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Stories In Mind 5/2022 – 5/2025

Frazier History Museum

\$581,059.00

Goal: To combat feelings of loneliness and isolation in residents at 9 CNFs by providing meaningful engagement through weekly, recurring cultural fine arts programs using historical artifacts from the Frazier History Museum. The project will provide opportunities to create meaningful connections between residents, family members and staff as well as encourage verbal communication, calmer behavior, and improve resident attitudes and general demeaner.

Accelerating Quality Improvement for Long-Stay Residents in Kentucky Nursing Homes Using Culture Change During COVID-19

6/2022 - 6/2025

Altarum Institute \$1,724,366.00

Goal: To maximize resident quality of life by developing, implementing, and sustaining a person-directed model of care at 8 CNFs over a period of three years by providing training, technical assistance/consultation, and performance feedback/impact assessment with the use of the Eden Path to Mastery® Training and Education for the Eden Alternative Milestones 1 and 2.

Promoting Health Across the Lifespan Among Kentucky CNF Residents Through Bingocize®, an Evidence-based Health Promotion Program

7/2022 - 6/2025

University of Kentucky Research Foundation

\$1,086,310.00

Goal: Bingocize® is an evidence-based program that mixes exercise, health education, and bingo to help overcome health problems in participants across the entire spectrum of care. The project aims to build capacity across the state through new and/or expanded community-engaged CNF and university partnerships to enhance the opportunity to improve quality of life (QOL) among residents of 30 Kentucky CNFs.

Providing Enrichment Around Resident's Lives (PEARL)

7/2022 - 6/2025

Redbanks Skilled Nursing

\$38,741.00

Goal: To improve resident QOL by increasing/improving communication between residents and their families, friends and community at large using "It's Never Too Late" Technology (iN2L) to provide person-centered opportunities for interactions and connections.

Engage With Your Community

7/2022 - 7/2025

Create Circles Corporation

\$495,397.52

Goal: To decrease social isolation, help decrease negative perceptions on aging, and improve quality of life for residents at 25 CNFs by promoting 500 intergenerational volunteer/resident virtual interactions to complete projects that are important to each resident.

Quality Assurance and Performance Improvement Project (QAPI)

3/2023 - 3/2025

Proactive Medical Review

\$495,141.30

Goal: To develop and implement QAPI training and resources for CNF leadership on designing and implementing a QAPI program in a nursing facility followed by a 90-day practice implementation period. A total of 200 participants will be recruited for the program, with the aim of engaging at least 40 individuals for the entirety of the program. Participants will gain the skills needed to design, implement, and maintain documentation and evidence of their ongoing, comprehensive QAPI program to improve quality of care and quality of life for the residents in their nursing facilities.

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Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation Training

8/2024 - 7/2025

CHFS Office of Inspector General, Division of Health Care

\$53,363.00

Goal: To provide an in-depth overview of 42 CFR 483.12 – Freedom from abuse, neglect, and exploitation, for up to 600 certified nursing facility care staff and state surveyors. This state sponsored, in-person training will be provided in two, one-day training events to be held September 23 - 24, 2024 for up to 300 attendees each day.

Bluegrass Activities Director Leadership Academy

1/2025 - 1/2028

CHFS Office of Inspector General, Division of Health Care

\$246,600.00

Goal: The purpose of this three-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.

ALZPro: Workforce Training & Support for Sustainable, Person-Centered Dementia Care

2/2025 - 2/2027

The Alzheimer's Association

\$152,638.12

Goal: The purpose of this two-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 deliver, interactions, and outcomes for residents at twenty-three certified nursing facilities. The project will provide online ALZPro training and 2-year Certifications for up to 345 direct care staff, Project ECHO sessions for up to 115 frontline staff and leadership, and education and support programs for family members and caregivers.

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

1/2025 - 1/2026

AGE-u-cate Training Institute

\$79,062.62

Goal: The purpose of this one-year project is to improve the quality of care and quality of life of residents living with dementia or dementia related conditions in sixteen Kentucky 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. Through the Dementia Live® program, 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 nursing facility. These improved communication skills and care practices will ultimately help decrease resident behavioral symptoms that arise from dementia and dementia related conditions and will help increase resident well-being.

Improving Quality of Care Through Culture Change

1/2025 - 1/2026

BenRay Advisory Group, Inc.

\$99,971.97

Goal: The purpose of this one-year project is to define the gap for goals and values of the residents and staff at twenty Kentucky 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 at year-end include improvement of nursing staff satisfaction scores, improvement of nursing competency assessment scores, improvement in total nurse staff turnover, and improvement of resident satisfaction scores.

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Implementation of Bingocize® in Signature HealthCare

2/2025 - 2/2028

Western Kentucky University

\$502,845

Goal: The purpose of this three-year project is to implement Bingocize[®] in thirty-eight 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. The program will also educate university students, who are the future workforce, in best practices for working with older adults in long-term care.

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

2/2025 - 2/2028

CHFS Office of Inspector General, Division of Health Care

\$242,100

Goal: The purpose of this three-year project is to improve the quality of care for residents across the Commonwealth's 269 certified nursing facilities by providing each CNF with four 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.

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

2/2025 - 2/2028

CHFS Office of Inspector General, Division of Health Care

\$242,100

Goal: This three-year project is an initiative aimed at enhancing workforce stability in certified nursing facilities by providing CNFs statewide with access to Drive's "Mastering Recruitment & Retention Webinar Series." This online program focuses on equipping nursing home administrators and HR professionals with effective strategies for attracting and retaining skilled staff. Access to the program will be provided to one staff member per CNF, per year for three 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.

Memory Lane Wellness: Compassionate Dementia Care at Wesley Manor

2/2025 - 2/2028

Wesley Manor Retirement Community

\$15,000

Goal: The purpose of this three-year project is to streamline staff training, enhance communication between departments, and implement advanced care protocols that support the evolving needs of residents with dementia at Wesley Manor Retirement Community. This holistic approach will strengthen the facility's ability to deliver high-quality, personcentered care, benefiting both residents and the staff who care for them.