

Illinois Pioneer Coalition

Southern Illinois Summit

Tuesday, November 2nd

The Pavilion – Marion, IL

8:30am -10:00am



Ombudsman Program and the Long-Term Care Community: a collaboration to Person-Directed Care. – Lee Moriarty, State Deputy Long-Term Care Ombudsman

The Ombudsman Program is designed to assure that people understand their rights and that these rights are upheld as they age, even when they move into a long-term care facility. During this session the Deputy State Ombudsman will discuss how the Ombudsman program can support the community as a whole by teaching person-directed practices that supports what the resident wants and decreases the perception of risk for the facility. We will discuss examples of advocacy in the more challenging decisions residents make.

10:15am -11:45am

Risk, Care Visits, Visitation, and COVID-19, a Person-Centered Approach - Deb Patterson Burdsall PhD, RN-BC, CIC, FAPIC Infection Control Consultant, Hektoen Institute/IDPH and Dr. Catherine Counard, MD, MPH, State Medical Officer, IDPH

Assessing risk to residents and risk to facility has always been difficult, but the COVID-19 pandemic has added extra layers to assessing risk and providing psychosocial, spiritual, and physical support to residents. This presentation will discuss the history of the pandemic in context of risk reduction in congregate care, vaccinations, use of personal protective equipment (PPE) and source control, testing, and screening. Guidance on Compassionate Care, Essential Caregiving, life enrichment, and visitation will be discussed.

11:45am – 12:45pm Box lunch and Exhibit Show

12:45pm - 2:15pm

DQ Challenges for Managers – Leslie Pedtke, MHA, LNHA, Dignity Quotient

Who was your greatest coach or leader? What qualities did they possess that lead you to be your best self in their presence? The Dignity Quotient Challenge workshop will provide managers the opportunity to explore what gets in the way of being their best in challenging situations. Managers will learn a 5-step process for handling challenging situations and ways to build resilience in order to be present every day. These leaders will leave with greater confidence and clarity about how to bring DQ to life in a variety of complicated circumstances.

2:30 pm - 4:00 pm

Strategizing Community Wins Together: A candid conversation for community improvement – Becky Dorion and Melanie Adams, Alzheimer's Association Illinois Chapter

In this candid discussion we will discuss real life issues our community is facing regarding memory loss. Let's share, learn, and grow our relationships into true partnerships as professionals committed to better serving our community.