



Strengthening the Direct Care Workforce in the Long Term Care Sector

Q: Tell me about the program:

A: Front line workers provide critical services to our nation's seniors and to individuals with disabilities. As one of the fastest growing occupational sectors, it's important to make meaningful investments in the workforce to encourage retention, build new skills, provide advancement opportunities and empower those dedicated to caring for vulnerable members of our community.

Q: Who is eligible to participate?

A: The trainings are free and target the direct care workforce including CNAs, LPNs, RNs, Care Managers, OT & PT Assistants, Home Health Aids and BSWs, as well as a range of administrative staff with direct patient contact.

Q: Where and when are the trainings held?

A: Many of our classroom-based workshops will take place at the Long Island Veterans Home at Stony Brook University but others will be held regionally. For organizations with more than 15 staff interested in attending a specific training, workshops can be conducted onsite. Online trainings are currently being developed!

Q: What types of workshops are available and how do I register?

A: The Challenges of Co-Morbidity, Working with People from Different Backgrounds and Cultures, Caring for Patients with Dementia are some examples. We will be offering many others. Eligible participants may attend as many as they have time for. Visit our website for upcoming classes: <https://socialwelfare.stonybrookmedicine.edu/community-training-programs/LTVWIO>.

Q: Will reimbursement be available for participating organizations?

A: Reimbursement will be provided to organizations for eligible trainees e.g. employees paid an hourly rate whose shifts require replacement in order to attend training and who attend a four-hour training. The wage incentive reimbursement form is on the website.

Stony Brook University is part of The Ladders to Value Workforce Investment Organization. (LTV WIO) Ladders to Value is a collective led by the 1199SEIU League Training and Upgrading Fund (TUF) (and its Training and Employment Funds), in concert with the Continuing Care Leadership Coalition, and the Visiting Nurse Service of New York.

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