

It Works For Me!

Excellence in Assisted Living

What is “It Works For Me!”

The Assisted Living Association of Alabama is establishing a forum for its members to:

- Learn from each other
- Recognize quality programs/processes
- Share the way we deliver services
- Replicate successful compliance programs

How Will It Work?

Yearly the Assisted Living Association of Alabama will establish a time line for applicant to send their successful program/process that “It Works For Me!” to the associations for the nomination process. The Associations will establish a Review Panel (5-7 professional non facility employees) to judge the applicants based on a blind review process of the work using the following criteria: (Applicant to address criteria 1-6 in their application document and they can present their program/process in any form, such as: word document, video, pictures, etc., but the 6 criteria must be addressed)

1. The program/process addresses a clearly defined need, problem, or situation.
2. The program/process corresponds to a need identified in the ADPH Rules & Regulations for Assisted Living.
3. The need, problem, or situation involves residents and a variety of staff.
4. The program/process can be applied in other facilities feasibly & effectively.
5. Is the cost for implementing the program/process feasible for other facilities to use?
6. Why do you consider your “It Works for Me!” program innovative?
7. Project innovativeness for assisted living (judge by panel only).

Each of the criteria are judged on a scale of 1-4 with the highest being 4. The total becomes the score for the “It Works For Me” program/process submitted. The top five winners will then present their project to an “It Works For Me” Workshop presented by the association (they will also receive monetary rewards for their facilities). This workshop will be held annually in the late summer and will be inexpensive enough so that facility staff will be encouraged to attend to learn other alternative to successful resident care in assisted living in Alabama

Implementation Plan:

- First application entries due by January 1, 2011 to the ALAA offices.
- Panel to determine winners by April 1, 2011
- First workshop to be held in Birmingham area by July 2011