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Brewster Place Staff Participate in Alzheimer's Disease and Dementia Care Seminar

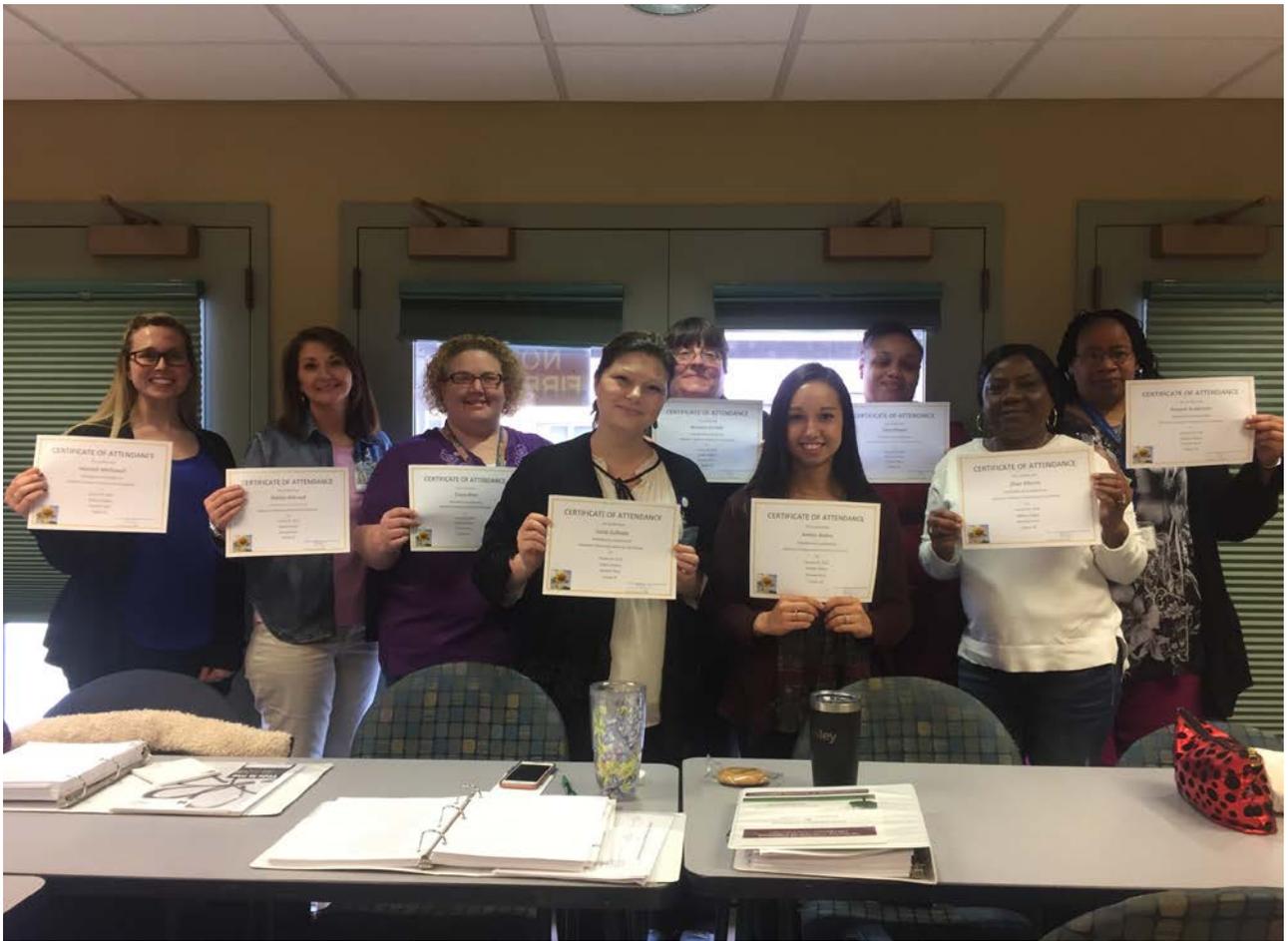
Topeka, Kan. – Nine staff members from Brewster Place, a faith-based, mission-driven not-for-profit continuing care retirement community based in Topeka, Kansas, completed an Alzheimer's Disease and Dementia Care Seminar hosted by Great Plains Quality Innovation Network-Kansas.

Upon completion of the seminar, participants have the option to apply to become a Certified Dementia Practitioner (CDP) from the National Council of Certified Dementia Practitioners (NCCDP). All nine students who attended the seminar plan to submit their applications. The Certified Dementia Practitioner is an earned credential that recognizes the highest standard in Alzheimer's and Dementia education. The CDP certification demonstrates the achievement of specialized training in the areas of Alzheimer's and Dementia care. Health care professionals and front-line staff who have taken the steps to complete comprehensive training in Alzheimer's and Dementia Care and have completed certification have the necessary educational tools, new methods and theories to provide care to Alzheimer's and Dementia patients.

The CDP certification is essential for today's health care professional and front-line staff as the dementia elderly population continues to rise. "While Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementia (ADRD) are considered to be one of the major health issues of the century, many of our direct care workers have not been provided sufficient education on ADRD. To improve quality of care and quality of life for our elders with ADRD, we need a skilled workforce that is equipped with a high level of dementia knowledge and the skills needed to provide person directed, holistic care. I believe knowledge is power and the NCCDP's CDP program provides caregivers with the insight, tools and resources needed to provide this level of care to our most vulnerable elders," stated Brenda Groves, LPN, Regional Nursing Home Lead for the Great Plains Quality Innovation Network and facilitator of the Alzheimer's Disease and Dementia Care Seminar.

"My experience was great. It helped me gain a better understanding of dementia care. I can now take all the information I've learned and teach others. I'm truly grateful for the opportunity and the education my instructor provided me on how to give the best care possible in the memory care neighborhoods," stated Shay Mason, Memory Care Kaizen (Certified Nursing Assistant) at Brewster Place.

For more information about Brewster Place and their efforts, visit <http://www.brewsterliving.org>.



Brewster Place staff who completed training and plan to submit applications to the National Council of Certified Dementia Practitioners.

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