

LONG TERM CARE COMMUNITY COALITION

Advancing Quality, Dignity & Justice

Strengthening Dementia Care in Assisted Living and Home Care

Free, practical tools for your organization and your staff

Assisted living communities and home care agencies are serving more people living with dementia — often with complex needs and limited resources.

For providers, this reality shows up as:

- Staff under pressure to respond to behavioral and communication changes
- Challenging situations that can escalate into injuries, crises, or emergency transfers
- Families raising concerns about safety, medications, and quality of life
- The ongoing need to strengthen staff preparation, retention, and satisfaction in dementia care roles.

You cannot control every factor in dementia care, but you *can* give staff accessible, evidence-informed tools that support better care, reduce crises, and build confidence.

The Dementia Care in the Community Toolkit

The Long Term Care Community Coalition (LTCCC) created the Dementia Care in the Community Toolkit to support high-quality, person-centered dementia care in community-based settings.

The toolkit is:

- Free and online
- Available in English and Spanish
- Designed for frontline staff, supervisors, and family/friend caregivers in assisted living and home care.

Key components include:

- Plain-language fact sheets on:
 - Understanding dementia and behavioral changes
 - Communication tips
 - Identifying and addressing pain, nutrition, and safety issues
 - Meaningful activities and more!
- **Quick “care cards”** — concise tip sheets staff can keep on the unit or on their phone to guide day-to-day interactions.
- **Mini-Module Education Programs:** Focused, five-minute video modules.
- **Links to additional vetted resources** from leading dementia organizations.

ACCESS THE TOOLKIT: [NURSINGHOME411.ORG/DEMENTIA-CARE-IN-THE-COMMUNITY/](https://nursinghome411.org/dementia-care-in-the-community/)

How providers can use and benefit from these tools

The Toolkit is **designed to fit into the work you already do**

- **Strengthen orientation and ongoing training.** Use fact sheets and mini-modules as part of new-hire onboarding for aides and nursing staff, and as refreshers in in-service sessions.
- **Support supervisors and charge staff.** Give coordinators and unit managers concrete, evidence-informed guidance they can use when coaching staff on dementia-related situations.
- **Reduce avoidable crises and transfers.** Promote everyday practices that help prevent agitation, falls, and medication problems.
- **Enhance quality.** Align daily practices more closely with person-centered, humane, and individualized dementia care approaches that reflect consumer expectations.

How your organization can get started

- **Share the toolkit link** with administrators, nursing leadership, training/education staff, and quality improvement teams.
- **Incorporate key topics** (communication, behavior, pain, safety, psychotropics, etc.) into regular in-services or toolbox talks, using fact sheets and care cards.
- **Use mini-modules** as plug-and-play content for short trainings — on-site or virtual.
- **Include the toolkit** in your policies, procedures, and family resource materials as a go-to reference on dementia care expectations.

Upcoming: Train-the-Trainer Program: Join us on April 30, 2026, from 1-1:30pm for a brief program with a slide deck that providers can use as part of staff orientation, in-service education, or ongoing dementia care training. Register at <https://nursinghome411.org/dementia-care-in-the-community/>.

About LTCCC

The **Long Term Care Community Coalition (LTCCC)** is a nonprofit organization dedicated to improving care and quality of life for people receiving long-term care services.

Contact LTCCC: info@ltccc.org

- We welcome conversations with associations and individual providers about how these free resources can support dementia care quality in your communities and agencies.
- For presentations at provider and aging-services programs or conference.



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