CARES Training for Ohio Area Agencies on Aging

May 5, 2016
Or
May 10, 2016
Introduction

• Goals and Purpose of Initiative
  • Provide dementia specific training to all Ohio Area Agencies on Aging
  • Further collaborations and partnerships between Area Agencies on Aging, Alzheimer’s Association Chapters, and Ohio Department of Aging
  • Increase referrals between Area Agencies on Aging and Alzheimer’s Association Chapters
  • Initiative Timeframe – Late Spring/Early Summer 2016 – Late Spring/ Early Summer 2018

• Overview of Today’s Webinar
  • Background and History
  • Implementation Activities
  • Training Overview
Background

• How we got started
  • 2013 – One of four states to receive systems integration grant from the Administration on Community Living (ACL)
  • Provided funding toward creating a “Dementia Friendly” or “Dementia Capable” Ohio
  • Fits with National Alzheimer’s Plan – research, services, and quality
Definition: Dementia Capable System

• Model dementia-capable Aging Network and LTSS (Long-term Services and Supports) are able to address the unique needs
  • of persons with dementia who are losing their ability to communicate and take care of themselves
  • their family caregivers who take on progressively more responsibility for managing and coping with the needs of their loved ones

• When persons with dementia or a family caregiver use the aging network or the LTSS system, they need information and programs tailored to their unique needs
Why is dementia capability in Ohio necessary?

• By the year 2025, 25% increase of Ohioans with Alzheimer’s disease

• 69% of nursing home residents have some degree of cognitive impairment
  • 51% of these individuals rely on Medicaid for care

• 28% of individuals dis-enrolled from ODA administered waivers had dx of dementia

• Delay of institutionalization stay by one month, potential savings is ~ $6.5 million per month

• Decrease hospitalizations and ER visits
Dementia Capable Ohio – Areas of Focus

1. Training and Education
2. Community Education and Awareness
3. Evidence-Based Programs
4. Quality Assurance
Training and Education – Why CARES?

• HealthCare Interactive’s CARES Online Dementia Training is the leading national provider of online, person-centered, dementia-care training programs
  • Internet accessible
  • Evidence-based dementia care practice – nationally recognized
  • Person-centered
Implementation Activities

• Engagement of AAA staff and volunteers in training
• Alzheimer’s Association Chapters reach out to Area Agencies by the end of May
  • Discuss and Drop off CARES packet to AAA’s
• Ongoing Follow Up by Alzheimer’s Association Chapters
  • Answer questions, provide assistance, assess additional needs for case conferences and training, referrals between agencies, etc.
• Participate in Technical Assistance Calls
  • Share successes and learnings
Role of AAA Liaison

• Collaborate with Alzheimer’s Association Chapters on training, case conferences, interagency referrals, etc.
• Monitor and Track AAA participation in CARES training
• Troubleshoot technical issues, questions, etc.
• Participate in periodic statewide technical assistance calls with ODA, AAA, and Alzheimer’s Association Chapters
## CARES® Online Training Overview

### About HealthCare Interactive’s CARES® Online Dementia Training

- A series of online, person-centered, video-based dementia-care training programs
- Videos featuring real people in real settings
- Training accessible 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and can be completed individually, in small groups, or in a classroom-style setting
- One of only 3 programs nationwide recommended by CMS

### About Alzheimer’s Association essentiALZ® Individual Certifications

- An online certification program for individuals providing professional dementia care
- Tests and recognizes knowledge of the evidence-based dementia care practices promoted in the *Alzheimer’s Association Dementia Care Practice Recommendations*
- All Alzheimer’s Association essentiALZ® and essentALZ® Plus certifications valid for 2 years
Real People in Real Scenarios
Interactive, engaging online modules
Incorporates evidence-based strategies
Recommended by CMS to meet Section 6121 of ACA
24/7 Online access
FREE for the AAA’s, due to Grant Funding

- Introduction to Person-Centered Care
- Introduction to Dementia and Thinking Decline
- Understanding behavior as Communication
- The CARES® Approach to Dementia Care

Try it out!
www hcinteractive com/testdrivecares
- Online, individual certification
- 40 questions testing knowledge of dementia care practices
- Based on nationally recognized Dementia Care Practice Recommendations
Training Demo for AAA’s

• Online Training
• Admin Portal
Licensing Period/CE’s

• Each Area Agency on Aging/PSA will be given a 2 year license
  • Valid for 2 years after initiating
• Certification with Alzheimer’s Association essentiALZ
• CE’s available for multiple disciplines from HealthCare Interactive
Who has access to CARES?

- All Alzheimer’s Association staff
- Area Agency/PSA Staff and Volunteers
- Family Caregivers (discount)
- Administrative Access
  - Training codes for participants
  - Reports
Questions?
Contact Information

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