



NDLTCA Newsletter

February 4, 2025

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NDLTCA Updates



NDLTCA Caregiver of the Year

All Members

The Caregiver Award recognizes employees who go above and beyond to substantially enhance the quality of life for residents/tenants. All employees working in North Dakota long term care facilities are eligible for the award. At the NDLTCA's Annual Convention in Bismarck May 6-9, 2025, the winners will be recognized during our Awards Gala on Wednesday, May 7.

For a fillable form and more information please go our website, [North Dakota Long Term Care Association | Caregiver Award \(ndltca.org\)](https://www.ndltca.org).

Nominations need to be postmarked no later than Friday, February 7, 2025

NDLTCA Volunteer of the Year Award

All Members

Do you want to thank a healthcare volunteer who changed the lives of those residents in your facility? Nominate that person, or group, for The North Dakota Long Term Care Association (NDLTCA) Volunteer of the Year! At NDLTCA's Annual Convention in Bismarck May 6-9, 2025, NDLTCA will honor volunteers who have made significant contributions to the quality of life of long-term care residents at our Awards Gala on Wednesday, May 7.

For more information and to download the form, go to our website, <https://ndltca.org/volunteer/>.

Nominations need to be postmarked no later than Friday, February 7, 2025

Join us on Fridays for the Weekly Legislative Update

All Members

Join us Friday at 1 PM for our weekly legislative recap! We'll cover key developments from each week of the session, preview the upcoming week, and share insights on the issues we're monitoring and advocating for. Learn how you can get involved and make an impact!

Covered in last week's legislative update call

All Members

Find these items in our members' only section of our website. [CLICK HERE](#)

- Items covered in the Legislative Update
- Recording of call
- Member Tracking List
- Bill Tracking Grid

- [Committee Hearing Schedule | North Dakota Legislative Branch](#)

[Stream hearings by clicking here](#)

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Be on the lookout for action alerts from VoterVoice and please participate. Your messages to legislators are extremely helpful!

Education



**Healthcare Academy is excited to Introduce Knowledge
NOW!**

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Free, fast, and focused courses on urgent industry topics – Right When You Need Them!

Current courses available:

- Outbreak Management: COVID, Influenza, and RSV

- Outbreak Management: Norovirus

Access these **FREE** courses [here](#):

HCA subscribers, contact your administrator for complimentary access.

We value your feedback! Please [email us](#) your Knowledge NOW suggestions for consideration.

[Learn more about Healthcare Academy](#)

On-site Dementia Education and Coaching Opportunity

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Monday, February 10th 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Suggested Attendee: Administrators, DONs, and/or Quality Improvement leads

This meeting is to give a detailed explanation of a dementia education and coaching opportunity. Some may already be familiar with Erin Bonitto from educational trainings facilitated by HHS and Aging Services last fall. ***Sarah Berreth with HHS and the Nursing Facility Incentive Program (NFIP) will be completing an application for CMP funding to bring Erin on-site,*** into individual facilities, to provide dementia education and coaching to Nursing Facilities that are interested in welcoming her. Because the initial funding will be through CMP, only SNF will be able to sign up for the first round of coaching. However, we hope to be able to support Basic Care facilities interested in bringing Erin's knowledge and coaching techniques to your locations in the future as well. Please attend this meeting to learn more about the 3 different education/coaching packages that Erin has developed to offer our ND Nursing Facilities.

Who is Erin Bonitto:

Erin Bonitto is a nationally-known dementia educator and dementia communication coach who is the founder of Gemini Consulting in Cold Spring, MN. Erin spends most of her time in skilled nursing

homes, assisted living centers and memory care neighborhoods – helping team members become the very best dementia communicators that they can be. Erin also provides impactful education and coaching to family caregivers. Erin has always cherished opportunities to connect with families, but a recent diagnosis of dementia in her own family has added a depth to her knowledge that only those who have a loved one with dementia can understand. Erin knows what it is to simultaneously grieve the person's losses while celebrating their remaining strengths. Erin is a Certified Activity Director and holds a Master's Degree in Gerontology, but she'll tell you that most everything she has ever learned about dementia has been in the real world.

This is a follow up to information provided on the LTC-HPP Call on January 30th.

Microsoft Teams [Need help?](#)

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Meeting ID: 247 639 626 852

Passcode: w2236ou9

Dial in by phone

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**Center of Excellence for Behavioral Health in Nursing
Facilities - Utilizing In-Service Toolkits to Expand Behavioral**

Health Capacity

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Tuesday, February 25, 2025 2-3 p.m.

Join the Center of Excellence for Behavioral Health in Nursing Facilities (COE-NF) team as they showcase their new in-service toolkits and demonstrate how to use them effectively to enhance team training in nursing facilities.

These toolkits address essential topics such as de-escalation, substance use disorder, and major depressive disorder. Designed to guide facility education leads, the toolkits provide comprehensive support for every step of the training process, from scheduling and promoting to hosting and facilitating behavioral health education sessions.

[Register here](#)

Workforce

Register Today

GrowND: Workforce Showcase

11 MINI-SESSIONS TO ADDRESS
WORKFORCE CHALLENGES

- April 22
- Bismarck
- 1- 4:30 PM

> includes social networking hour



GrowND: Workforce Showcase

All Members

April 22 | 1-4:30 PM | Bismarck

Join us for an afternoon exploring workforce opportunities in North Dakota! The first two hours feature rapid 10-minute sessions packed with solutions to workforce challenges, followed by a social hour to connect with speakers at resource tables. Leave with actionable insights and tools to implement at your workplace!

[Register here](#)

President Trump's Bold Immigration Plan for the 21st Century

All Members

When President Donald J. Trump addressed Americans from the White House Rose Garden on Thursday, he unveiled an immigration plan that will turn America's broken immigration system from a source of national division into a point of pride and national unity.

[Read more...](#)

Non-Profits

Executive Orders Affecting Charitable Nonprofits

All Members

After his January 20th inauguration, President Trump signed dozens of Executive Orders (EOs) covering a broad range of issues, including diversity, equity, and inclusion programs; government grants and contracts; civic engagement; immigration; and certain nonprofit subsectors. Some of the EOs won't take effect immediately, and many are expected to be immediately challenged in court.

[Read more...](#)



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