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Groves 2019 Educator of the Year!

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SPARTA, N.J., April 15, 2019 /PRNewswire/ -- NCCDP announced that Brenda Groves was selected as the 2019 NCCDP CADDCT educator of the year. The NCCDP's Educator of the Year Award is recognized as one of the nation's most prestigious awards in the field of dementia education. The winner of this award has the proven ability to exceed state and federal regulations regarding dementia education. The CADDCT educator is an inspirational individual who engages students and instills in them a passion for their continued growth in the field of patient care. The NCCDP awards recognition program was created to recognize individuals whose outstanding efforts have enabled them to meet the challenges associated with providing up-to-date and comprehensive dementia education to health care professionals working in the health care field.



From left: Lynn Biot-Gordon, Chief Operating Officer, NCCDP; Brenda Groves, 2019 CADDCT Educator of the Year; and Rhonda Brand, President, NCCDP.

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...nursing care agencies, adult day care, hospitals, rehabilitation centers, psychiatric facilities, management and consulting companies, associations, government agencies, universities and CNA training schools

Brenda Groves is the Nursing Home Quality Improvement Consultant for the Kansas Foundation for Medical Care (KFMC) working under the contract with the Centers for Medicaid and Medicare services as part of the QIN-QIO work to improve the quality of care and quality of life for Medicare Beneficiaries residing in long term care facilities across a four-state region. In her role, Brenda provides oversight, direction and support for the staff across the four states as well as providing technical assistance to the facilities administration. Through this work she seeks to promote appropriate dementia care through engagement of 75 percent of the nursing homes and their staff in these four states to reduce the use of inappropriate antipsychotics with the elderly and improve the state's CMS state ranking composite score.

Brenda recognized the value of live dementia education and the impact comprehensive dementia education has on front line staff to improve dementia appropriate care while decreasing incidences of abuse and neglect. Brenda sought NCCDP CADDCT trainer certification to provide the NCCDP comprehensive Alzheimer's Disease and Dementia Care curriculum to staff in an effort to decrease the rate of inappropriate antipsychotics used with the elderly residents residing in Kansas nursing homes.

Last year, Groves saw the need for additional training in South Dakota and created the I-90 Roadshow presenting the NCCDP Alzheimer's Disease and Dementia Care seminar over a 3-day period to over 300 health care professionals and frontline staff.

Groves was nominated by Libby Jones Director of Nursing at Highmore Health Care in Highmore, South Dakota. Jones stated, "Brenda's passion for training and her willingness to travel within her four-state radius has proven to reduce turnover in some centers and encouraged staff to be more engaged in their daily assessments."

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