



KALFA eBlast News

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ABOUT KALFA:

The Kentucky Assisted Living Facilities Association (KALFA) is the leading Kentucky association exclusively dedicated to supporting companies operating professionally managed, resident-centered senior living communities and the older adults and families they serve. KALFA member companies operate senior living communities offering licensed personal care homes, assisted living, independent living, continuing care, and memory care services to older adults and their families. Since 1999, KALFA has advocated for choice, independence, dignity, and quality of life for all older adults. KALFA is the Kentucky State Partner for Argentum. Learn more at www.kentuckyassistedliving.org.

We had a question as to the cost associated with the application for the Certified Director of Assisted Living (CDAL). The cost is \$500 per application and taking the exam.

We had a question from a Personal Care Provider related to the use of lifts in Personal Care:

Question: “We have a dementia resident who has become non-ambulatory and is on hospice. As part of the hospice plan, the agency would like a Hoyer lift (over-bed, complete lift) installed to care for the resident. Does KY

instated to care for the resident. DOES RI allow exceptions to the ambulatory resident requirement and allow the use of a Hoyer-lift if the resident is on hospice and the hospice care plan calls for it?"

Answer: Our contact at OIG confirms that if the resident is on hospice and the hospice care plan calls for the use of a Hoyer-lift, it is permissible in Personal Care to provide a lift for the resident.

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT A REGULATION OR STATUTE REGARDING PERSONAL CARE OR ASSISTED LIVING, PLEASE EMAIL OR CALL AND WE WILL GET THE ANSWER FOR YOU!!!

The following article was provided by Waugh Consulting, LLC in their Newsletter:

THE EYES HAVE IT!!

We've heard it for years...the eyes are the window to the soul. It is absolutely true when discussing the emotional comfort of individuals with memory loss.

Reunions, summer holiday parties, weddings, showers, cook-outs are all wonderful opportunities to get together with friends and family. Of course we want to include loved ones with dementia in the fun.

Due to their inability to comprehend many conversations at the same time while trying to figure out who all of the people are and why they are there, they tire very quickly. Often it is frightening, anxiety producing...and the reason they often simply sit and stare into space about 20 minutes after arriving at the event.

If it is not possible for you to limit the number of people at the size of the event, consider reducing the time they are subjected to the challenges.

Watch their eyes. When you see their eyes lose their sparkle, cloud over and appear unfocused, it is time to help them leave the event! Consider planning to have someone else remove them from the event if you want to stay beyond your loved one's comfort level.

The goal: Shining, sparkling eyes for both you and your loved one after the event is a memory.

The following article was provided by Argentum, our national association for senior living:

INTERGENERATIONAL PROGRAMS BECOMING MORE POPULAR ACROSS THE UNITED STATES:

Intergenerational programs are taking shape around the country as more colleges and communities are experimenting with bringing the nation's young and old together to foster kinship and improve quality of life for all ages.

For example, Virginia Tech's campus is hoping its program will give older adults with cognitive impairments more purposeful lives while also teaching children how to be respectful of seniors and teaching college students how to work with both groups, according to a report published by Pew Charitable Trusts.

While Virginia Tech's and Virginia Commonwealth University's medical campus have been operating intergenerational programs for years, other universities like Ohio State and Arizona State are just exploring the field by establishing centers to study child behavior, aging and other issues.

Some cities and counties are focusing on the issue as well. San Diego County in 2002 hired an intergenerational coordinator and hosts intergenerational games where adults 50 and over can team with children for games and sports like Frisbee and badminton. Another program funded by the county and California unites adults over 55, early childhood education staff and preschoolers to learn about healthy living and to take care of community gardens. More than 41,500 volunteers – mostly seniors – provided the equivalent of \$4.5 million in work for the county, according to the report.

SAVE THE DATE:

2018 KALFA CONFERENCE AND EXHIBITION

May 30 & 31, 2018

The Brown Hotel, Louisville, KY

Have a great weekend!!!
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