



State of Louisiana

Department of Health and Hospitals
Office of Aging and Adult Services

MEMORANDUM

TO: Nursing Homes and Adult Residential Care Facilities

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SUBJECT: Hand in Hand Toolkit

At the request of the Louisiana Dementia Partnership, we have examined the content of the *Hand in Hand Toolkit*, the CMS provided training materials, with respect to the statutory and regulatory requirements for dementia training. We have determined that incorporation of four of the *Hand in Hand* modules into an existing and previously approved curriculum does not constitute a significant change. Therefore, a resubmission of the curricula is not required. However, facilities and vendors must notify the Department in writing of the incorporation. Notice must be sent to the Office of Aging and Adult Services, Subject: Alzheimer's Training Curriculum Request

This decision applies to curricula developed by the facility and to any vendor who changes their curriculum to incorporate the modules.

The modules that can be incorporated are:

- Module 1: Understanding the World of Dementia: The Person and the Disease
- Module 3: Being with a Person with Dementia: Listening and Speaking
- Module 4: Being with a Person with Dementia: Actions and Reactions
- Module 6: Being with a Person with Dementia: Making a Difference

The above stated modules meet the Dementia Training Requirements in the Nursing Home Minimum Licensing Standards in Subchapter F. Provider Responsibilities; §6867. Staff Training I, 2a for the following topics:

- i. An overview of Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias;

- ii. Communicating with Persons with dementia;
- iii. Behavior management; and
- iv. Promoting independence in activities of daily living.

Note that the required training topic listed in the Licensing Standards at 2a. v. “understanding and dealing with family issues”, is not addressed in the *Hand in Hand Toolkit* modules.

Modules 2 and 6 that relate to abuse are not suitable for incorporation without re-submission.

If you have any questions, please contact Linda Sadden with the Office of Aging and Adult Services at 1-225-219-0643.

The *Hand in Hand Toolkit* is a valuable resource, and we strongly encourage your use of it.

cc: Shantelle Steib-Davis, OLOL College