Understanding Geripsych Skilled Nursing Facilities in North Dakota

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Introduction

- ▶ Overview of Geropsychiatric Facilities 50-24.4-29 (Geripsych)
- Services
- ▶ Challenges





Overview of Geropsychiatric Facilities

Definition and Characteristics of Geripsychs

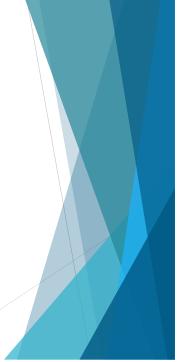
Current Status of Geropsychiatric Facilities in North Dakota



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Importance of Geripsychs in Addressing Mental Health Needs of Older Adults

- ▶ Growing Need
- ► Scarcity of Specialized Services
- ► Require:
 - o special assistance,
 - specific equipment such as mobility devices and adjustable beds,
 - o a safe environment,
 - o careful planning, and
 - $_{\circ}\,$ trained and competent staff.



Regulatory Framework and Licensing

- ▶ State Regulations Governing Geripsychs
- ▶ Licensing Requirements and Compliance Standards
- ▶ Oversight Mechanisms Ensuring Quality of Care



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Services Offered in Geripsychs



- Psychiatric Evaluation and Treatment
- ▶ Comprehensive Care Planning
- Behavioral Management and Therapy
- Integration of Medical and Psychiatric Care

Success Stories

Meet John



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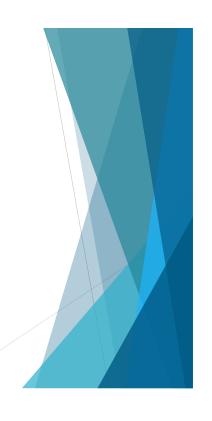
Success Stories

Meet Jane



Challenges and Issues

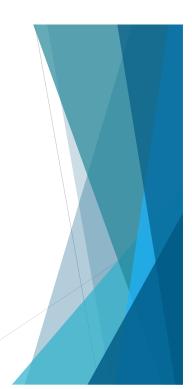
- ▶ Staffing Shortages and Training Needs
- ▶ Financial Sustainability and Reimbursement Issues
- ► Access to Acute Specialized Services and Resources



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Conclusion





Questions?



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Thank you!



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