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Two receive dementia care training

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Heather Larson and Stacey Larson recently attended a nationally-recognized dementia care training to learn valuable tools and resources for providing high-quality care to residents experiencing dementia.

Jenkins Living Center's top priority is to ensure every resident receives the best care possible. Individuals experiencing dementia have special care needs. This training taught staff alternative techniques and methods to improve quality of life for residents and reduce the unnecessary use of antipsychotic medications," said Cindy Kittelson, Jenkins Living Center's Director of Nursing.

Those who complete the training are eligible to apply for credentialing as a certified dementia practitioner. Over 270 healthcare professionals participated in the 8-hour training sessions held at Chamberlain, Rapid City and Sioux Fall. Participants shared photos and comments on social media throughout the week using #ICareI90Dementia.

"We are grateful staff had the opportunity to participate in the I-90 Road Show. This type of training offers broad benefits," Kittelson, added. "As staff put this knowledge into practice, I expect to see a positive impact for residents and families throughout the community."

While intended for nursing home frontline staff the dementia training is appropriate for any healthcare professional working with individuals experiencing dementia.

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