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In honor of NCCDP Alzheimer's and Dementia Staff Education Week February 14th to the 21st, we are offering as a complimentary service a free tool kit and free in-services for staff educators to educate their staff on Alzheimer's and dementia.

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Alzheimer's and Dementia Staff Education Week

Free Tool Kit and Staff In-services Available for Download Nov

The newest component of the NCCDP Alzheimer's and Dementia Staff Education Week 2010 (February 14th to the 21st) is the free tool kit and power point in-services. The Free Tool Kit is available for download beginning November 2009 to March 2010.

In an effort to bring awareness to health care professionals about the importance of comprehensive dementia education, the NCCDP is once again offering a wide variety of topics regarding dementia as power point in-services and is a free download.

The tool kit was developed To Bring Awareness to staff and nurse educators about Alzheimer's and dementia training, certification in dementia care, and to promote dementia education by means of a face to face/interactive classroom environment.

Currently, there are no national standards for dementia education. The regulations regarding dementia education are different from state to state. The NCCDP recommends at minimum 8 hours of comprehensive dementia education to be provided to all staff. NCCDP recommends that ongoing dementia topics be presented throughout the year. Ongoing dementia education should address new advances, culture change, policies, new regulations and innovative interventions.

In addition to facilitating the Train the Trainer programs, The NCCDP promotes certification of all staff as Certified Dementia Practitioners. The NCCDP recognizes the importance of trained and educated dementia unit managers and certifying the Dementia Unit Manager as a Certified Dementia Care Manager. Front Line First Responders need comprehensive Dementia training and the NCCDP provides Alzheimer's and Dementia training to First Responder educators and certification as Certified First Responder Dementia Trainer and Certified First Responder-Dementia (Dementia Trained).

The free tool kit contains In-services (Power Point Presentations), Resources, Proclamation, Press Kit, Word Search Games (to be used with in-services), and Promotional Items. In-services download separately.

The tool kit also includes:

- ❖ Associate and Corporate Membership Applications
- ❖ Nurse Educator of the year nomination forms
- ❖ Alzheimer's and Dementia Staff Education Week Contest
- ❖ 97 Ways to Recognize Alzheimer's and dementia Staff Education Week February 14th to 21st 2010.
- ❖ 20 Reasons Why You Should Provide Comprehensive Alzheimer's and Dementia Training to Your Staff by A Live Instructor
- ❖ Dementia Word Search Games and Interactive Exercises
- ❖ Reading List: Movies and Books About Alzheimer's You Don't Want To Miss
- ❖ Proclamation and Sample Agenda for Opening Ceremony
- ❖ Sample Letter to The Editor
- ❖ Contest Entry Forms- Staff Education week
- ❖ Sample Certificates for in-services
- ❖ Alzheimer's Bill of Rights and Alzheimer's Patient Prayer
- ❖ List of Alzheimer's Songs to Inspire Your Staff

Each year the National Council of Certified Dementia Practitioners reaches out to media, health care magazines, health care associations and long term care settings to support Alzheimer's and dementia staff education week to encourage comprehensive education by trained dementia instructors and encourage competence in the field of dementia care by meeting the educational demands of professional dementia certification (CDP) for all qualified health care professionals.

The National Council of Certified Dementia Practitioners® was formed in 2001 by a group of professionals with varying work and personal experiences in the field of dementia care. Their backgrounds include Nursing, Psychiatry, Dementia Unit Managers, Alzheimer's and related Dementia Care Specialist, Therapeutic Recreation, Social Services, Therapist, Pharmacists, Long Term Care Administration, Elder Law, and Home Care Administration. The Council was formed to promote standards of excellence in dementia education to professionals and other caregivers who provide services to dementia clients. As the number of dementia cases continues to increase nationally and worldwide, there is a great necessity to insure that care givers are well trained to provide appropriate, competent, and sensitive direct care and support for the dementia patient. The goal

of the Council is to develop and encourage comprehensive standards of excellence in the profession and delivery of dementia care.