

OkDCN ECHO Presents! Oklahoma Nursing Homes C.A.N. (COVID-19 Action Network)

Project Goals: For 200 Oklahoma nursing homes, use Project ECHO educational model to:

1. Prevent COVID from entering NH
 2. Prevent spread of COVID in NH
 3. Improve care of COVID patients in NH
 4. Address staffing safety and challenges
 5. Allow visitors to come in safely
- Long-term goal to build a stable, renewable ECHO infrastructure and network that can be leveraged to address future challenges in Oklahoma long-term care and improve health outcomes for Oklahomans living with memory disorders.

What is OkDCN?

The Oklahoma Dementia Care Network (OkDCN) is a statewide collaborative effort focused on building healthcare workforce capacity to improve outcomes for persons living with memory disorders, including Alzheimer's disease and other dementias, funded through a 5-year federal HRSA grant.

Project Outline:

- AHRQ-funded grant through CARES Act to Univ of New Mexico Project ECHO program (<https://echo.unm.edu/>) in partnership with Institute for Healthcare Improvement (IHI) to fund nationwide Nursing Home Covid-19 Action Network Project ECHO to reach all 15,000 US NHs
- One-year project, working start date October 12
- OkDCN ECHO Hub will recruit up to 200 nursing homes in 6 cohorts (up to 34 in each cohort). No ALFs/memory care.
- Nursing homes will need computer/smart tablet/smart phone and internet access to participate (i.e., ability to access Zoom); OkDCN will provide Zoom support, as needed
- **Facilities receive up to \$6000 based on per session participation (must complete 13/16 sessions to be eligible).**
- OkDCN will provide CEUs for MDs, nursing, and administrators.

ECHO Session Format:

- 90-min weekly Zoom sessions (ECHO clinics) x 16 weeks (8 weeks of bootcamp + 8 weeks of consolidation phase), then optional 36 weeks of office hours without lectures (prn basis). Certificate of Quality Improvement provided to facilities that complete at least 37 sessions in total.
- ECHO clinics are interactive, case-based sessions facilitated by content experts. Content will focus on COVID-19 prevention, treatment and preparedness and quality improvement curriculum, provided by IHI and OFMQ.
- Asking for each nursing home that 4 staff attend each session (e.g., DON, Infection preventionist, QAPI nurse, administrator, CNAs, Med Director, other staff)
- Staggering cohorts by 4-6 weeks (4 cohort start dates from Oct 2020 to Jan 2021)

Timeline:

Cells = session number

Week	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29-52	
Cohorts 1/2 (67 NHs)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	WEEKLY FOLLOW-UP CALLS WITH ALL NHs INVITED TO JOIN.													
Cohort 3 (34 NHs)	RECRUIT COHORT 3				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	WEEKLY FOLLOW-UP CALLS.									
Cohort 4/5 (66 NHs)	RECRUIT COHORTS 4-5								1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	WEEKLY FOLLOW-UP CALLS.					
Cohort 6 (33 NHs)	RECRUIT COHORT 6												1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	WEEKLY FOLLOW-UP CALLS.	

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