## Leadership Model Assists in the Culture Change Journey

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How does the culture impact residents, families and staff?

What is culture?

#### **Culture Defined**

- Culture is defined as the beliefs, practice and social behavior of a particular group of people
- That "group" are the employees

#### **Employees – Top Drivers**

- Respect and appreciation
- Meaningful work, make a difference
- Care and concern of management
- Education/expectations

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- Can you have a positive culture if you do not respect, value, care and nurture the individual and their families?
- If you do not respect, value, care and nurture the people delivering the care?

## If you were going to change the culture of your organization what would you do?



#### SERVICE

- Our job is to serve
- People expect/will pay for service
- Employees want to work in service oriented organizations

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# How important is education/training?

#### **EDUCATION**

- Assume they know?
- Orientation mandatory 2 weeks
- Performance expectations
- Ongoing education/support all departments
- Sustainability "no cost"

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#### RESPECT

- Respect is lacking
- Respect as a core value
- Expectation for all to all
- Demand it respectful or leave

#### VISION

- Vision (shared) is the "dream"
- Motivating, exciting one goal destination
- Encourages interdepartmental teamwork
- "Being the BEST"

#### INCLUSION

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- Employees want "a voice"
- · What and why
- Participation ownership
- Input yields better outcomes

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## Communication

- Open, honest, invite critique
- Management meetings
- All staff meeting
- Facilitates relationships

## Recognizing and Celebrating Accomplishments

- Redefine success
- Staff accomplishments
- Awards seize every opportunity
- Fun

Where do you start?

Evaluate current status – measure – Quantitative and Qualitative Given the results implement programs one at a time measure routinely

## SERVICE Model Research

- Staff and family survey, turnover, agency utilization, census, financials
- Staff survey Response rates 76-85%
- Family survey Response 70-85%

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## **CCRC** Culture Change Results

- Decreased turnover 50% year one
- Decreased 23% second year
- 1<sup>st</sup> year savings \$688,000.00-\$1,200,00.00

## Overall satisfaction...





Would advise friend to apply...



## **Employee Comments**

- From: "Employees are unhappy here and take it out on other employees."
- To: "I have found that if I help other departments do their job, they are willing to help me."

## **Employee Comments**

- From: "My input may be listened to but it often does not matter. Decisions are already made."
- To: Administrators are open to the new ideas and are willing to do these ideas."

#### **Employee Comments**

- "Much improved feeling about my position and where we're going than one or two years ago. We take care of each other, residents and families better now too."
- "I am satisfied and happy working at ... the entire staff demonstrates a willingness to serve."

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What is the average turnover in post-acute settings?

#### Turnover

- Average turnover AL
- Average turnover SNF

## **High Turnover**

- Difficult to create a consistent "culture"
- Difficult to institute:
  - Person centered care
  - Quality initiatives
  - Training and communication systems
  - Memory care programs

Who is responsible for the culture in an organization?

#### Importance of Leadership

- "The quality of leadership, more than any other single factor, determines the success or failure of an organization." (Fiedler and Martin)
- Leadership sets the tone, establishes the culture, determines the quality of care and life
- Daily leadership responsibilities in health care are overwhelming

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## **Benefits of Positive Culture**

- Residents relationships personalized care
- Families relationships, trust in staff
- Staff greater satisfaction, retention
- Facility
  - Decreased liability
  - Improved census and financials
  - Reputation
  - Decreased deficiencies

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