

National Council of Certified Dementia Practitioners

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**Declares February 14th to 21st 2009
Alzheimer's and Dementia Staff Education Week**

Free Tool Kit

The newest component of the NCCDP is Alzheimer's and Dementia Staff Education Week Tool Kit. The Tool Kit is available at www.nccdp.org. The Tool Kit and the declaration by the NCCDP Alzheimer's and Dementia Education Week February 14th to the 21st 2009 was developed and implemented to bring awareness to the importance of staff educators being trained and certified in dementia care and to provide education by means of face to face interactive classroom environment and to provide comprehensive dementia education to all healthcare professionals and line staff.

Currently there are no national standards for dementia education. The regulations are different from state to state. The NCCDP recommends at minimum an initial 8 hours of dementia education to all staff. Through out the year, additional dementia education should be provided that incorporates new advances, culture change and innovative ideas.

In addition to facilitating the Train the Trainer programs, The NCCDP promotes dementia education and certification of all staff as Certified Dementia Practitioners (CDP®). The NCCDP recognizes the importance of trained and educated dementia unit managers and certifying the Dementia Unit Manager as Certified Dementia Care Manager (CDCM®). 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.

The tool kit includes:

- Free Power Point / Over Head In-services for Health Care Staff, Tests and Answers, Seminar Evaluation and Seminar Certificates.
- 54 Ways To Recognize Alzheimer's and dementia Staff Education Week
- 20 Reasons Why You Should Provide Comprehensive Alzheimer's and Dementia Training to Your Staff by A Live Instructor
- Dementia Word Search Games & Interactive Exercises
- Movies and Books About Alzheimer's You Don't Want To Miss
- Proclamation & Sample Agenda for Opening Ceremony & Sample Letter to Editor
- Contest Entry Forms- Staff Education week
- Alzheimer's Bill of Rights & Alzheimer's Patient Prayer

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 promote comprehensive face to face education by trained dementia instructors and to promote Alzheimer's and dementia education to all staff and awareness of Certified Dementia Practitioner certifications for all health care professionals in order to continue to provide compassionate care.

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