Project ECHO University of Hawaii
Long-Term Care Learning Action Action Network

✓ Interdisciplinary Expertise
✓ On-line Learning
✓ Community of Learning
✓ Free CME and CE
✓ Opportunity for Case Discussion
✓ Distance Technology

- **WHO:** Leadership teams practicing in the Post-Acute/ Long-Term Care setting
- **WHEN:** Once a month for 1.0 hour from 2-3 pm on the second Thursday of each month
- **HOW:** Log in or call into our Project ECHO® LTC LAN via Zoom, a HIPAA-compliant cloud-based video conferencing service, using a computer, tablet, or even smartphone
- **FORMAT:** A brief lecture is followed by case presentation and then open discussion and sharing by participants

**Background:** In response to the need for COVID training for Hawaii’s senior care facilities, we launched the ECHO LTSS COVID Series (April- Sept 2020) to help facilities prepare for the pandemic. We have been happy to see how well many of Hawaii’s facilities were able to respond to COVID cases and quickly block its spread. However, it has been challenging to implement many of the federal mandates and guidelines. We are transforming this series and taking a new approach to support facilities as they implement and streamline their processes.

**Partners:** The Pacific Islands GWEP program at JABSOM is partnering with the Healthcare Association of Hawaii, and Mountain Pacific Quality Health, and using the Project ECHO® (Extension for Community Healthcare Outcomes) model to provide education from Quality Improvement, Leadership and Implementation experts and combine this with the opportunity for case presentation and discussion for everyone to share experiences and practical ideas from each other through a community of learning.

**Content:** We will start this series by learning and applying leadership, communication, and quality improvement tools focusing on COVID challenges. Later, we plan to move onto other CMS mandated focus areas such as Dementia Behaviors, Trauma informed Care, Medication Safety, Falls, etc.

**Goals and Outcomes:**
1. Nursing facilities become more knowledgeable and able to apply Leadership and QAPI principles
2. Nursing Homes are more prepared in infection control and prevention activities as demonstrated by the absence of citations found on state surveys.
3. Achieve IHI Age-Friendly Health System (AFHS) GOALS, as demonstrated by improvement in star-ratings and Quality Measure scores in key domains. MPQH will assist in data collection.

*Please note:* All case presentations are required to be de-identified and HIPAA compliant. In order to create a safe learning environment, we will foster a culture of mutual learning and encouragement, rather than negativity shame and blame. *ECHO Hawai’i* case consultations do not create or otherwise establish provider-patient relationships between any ECHO Hawaii specialists and patients whose cases are being presented in an ECHO clinic setting.

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