



Why are Direct Care Workers Important? Major hands-on provider with strong client/resident relationship Voice of cognitively impaired consumers Most interaction with family members Eyes and ears of health system Greatest continuity with consumers



Potential Roles for Direct Care Workers

- » Participant in multi-disciplinary team
- » Liaison between family members and health care professionals
- » Enhance client/resident compliance to ease transitions
- Greater task delegation (e.g. medication management, wound care, etc)

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Barriers to Direct Care Worker Participation

- » Lack of training
- » Variation in scope of practice
- » Inadequate reimbursement
- » Lack of awareness among professionals
- » Client consent

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Training and Skills Development

- » Current Direct Care Worker competencies with no focus on transitional care
- » CNA/HHA training requirements have no specific focus on transitional care
- » Potential best practice elements in current requirements

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	ummary of State Nursing Assistant Curriculum Training Requirements Related to Transitional Care	
•	Training requirement	States
	Patient care plans (admission, transfer, discharge)	California, Illinois, Kansas, Kentucky, Maine, Nevada, New York, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Rhode Island, South Dakota, West Virginia
	CNA as member of the health care team	Alaska, Arizona, Delaware, Georgia, Illinois, Kansas, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Ohio, Oregon, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Vermont
	Role of the multidisciplinary health care team and integration of services for the total care of the patient	Illinois, Kansas, Maine, Oklahoma, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota
	Care plan meeting	Ohio
	Recording and reporting	Alaska, California, Colorado, Delaware, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Missouri, Montana, Ohio, Oregon, Rhode Island, Washington
	Forms used in the medical record system	Illinois, Maine, Ohio
ltqa	Source: American Health Care Association, CAN All States Curriculum Regulations cross walk for	

Examples of Direct Care Worker Training and Educational Materials Transitions Care QIO Support Center INTERACT II views CNAs as the early warning staff Use stop and watch tool to document changes Home Health QIO Support Center Training module on care coordination for Direct Care Workers Reducing rehospitalizations Includes podcast on role of home health aides, discussion guide, personal health record form, post-test for aides

Transitional Care

Education to Improve Quality and Cost Outcomes

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Transitional Care Model (TCM) SCREENING BNGAGING ELDER & CAREGIVER COORDINATING CARE ASSLIRING CONTINUITY COLLARORATING SELF-MGMT COLLARORATING

Key Points

- Power of using patient goals as a motivator
- Focus on main health problem + co-existing conditions and overall health behaviors
- Solving complex problems will require multidimensional solutions
 - Change needed in structures, care processes, health professionals' roles and relationships to each other and people they serve.
 - Overcoming inertia requires substantial force

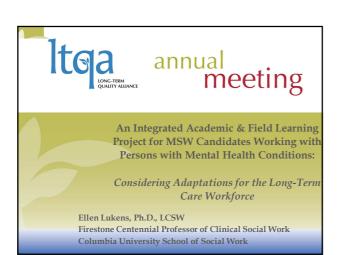
Learning as you implement

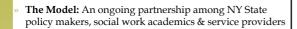
Baseline clinical knowledge
Building content expertise in transitional care
The power of case conferences and group
learning

Working with local and national experts
Learning from our patients and families and
team members

Educational Program

- Web based modules addressing evidence base and key concepts
 - Bibliography: key references, tools for translation
- Webinars: application and translation
- Clinical Implementation: McCauley and Bixby
- Administrative "making the case": Naylor
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» The Project Goal: To educate graduate social work students regarding the evidence-based practices (EBP's) for persons with mental health conditions

Our Question: What can we draw from this integrated model that could inform education & training for those in the long-term care community?

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Overarching Goal: To Prepare Graduate Level MSW Students to Work with Persons with Severe Mental Health Conditions through Academic & Field Partnerships

- » NY State Office of Mental Health (NYS OMH) Funded
 - Initiated 2003 through joint effort of NYS OMH, Deans & Directors of NY State Schools of Social Work & University of Buffalo School of Social Work

 - Ongoing funding from NYSOMH to each participating school
 Co-development of curriculum
 Planning meetings & teach-in
 Faculty mentoring
 Common course evaluation
 Identification of field sites & supervisors by NYSOMH/University of Buffalo Selected 2nd year MSW candidates
 Student stipend upon successful completion

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Overview of Program

- System & Agency Oriented
 - Horizontal/Vertical implementation
- Consumer & Family Centered
- - Shifting paradigm
 Illness oriented → Recovery/Strengths
- Knowledge Based
 - Integrating practice & research
 - Strengths & limitations of EBP

Three Integrated Components

- Academic Requirements

 - One semester elective in applied practice and EBP Requisite course on Adult Psychopathology and Wellness Evening schedule to attract alumni
- Field Internships (21 hours per week for duration of academic year)

 - Sites designated by OMH as evidence-based practice sites

 - Placements coordinated with CUSSW field department

 - ACT, Supported Employment, Wellness Management, Family Psychoeducation
- Integrative Colloquia at Each Participating School of Social Work

 Students, faculty, field instructors & invited speakers

Course Content & Assignments

- Diagnosis & assessment in context of research (evidence) based practice
- Provision of treatment
 - Skills training
 - Transfer of skills across fields of practice
- Clinical/programmatic formulation & analysis
- Application of evidence based practice search skills



Graduate Student Enrollment

- 2003-2004
 - Total # project students across 5 schools of social work:
- 2003-2012
 - Total # project students across 11 schools: 220
 - Total # students enrolled in course across 11 schools: 1487
- 2011-2012
 - Total # field internships across 11 schools: 48



Outcomes

- Project well received across sites
- Skills training for evidence-based practice
- Reframes approaches to mental health
 - Recovery orientedStrengths based
- Opens doors
 - Early listing of employment opportunities available to student participants
- Builds cadre of professionals trained in Evidence Based Practices for Persons with MH Conditions
- "Stretches" the field
- Course meets standards as preparation requirement for LCSW (advanced licensing) in NYS



Considerations for Long-Term Care Workforce

Flexible Model with Potential across Various Disciplines

- Practice
- Programming
- Sustainable implementation
- Professional standards & standing
- Research
- Policy

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