

QIES MDS eNewsletter

Oklahoma State Department of Health, QIES Help Desk

This QIES Help Desk eNewsletter brings you information, announcements, and available training.

(Webpage links are in red lettering)

QIES Help Desk Upcoming Training:

- **SAVE THE DATE!** The **MDS Quality Assurance/Performance Improvement (QAPI)** training is scheduled for December 13, 2018 at the Oklahoma City-County Health Department in Oklahoma City, OK. QAPI programs are critical to improving the quality of life, and quality of care and services delivered in nursing homes. Attendees will receive an overview of the PDSA cycle, flow charting, and root cause analysis, which are valuable tools in your QAPI planning process. Additionally, you will learn how to use data from your CASPER reports as indicators to improve resident outcomes and correct potential problem areas. Registration will be open from October 8 – November 19, 2018, or until maximum capacity is reached (seating is limited).

Visit our training website at mdstraining.health.ok.gov!

Other Upcoming Training:

- Do you need in-service training on dementia management and resident abuse prevention? Hand in Hand: A Training Series for Nursing Homes focuses on caring for residents with dementia and preventing abuse. This training is updated and available in two formats: [Self-Paced Online Training](#); and through [Downloadable Materials for Instructor-Led Training](#). For help with registration and technical issues, contact the Helpdesk at cmstraininghelp@jendall.com.

- The TMF QIN-QIO is hosting four free, in-person conference events throughout Oklahoma between September and November 2018. Each event will address the same topics, allowing participants the opportunity to attend conference dates and sessions that fit their schedule. Attendees will have the opportunity to earn free continuing education credits. [Click here to learn more and to register.](#)

- A free learning session webinar is available from TMF QIN titled *Successful Nursing Home Strategies for QAPI and Improvements in Antipsychotic and Bowel/Bladder Rates* on October 4, 2018 from 12:00-1:00pm CT. [Click this link to register.](#)

- **SAVE THE DATE!** The OU Zarrow School of Social Work, Knee Center for Strong Families is presenting *Positive Aging: An Inter-Professional Symposium* on Friday, October 19, 2018 from 9:00am - 4:00pm. This symposium will explore the roles we can each take in embracing older adulthood as it relates to our communities, organizations, community and home-based services, the people we serve as practitioners, and ourselves. This is specifically designed as an inter-professional event and is relevant to a variety of professions, including: nurses, nursing home administrators and assistant certified administrators, assisted living administrators, therapists, social workers, and others interested in positive aging. Cost varies, registration is required, and lunch will be provided. CE credits are available. [Follow this link to register for this event.](#)

News to Know:

- Flu season is just around the corner. When discussing vaccinations, it's important to share information about vaccine-preventable diseases, vaccination timeframes, and additional resources that may address any vaccine-related concerns. The CDC offers some [Frequently Asked Flu Questions](#) and also some [vaccination resources](#) to educate adults with chronic health conditions on vaccinations.

- CMS announced a new PBJ report, 1703D Job Title Report. This report details the submitted staffing hours for select job title(s) during a specified period. You can find more information about the 1703 D Job Title Report, as well as other available PBJ reports, on the [QTSO website](#). Additionally, there is an updated PBJ User's Guide as of August 2018 that provided valuable guidance. Contact the QTSO Help Desk for technical support and assistance if needed at 800-339-9313, or by email at help@qtso.com.

We welcome your feedback regarding our eNewsletter!

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We are conducting a brief confidential survey each quarter to determine how we can better serve you. Please take a few minutes to let us know how we are doing and to share any additional suggestions.



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