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## Eight Receive Certified Dementia Practitioner's Certificate

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Heritage of Bel Air is proud to announce eight team members that recently received their Certified Dementia Practitioner certificate.

The Certified Dementia Practitioner (CDP) is the earned credential that recognizes the highest standard in education and demonstrates the achievement of specialized training in the areas of Alzheimer's and Dementia care. This certification is essential for today's health care professional and front line staff as the dementia elderly population continues to rise. Heritage of Bel Air recognizes the need for standards and works to enhance the use of new methods, theories and tools related to Alzheimer's and Dementia care best practices. These resources include key aspects of dementia care including: communication techniques, disruptive behaviors interventions and tools for addressing concerns such as wandering, aggressive behaviors, poor nutrition and sexuality. In addition, each practitioner is required up-to-date continuing education every two years to maintain the certificate.

Hertiage of Bel Air staff with the CDP certificate are: Pam Chandler, RN, ADON; Gloria Nielsen, Life Enrichment; Teresa Hoefling, RN; Lisa Krier, RN; Julie Hypes, LPN-C; Kimberlee Brahmer, LPN; Candace Korthals, Med Aide; and Ashley Marksmeier, Med Aide.

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