is the primary authority on his or her life.
- ▶ Every person has the ability to express preferences and to make choices.
- ▶ A person's choices and preferences shall always be considered.

About the Ohio Person-Centered Care Coalition

Formed in 2005 by stakeholders in the Ohio long-term care industry, the Ohio Person-Centered Care Coalition (OPCCC) is an alliance of organizations, professionals, and consumers dedicated to improving life and work in long-term care. We are working together to create communities where elders want to live and employees choose to work. We seek to inspire long-term systematic culture change that will benefit everyone both now and in the future.

The OPCCC works closely with all parts of the long term-care system including consumers, providers, families, local and state officials, regulators and surveyors. With all of these groups we are working to enhance the way we care for consumers through education, outreach, and advocacy.

Learn more about person-centered care

Go to www.centeredcare.org to access an abundance of resources on assessments, change ideas, education & communication tools, quality & process improvement tools, implementation guides, and other related Web sites.

Join the Coalition!

Simply click on “Click Here to Join Now” on the Web site home page at www.centeredcare.org and complete the brief registration form.

- ▶ Membership is free and all members receive important updates and information about meetings, educational events, resources, and much more on the Coalition listserv.
- ▶ The membership meets 3-4 times per year in Columbus. Five standing committees meet more frequently, often via teleconference. Members are welcome to join one or more of the following committees.
 - Regulatory
 - Education/conference planning
 - Outreach/recruitment
 - Website
 - LANE – the Advancing Excellence Local Area Network for Excellence or LANE is now a standing committee of the Coalition so we can work together on shared goals. Join the campaign at <http://www.nhqualitycampaign.org/>.

If you have questions or would like to join a committee, contact Hilary Stai, State Coordinator at 1-800-282-1206 or email info@centeredcare.org.